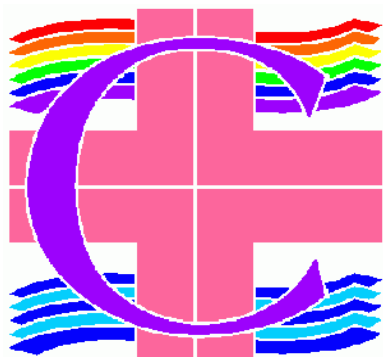


FEBRUARY 2008

# COMUNIDAD

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Comunidad meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, ordinarily in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

### February 5th

Our guest speaker will be Vanessa Romain from Long Beach Pride

### March 4th

Gay and Lesbian Stations of the Cross

### April 1<sup>st</sup>

Special screening of *For the Bible Tells Me So*, with producer Robin Voss

### May 6

Cinco de Mayo potluck, with several festive rounds of Loteria!

### May 16

Special Mass on the Friday night before LB Pride

### May 17-18

Long Beach Pride

*For additional information about Comunidad, please call Chris at (562) 439-0531 or Ray (562) 400-7856.*

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 5th, 2008**  
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Special MARDI GRAS Refreshments at 7:00 pm, Program at 7:30 pm

## ***CHECK OUT COMUNIDAD'S NEW WEBSITE!***

In addition to a new year, new members and new leadership, Comunidad has a bright & shiny new website! Visit [www.comunidadlb.org](http://www.comunidadlb.org) today for the latest info and news.

## **COMUNIDAD NIGHT AT CABARET: MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**

International City Theatre, Long Beach's resident professional theatre, is presenting the musical classic this month. A group discount is available to us! To reserve your seat(s), please bring cash or a check to our February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in the amount of \$35 per person. The performance will be at 8:00 pm on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Performing Arts Center.

## **Gay & Lesbian Conference to take place in Long Beach!**

The National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries (**NACDLGM**) will hold its 2008 conference in Long Beach **September 18th-21st** on the Queen Mary. Register now for a weekend that will edify your intellect as well as your spirit! **Bishop Jaime Soto, Teresa DiCrescenzo** and our own **Chris Carpenter** are confirmed speakers for the conference. Registration and additional information can be found at [www.nacdlgm.org](http://www.nacdlgm.org).

## **St. Monica's Gay & Lesbian Outreach Retreat**

St Matthew's Comunidad members are welcome to join LGBT members of St. Monica's parish on retreat at Lake Mead, March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The retreat theme is "Jesus: Deal or No Deal." The fee is \$135 per person and includes lodging, all meals, transportation and materials. If cost is an issue, financial aid may be available. To register or for more information, contact Arthur at (626) 376-6708 or [agfitz@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:agfitz@mednet.ucla.edu)

**Questions? Comments?**  
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**GOD OF POWER AND MERCY, THROUGH YOUR HELP ST. VALENTINE HAS OVERCOME THE TORTURES OF HIS MARTYRDOM. HELP US WHO CELEBRATE HIS TRIUMPH TO GROW IN LOVE FOR YOU AND ONE ANOTHER. AMEN.**

**HAVE A HAPPY & BLESSED VALENTINE'S DAY!**