



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“NO ONE WHO SETS A HAND TO THE PLOW AND
LOOKS TO WHAT WAS LEFT BEHIND
IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.” — Luke 9:62

June 30, 2013

Parish Life and Activities...

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Today’s readings promise that if we could escape from the shackles of our attachments we would be happier, freer, more peaceful. Luke’s Gospel begins, “When the days for Jesus’ being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.” Aware of the opposition and danger awaiting him, Jesus went forward.

Naturally, brave people volunteered to join him. But Jesus cautioned them. Could they give up their attachments to home and possessions, friends and family, conventional responsibilities? A tough challenge, but not unprecedented. Centuries before, Elijah had criticized Elisha for wanting time just to kiss his parents good-bye before following Elijah.

Just where would such a path take Elisha? Or Jesus’ followers? Or us? Paul tells us, “For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.” The outcome is freedom, but if the requirements don’t give us pause, then maybe we’re not paying close enough attention.

LET US ALL CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM

My God! How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!

—Thomas Jefferson

Let’s begin the day together, joyfully celebrating and thanking God for our cherished freedom. Please join us this **Thursday, July 4th at 9:00a.m.** for a Mass which will commence with a stirring Presentation of Colors. See you there!

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION TODAY

“Be a Pilgrim of Charity.”

This is the theme of the 2013 Peter’s Pence Collection. This theme of being evangelizing pilgrims is rooted in 1 Corinthians 13:7, “Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” Pope Francis represents each and every one of us. “In every diocese and in every parish and religious community, **Peter’s Pence** is collected every year and sent to the center of the Church to be redistributed as required by the needs and requests that the Pope receives from every corner of the earth.” Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to the members of the Circolo San Pietro, March 8, 2007. Please participate fully and give generously to this year’s Peter’s Pence Collection. Your personal participation will ensure the success of this collection in this Year of Faith and the first year of the pontificate of Pope Francis

COMUNIDAD MASS

Comunidad will celebrate a special community Mass today, June 30 at 3:00p.m. in the church. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The dignity of life ...

WE AS BAPTIZED CATHOLICS ARE CALLED TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD BY LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL VOCATION, BEING AND BECOMING THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

Did you know there is a group of **Eucharistic Ministers specially designated to minister Holy Communion to the ill and elderly of the parish?** According to parish need and personal preference, our ministers visit patients in their homes, 11 nursing facilities and Community Hospital of Long Beach. **We are in need of several new ministers.** If you think you have a calling to this ministry and would like information, please contact the parish office, 562.439.0931.

REFLECTIONS

THE 14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c **Second Reading:** Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

Jesus appointed the 72 to go and spread peace, he entrusts us also with his message of peace and love to all we meet. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us spread this message to all we meet in our words and actions.