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**SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)**  
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**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)**

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**NOTE:** All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

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**CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

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**SPIRITUAL GROWTH MEETING**

Every First and Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, in the Jubilee Room. Subject: "Purpose Driven Life". For information, please call Jim or Susan (562)433-6137.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

July 29	5:00	Ahumada/Ramos
July 30	8:00	Ficarra/Sweeney
	9:30	Sanchez/Abboud
	11:00	Bebek
	12:30	Parkin/Stonick

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

**National Needs Combined Collection**—this weekend. This collection helps support some of the poorest dioceses in the country that depend on annual collections. The Black and Indian Home Mission provides aid to some of the neediest African-American and Native American communities, strengthening the Church at home, helping to provide basic pastoral resources and services to these communities. Envelopes are in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

**SHARING OURSELVES**

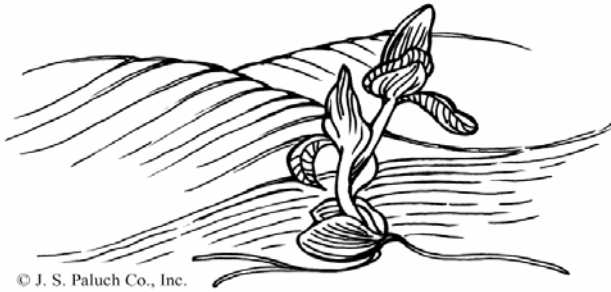
Our parishioner outreach service has been a long-standing mission of the Community Group and is still available to our parishioners. It is our mission to try to help home-bound or other parishioners who need assistance. Volunteers who want to assist and visit parishioners who require help are very much needed. If you would like to help or if you know of someone who needs assistance, contact: Linda Gager (562)433-2985. Sponsored by our Parish Community Group.

**LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

July 29	5:00	Smith/Boessow—Hoehne/Margulis
July 30	8:00	Souverielle/Montgomery—Patman/ Figueroa/Litzie
	9:30	Gorman/Surfus—Team 3
	11:00	Caputi/Woznicki—Team 3
	12:30	Goodman—Hickman/Hickman


**THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Colby Curtin, Shirley Wood, Pat Schuck, Lucy Svimonoff, Nina Paterson, Sarah Fries, Maxwell Smith, Harry Fehner, Charles Ward, John Swanson, Fabio Marinetti, Frank Risica, Jeanie Kaufman, MaryAna Finks, Steve Gale, Seth Weissman, Louise Millican, Julie Ann Grosso, and Sam Di Leo.



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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2006

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

- *Jeremiah 23:5a*

### RCIA

Are you curious about Catholicism? Or, do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith? As a Catholic community, it is our greatest joy as well as our mission, to continually welcome new members. "Inquiry" is the first step in the process of faith formation and education known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

The RCIA is a four-step process for individuals who are not baptized; those who were baptized in other Christian traditions; or baptized Catholics, who haven't received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Those who choose to begin the RCIA process experience an enriching faith journey that enables them to broaden and deepen their prayer life; to know God through the scriptures; to come to know themselves more fully; and to actively participate in parish and community activities. A new RCIA program will begin this fall and full sacramental initiation will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil next spring.

**Inquiry classes are held the second Wednesday of the month in the Jubilee Room from 8 to 9 p.m.** We encourage and invite interested individuals to "come and see" what living a life as a committed Catholic Christian can mean for you. For more information, please call Earl Lovett, 562-439-3198.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive last Sunday was a huge success! 41 units were collected. This will help 123 people in our community. Thank you to all who donated.

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH APPEAL

Our Community Group helped serve another dinner to about 100 people last week. Thanks to all our volunteers from St. Barts and to our parish for the support of this monthly activity. To volunteer to help once a month, or for more information, contact: MaryEileen McAtee (562)\_439-7020; or, Pam Callender (562)434-8262.

### RCIA—SPONSOR FORMATION

Have you been a sponsor, or are you thinking about becoming one? Are you a practicing Catholic and a person of faith? The ministry of the sponsor in the initiation process for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) assists in bringing people to know Jesus through the Church. If you are a good listener and are warm, open, friendly, and nonjudgmental, you possess the basic qualities needed to become a sponsor. A sponsor training seminar will be held later this summer. We encourage you to join our team. After all, God provides the gifts needed so that the Church might grow and initiate new members!

### RCIA—CATECHISTS

Are you someone who looks for connections between God's action and human life? Do you enjoy sharing your life and faith with others? Are you willing to grow in your own knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings? These are essential qualities for a catechist. Catechists are teachers of religious education and ministers of the Word. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is assembling its catechetical team for this fall. A short training program is scheduled for late summer for adult RCIA catechists.

For more information about these enriching and faith-filled ministries, please call Earl Lovett 562-439-3198.

**COFFEE and DONUTS** after all Masses this week-end are hosted by our RCIA.

### BUS TRIP

Our Women's Council is sponsoring a bus trip to The Getty Villa in Malibu on September 28th. Men and women are welcome. To make advance reservations, please call Carolyn Mackprang (562)594-0460.

 **ORDINARY INCOME**  
July 15th/16th \$10,500.00