

## TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### BE OPENED: THE BREATHING MIRACLE OF JESUS

Isaiah invites us to trust, by prophesying that the sadness of the people will be changed into joy with the return to their land from exile. The verdant desert, the healing of the sick and the return of joy to those who mourn are the signs of the presence of God and the coming of the Messiah. James reminds us that we should show no preference in favor of any one over others, neither the influential nor the powerful, but on the contrary we should give first place to the needy. Faith in the Lord Jesus allows no possible exclusion of any one.

**English Religion Class for Adults (RCIA) Classes start Sept. 9/16/2018** Adults 18 yrs. – call for information and registration...\$100.00 Sundays – 8:15 to 10:45 learn about our Faith- Preparation to receive **BAPTISM, Confession/Reconciliation, HOLY EUCHARISTIC, Confirmation & MATRIMONY** Call Delia 310-420-2216 or Maria 661-330-2880 for more information.

### WARNING

There are many churches using the name Catholic but are not recognized by the Archdiocese or the Pope. They offer First Communion and other sacrament classes for a few months. These sacraments are not valid in the Roman Catholic Church. Before you register with them call the Archdiocese at 213-637-7000 or St. Lawrence 323-567-1439 to confirm that they are recognized as a Roman Catholic Church.

**The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic WOMEN (ACCW)** invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN IS A MEMBER AND THERE ARE NO DUES. The next gathering will be Friday, September 21, 2018 at St. Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic Church 10122 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002. The day begins at 9:30am with registration and includes a speaker, Deacon Mark Race, speaking on "faith", mass, lunch and concludes at 1:30PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

### Blessing of Religious Articles in Mass

As we look to renew ourselves in the liturgy, there are several things that will be changing. The First: as of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, we ask you that all religious items to be blessed in the Mass be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue rather than in front of the altar. Thank You.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**5:30PM** +Maria Sanchez  
**7:30AM** +Margarita Flores  
**11:00AM**+Ana Martinez

### DID YOU KNOW

The recent reports regarding abuse in the Church serve as a reminder of the importance of continuing our efforts to be diligent in the prevention of abuse in our Church and in society. Our prayers and support are with victim-survivors, their families and all impacted by this evil. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez urges prayers for abuse victims and new efforts to purify the Church: "We are aware that this is a sad and confusing time for the Church in this country. In recent days and weeks, we have heard new revelations about sin and abuse in the Church. This is a time now for prayer and repentance and a time for examining our conscience, especially for those of us who are bishops and priests. And all of us need to pray for every person who has been hurt by the Church, and we need to work to help them heal. Let us ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of the Church. May she help us to have the courage we need to purify the Church and renew our love for holiness and our devotion to Jesus Christ and his Gospel." For more information on the Archdioceses policies and protocols concerning abuse prevention, the protection of children and young people, and Victims Assistance Ministry. Call (800)355-2545

Following Fr. Matt's Invitation Sunday ...Join us in helping our Church & School Community in "Keeping our Kid's Safe"

If you are involved in a ministry and have not come To a Virtus training please plan on attending one and call to schedule fingerprinting.

Virtus/English..September 17<sup>th</sup> 6PM to 9PM

Virtus/Spanish..September 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM to 9:30PM

Fingerprinting...October 19<sup>th</sup> noon to 3:30PM and 4:30PM to 7:15PM

Please call the office 323-567-1439 or school 323-564-3051