



MAY 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.

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Cinco de Mayo celebration

**May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**  
Long Beach LGBT Pride

**May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Ecumenical BBQ

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
"Give Me One Reason to Stay Here," with special guest Fr. Jack Stoeger

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
4<sup>th</sup> or July/Summer BBQ

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Experience Trinidad the movie from LA Outfest

Planning ahead...

**October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
Annual Comunidad Retreat

*For additional information please e-mail us or call Ray at 562-590-9309 or visit our website:  
[www.comunidadlb.org](http://www.comunidadlb.org)*

**Questions? Comments?  
Ideas? E-Mail us at:  
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**Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm**  
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

**Join us as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The celebration includes a potluck dinner. Please bring a food/item to share. There will be several festive rounds of Loteria. Any "white elephant" gifts you can't wait to get rid of will be accepted. Loteria cards are \$1 per card.**

### **Long Beach Pride** **May 16<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Comunidad will once again participate in the Pride festival and parade, but we need YOUR help for it to be a success! Sign up at the May meeting to march, help set up our booth, and/or help staff the booth during the weekend.

### **Long Beach AIDS WALK** **June 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will collect donations after all Masses at St. Matthew's the 3 weekends prior.

### **2009 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Comunidad members should have received a letter asking your financial support for 2009. We realize that times are tough and money is tight, but 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! Send donations to Comunidad at the above address or visit our website and click "Make a Donation".

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical potluck BBQ**, a gathering of the Episcopal and Catholic Ministries to Gays and Lesbians is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 4pm. Steven and Jim will provide burgers, sausages, hot dogs and drinks. RSVP to Steven at (714)536-5172 or Jim at (714)614-1468 by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Well over a century has passed since the battle [for Mexican Independence], but we can still learn much from the Mexican patriots who fought at Puebla. Their story reminds us to cherish our own independence and to honor those who struggled and sacrificed to attain it. It encourages us to stand up against injustice and to uphold our ideals. Finally, it shows us that brave men and women can overcome great odds when they are united in principle and purpose. – President William J. Clinton in 1999