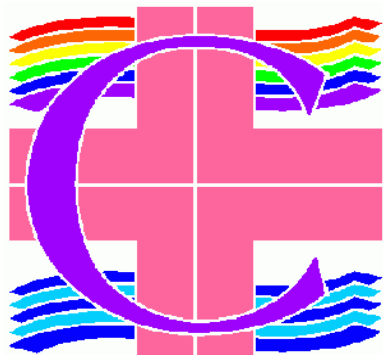


MAY 2008

# 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.

### May 6<sup>th</sup>

Cinco de Mayo potluck, with several festive rounds of Loteria! Please bring a food item/dish to share, those "white elephant" gifts you can't wait to get rid of, and \$1 per playing card.

### Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Special "Pride Eve" Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Halley at 7:00 pm in the church.

### Sat.-Sun., May 17-18<sup>th</sup>

Long Beach Pride!

### June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Psychologist Michael Nava on healthy relationships

### July 1<sup>st</sup>

Annual 4th of July BBQ

For additional information about Comunidad, please e-mail us or call Ray at (562) 590-9309

## Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th, 2008

St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)

Join us for our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration! Win fabulous prizes, eat great food and have a sure-to-be-memorable fun time! Details below left.

## JOIN COMUNIDAD AT LONG BEACH LGBT PRIDE

It's time once again to unite as LGBT Catholics and show our pride! You are invited to join together for a special Mass the night of Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, march with Comunidad's leadership in the parade on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and volunteer at or visit our Comunidad/MLGC booth at the festival May 17<sup>th</sup> and/or 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to march or volunteer at our May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting or e-mail us. Let's make this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Long Beach Pride the best celebration ever!

Comunidad's new website has a brand new blog section! Visit [www.comunidadlb.org](http://www.comunidadlb.org) today to share your stories, thoughts, questions and suggestions.

### A Weekend of Hope in Long Beach! NACDLGM is coming

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. All are welcome for a hope-filled weekend that will renew your spirit! Bishops Jaime Soto and Raul Vera Lopez, Terry DeCrescenzo, Sr. Fran Ferder and our own Chris Carpenter are confirmed speakers. Info about registration, sponsorship and more can be found at [www.nacdlgm.org](http://www.nacdlgm.org).

### GET READY FOR A GREAT SUMMER WITH COMUNIDAD!

We have several exciting events planned including Mass on the beach, a night at the Hollywood Bowl, and the premiere of "Mamma Mia!" the movie! Be sure to check the monthly newsletter and our website for the latest offerings and information.

Questions? Comments?  
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