



TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOU CHANGED MY MOURNING INTO DANCING; O LORD,
MY GOD, FOREVER WILL I GIVE YOU THANKS.

—Psalm 30:12, 13

June 9, 2013

HOPE AND LIFE	<p>Today's readings tell the story of two widows. The first reading relates the plight of the widow with whom the prophet Elijah stayed; the Gospel tells about the widow of Nain. In each story, the widow's only son had died. For people who lived in those cultures, the son was the only support of a widow, and the carrying on of the family name by the son was equal to immortality. A widow whose only son has died could lose all hope.</p> <p>Elijah and Jesus are the restorers of hope; they bring the sons back to life. Saint Paul was metaphorically raised from the dead when he experienced the conversion and call from God that he describes in today's second reading.</p> <p>What are Christians called to do today? We may not be able to raise the dead, but perhaps we can rekindle hope for a single parent. We may not be able to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently with our lives, we might touch a life with the Good News.</p>
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RETIRED PRIESTS	<p>Many of us remember with fondness the priests who baptized us, gave us our first communion, celebrated our weddings, visited us when we were sick. Many of these priests who helped us throughout our lives are now retired in Los Angeles. The Archdiocese is committed to caring for our retired priests and is need of your assistance. Today we will take up a special collection for the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Contribution envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you for your help.</p>
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN	<p>Registration for children's religious education will take place this Monday, June 10th from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Requirements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The student must be 8 years of age. ▪ Copies of birth and baptism certificates are mandatory. ▪ Full payment for school year is required at time of registration. <p>There is a limited amount of space for each class. Please register early.</p>
MANNA MEALS	<p>Manna Meals lunch makers will meet in the parish hall at 8:30a.m. on Friday, June 14th to assemble lunches for the St. Luke's Shower Program for the homeless. Extra hands are appreciated.</p>
SPEAKER HERE ON JUNE 17	<p>Reserve Monday, June 17th, 7:00p.m. to come hear Tricia Mora tell us about Catholic Charities of Long Beach. She will detail the effective and efficient programs they provide including Project Achieve and the Guest Chef Program. You will learn that you can make a difference. Call Claire for more information at 565.597.4030.</p>
OFFERING OF LETTERS	<p>Please be willing to sign letters on June 15/16 requesting our Congressmen and women to make sure the nutrition programs SNAP and WIC remain in our federal budget.</p>
MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE	<p>Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Museum of Tolerance (9786 W. Pico Blvd. L.A.) will host Fr. Norbert Hofmann, Secretary of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, on Monday, June 10 at 7:30p.m. The evening event will include an introduction by Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Museum, remarks by the Right Rev. Alexei R. Smith of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese; and a question-and-answer session moderated by Rabbi Abraham Cooper. The event is free; however, advanced online registration is required. http://www.museumoftolerance.com/catholicjewishrelations</p>
REFLECTIONS	<p>THE 11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Second Reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21 Gospel: Luke 7:36—8:3[7:36-50])</p> <p>Jesus said, "Her sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love." Let us pray to grow in love for our brothers and sisters as it reflects our faith. Jesus also said "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."</p>