



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FILL US AT DAYBREAK WITH YOUR KINDNESS,  
THAT WE MAY SHOUT FOR JOY AND GLADNESS ALL OUR DAYS.

Psalm 90:14

September 8, 2013

Parish Life and Activities...

<p>HUMILITY</p>	<p>Today's readings ask us to re-think our attitudes and ways. The passage from the book of Wisdom reminds us that, when it comes to understanding, even the wisest person barely scrapes the surface of things. In Paul's provocative little letter to Philemon, the apostle praises Philemon for his understanding of the social order—which included slavery—and for his good treatment of Onesimus. Then Paul goes on to drop his bombshell. He tells Philemon that Onesimus is now a Christian and should be treated as such—as a brother, an equal. What was Philemon to think? Today's Gospel tells us that if we are to follow Jesus, we must do some serious planning. Then, once all our planning is complete, we have to be willing to accept the fact that our plans are never enough.</p>
<p>WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?</p>	<p>Please reserve October 4, 7:00p.m. to hear Fr. Felix Just, S.J. discuss "<i>What Is Love Really? — A look at the teaching of the New Testament.</i>" Is 'love' a feeling, an emotion, a decision, an action, or all of the above? Come to the parish hall to learn more about this challenging subject.</p>
<p>FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE ASKS FOR HELP</p>	<p>The purpose of St. Matthew's Faith Formation committee is to "<i>help people grow in faith so they can live more fully the teachings of Jesus Christ.</i>" Today a survey will be distributed before and after the Masses and then collected next weekend. Your valuable input will help develop enriching and spiritually relevant programs that truly reflect the needs of our parish. Please plan to take a few moments to share your thoughts and ideas. The Faith Formation committee looks forward to your responses.</p>
<p>A PRAYER FOR SYRIA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">God of Compassion, hear the cries of the people of Syria, bring healing to those suffering from the violence, bring comfort to those mourning the dead, strengthen Syria's neighbors in their care and welcome for refugees, convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms, and protect those committed to peace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God of Hope, inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies, inspire the Church around the world with compassion for the people of Syria, and give us hope for a future of peace built on justice for all. we ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the World, Amen</p>
<p>ACCW MEETING</p>	<p>The next ACCW (Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women) meeting will be held on Sept. 26 at St. Albert the Great Church, 804 E. Compton Blvd. Registration will start at 9:30a.m. followed by a speaker, Mass and lunch. To attend, please make checks payable for \$11.00 to St. Albert the Great Altar Society and mail to Flora Belle Jones at 953 Myrrh St., Compton CA 90220. More info available at: 310.635.8443. or 310.604.8381.</p>
<p>LET US NEVER FORGET...</p>	<p>"The attacks of September 11th were intended to break our spirit. Instead we have emerged stronger and more unified. We feel renewed devotion to the principles of political, economic, and religious freedom, the rule of law and respect for human life. We are more determined than ever to live our lives in freedom." -Rudolph Giuliani, former mayor of New York City</p>
<p>REFLECTIONS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>First Reading:</b> Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 <b>Second Reading:</b> 1 Timothy 1:12-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jesus teaches us through parables of loss: a lost sheep, a lost coin, a lost son. Think about an experience you may have had losing someone close or losing something you valued, such as your health, your job, a relationship, a goal. How did others help you through that time? Who offered you comfort and support?</p>