



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MAY I NEVER BOAST EXCEPT IN THE CROSS

OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. — Galatians 6:14

July 7, 2013

Parish Life and Activities...

MISSION	<p>Today's first reading from Isaiah was occasioned by the return of the Jewish people from exile. The prophet visualizes the Holy City as a mother welcoming her children home. The people may now look forward to prosperity and comfort. In this post-Pentecostal season, the Church attributes this sense of fulfillment to the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Paul, on the other hand, speaks of "the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the single thing of which he will boast, for it is the means by which we are re-created. The comfort and prosperity promised in the first reading are here transformed by a deepening of the Christian paradox.</p> <p>Luke's Gospel describes the calling and the mission of "seventy-two others," who are commissioned to bring in the "harvest." The number is symbolic, since according to Jewish tradition the number of nations in the world is seventy-two. This then is a universal mission, a catholic mission to all the world.</p>
THANK YOU	<p>Thank you to all those who participated in our Offering of Letters Campaign. We mailed 210 letters to legislators on behalf of those who lack sufficient nutrition.</p>
MARKET BASKET	<p>Today is our monthly Market Basket Collection of non-perishable food and hygiene items. Additional needed items for Project Achieve are towels, socks, shampoo and sunscreen. Thank you very much for your continued support of Catholic Charities food pantry.</p>
RCIA	<p>If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, you are welcome to call Sister Sharon at 562.439.0931 x 5.</p>
WE NEED YOUR HELP	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>The dignity of life ...</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p> <p>Did you know there is a group of <b>Eucharistic Ministers specially designated to minister Holy Communion to the ill and elderly of the parish?</b> According to parish need and personal preference, our ministers visit patients in their homes, 11 nursing facilities and Community Hospital of Long Beach. <b>We are in need of several new ministers.</b> If you think you have a calling to this ministry and would like information, please contact the parish office, 562.439.0931 x 0.</p>
SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK	<p>Next weekend we will take up the National Needs Combined Collection. This collection includes the Catholic Communication Campaign, The Black and Indian Home Mission, The Catholic University of America and the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Many needs call for many donations. Your generosity will be appreciated.</p>
CONFIRMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	<p>Next Sunday, July 14 at 2:00p.m. in the parish hall, there will be an information session for students, together with at least one parent, who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those in attendance will learn about the requirements and commitments within this two-year program. <b>Prospective students must be in attendance with their parent (no relatives, no friends).</b> Only those who attend the information session will be allowed to register in the Confirmation program.</p>
REFLECTIONS	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 30:10-14 <b>Second Reading:</b> Colossians 1:15-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:25-37</p> <p>Do I treat the sick and suffering I meet with care and compassion? Mother Teresa reminds us whenever we touch the sick and needy we touch the suffering body of Christ. She also reminds us not to aspire to do 'great things' but instead, 'simple things with great love'.</p>