



FOR FEBRUARY 2006

COMUNIDAD

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, ST. MATTHEWS'S CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

Mark Your

Future First Tuesday Meetings, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Stay tuned as we announce the topics for our 2006 Speaker Series.

Please note: Due to the Fourth of July Holiday falling on the first Tuesday of July, we will **NOT** have a regular meeting.

We are planning a beach Mass in July. Keep watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Mar 30 - Apr2, Thursday - Sunday
Religious Education Congress
Check out the list of events at www.recongress.org

May 6, Saturday at 6:00pm
MLGC 20th Anniversary Mass
Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood, 6657 W Sunset Blvd. Reception to follow.

May 20 - 21 Weekend
Long Beach Pride
Please consider marching with us in the parade on Sunday. We also need to people to staff the Comunidad "Welcome Home Catholics" booth and volunteer at Pride all weekend. www.longbeachpride.com

June 24, Saturday
AIDS Walk Long Beach
Please join us in walking on Saturday or drop a donation in the basket outside the Church any of the Sundays in June.

Sept 29 - Oct 1 Weekend
Annual Retreat
Our Retreat Master will be Fr. Jack Stoeger. Details to come.

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2006
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

WHAT IS A SAINT?

For our First Tuesday Meeting, February 7, 2006, Peter K. Canavan LMFT, CIRT will be addressing the topic "What is a Saint?" Peter is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist and a Certified Imago Relationship Therapist who has spoken to Comunidad several times in the past and has always been well received.

Peter will address this issue from the perspective that saints are those who have responded to God's call to be what God has created them to be. The history of some gay saints will be used for points of discussion.

Please join us for food, folks, and fellowship at 7:00pm prior to our program beginning at 7:30pm.

James Alison, Theologian

James Alison, a theologian from across the pond will be speaking on Saturday, February 18 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach (525 E. 7th St.). There will be an afternoon talk at 1:00pm, a meal from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and an evening talk at 6:00pm. An offering of \$20.00 per person is being requested. To learn more about this dynamic speaker, you can visit him on the web at www.jamesalison.co.uk

Future Meetings

The First Tuesday in May (5/2) is our Cinco de Mayo Celebration complete with several games of Loteria (think Bingo, only more fun). Come join us for great tasting food and fabulous Loteria prizes.

For dates of our future First Tuesday meetings, as well as other significant events, see the "Mark Your Calendar" box to the far left.

Welcome All

Comunidad is a welcoming Catholic community. Even if you have been away for awhile, stop by a First Tuesday meeting to grab a snack and say Hi! We would love to see your smiling face some Tuesday night. For more information about Comunidad call Anna at 562 987-0130 or Tony at 562 439-0531.