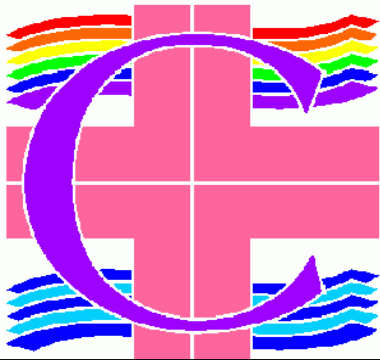


MARCH 2009



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. We have a social time from 7:00-7:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:30. We ordinarily meet in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

March 3rd

Fr. Emery Tang, OFM on Our Call to Conversion

Saturday, March 28th

South Coast Chorale concert at 8:00, "Hollywood Hullabaloo"

April 7th

Holy Week Seder Meal

May 5th

Cinco de Mayo celebration

May 16th-17th

Long Beach LGBT Pride

Planning ahead...

October 16th-18th, 2009

Annual Comunidad Retreat

For additional information please e-mail us or call Chris at 562-987-5191 or Ray (en Espanol) at 562-590-9309. You may also visit www.comunidadlb.org

Questions? Comments? Ideas? E-Mail us at: comunidad@comunidadlb.org

Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

Comunidad is pleased to welcome FR. EMERY TANG, OFM as our guest speaker for March. He will speak on "The Temptations of Christ & Our Call to Conversion." Fr. Emery is a sought-after retreat director & author, and is in residence at Ss. Simon & Jude parish in Huntington Beach. He is known as a warm, funny and challenging speaker. Please join us as we enter into the season of Lent with Fr. Emery!

LENT IS HERE! JOIN US FOR SOUP SUPPERS IN MARCH

Each year, St. Matthew's Peace & Justice ministry offers soup suppers in Meisel Hall on Mondays during Lent. Donations are collected and contributed to worthy organizations. Comunidad members will be providing soups on March 9th & 23rd. All are invited to attend those nights and throughout Lent, and feel free to bring a soup or bread to share.

2009 ANNUAL APPEAL

Comunidad members will soon be receiving a letter asking your financial support for 2009. Times are tough and money is tight, and our ministry to the LGBT community faces greater challenges than ever. However much you are able to give, your support is critical. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH, CATHOLIC MEN & WOMEN HAVE FOLLOWED THE PATH OF JESUS AND WALKED THE WAY OF THE CROSS THEMSELVES. MANY DIED YOUNG; SOME AFTER YEARS OF BEING WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE. THESE SAINTLY PEOPLE, FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE, REVEAL TO US THAT THE POWER OF FAITH CAN OVERCOME DEATH AND LEAD US TO RESURRECTION.

FROM THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT'S "WAY OF THE CROSS: TOWARD JUSTICE AND PEACE"