



FOR DECEMBER 2006

COMUNIDAD

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

Mark Your

Future First Tuesday Meetings 2007, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, & Dec 4.

Jan 2, Tuesday Comunidad Mass

Please join us for our first Mass of 2007 and be there as we install our officers for the New Year.

Feb 6, Tuesday Saint of 9/11

Please join us for a screening of the film Saint of 9/11. The documentary covers the life of gay Franciscan Friar Fr. Mychal Judge, who died at the World Trade Center in NYC on Sept 11, 2001.

Mar 6, Tuesday Stations of the Cross

Please join us for our annual gay Stations of the Cross. It is a moving time of prayer and reflection with stations that recount Jesus journey to Calvary as well as our walk as gay and lesbian persons.

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2006
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

WHAT DOES COMUNIDAD MEAN TO YOU

Has Comunidad ministered to you? It has come to our attention there is some confusion at St. Matthew's about the purpose of Comunidad and that we might not be considered a "ministry." The root of the word ministry is to serve; scripture calls us all to do so with the gifts with which we have been blessed by God. We would ask that all who have been touched by Comunidad; please write about your positive experience(s). We are looking for words in support of the ministry Comunidad performs. Please address your letters to Fr. Guillermo, but send them to St. Matthew's Comunidad 672 Temple Ave., Long Beach, CA 90814. We will collect all the letters and present them to Fr. Guillermo at one time.

COMUNIDAD MASS

Please join Comunidad for Mass on Tuesday, **January 2, 2007 at 7:15pm**. The Mass will be a chance for us to gather together as we start of a new year of ministry. This year the Mass will be in the **Church**. Because of the requirement to fast before receiving communion, our social will be held after Mass in the parish hall. Feel free to invite friends and family to celebrate another year of Comunidad at St. Matthew's.

ADVENT IS HERE!

We are **collecting for the needy** during the Sundays of Advent. The money is to be given to Catholic Charities and distributed to families in need of help who are referred from St. Matthew's to Catholic Charities. By including Catholic Charities in the giving, families can get information on other services that Catholic Charities has to offer. To assist with collecting, call **Tony 562 439-0531**.

Mother of God,
Help us to be more like you, as you answered "YES" to
the call to give flesh to the Word of God, so that
our deeds may give flesh to God's word.
Amen.

For more info about Comunidad call Anna at 562 987-0130 or Tony at 562 439-0531.