



JUNE 2009

# COMUNIDAD

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

## Mark Your Calendar

**Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

**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

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Jackie Clark on Emergency Preparedness

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
St. Mary's CARE Program

**October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**  
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)

**The problem facing LGBT Catholics was posed by Hamlet, Prince of Denmark in the 16<sup>th</sup> century:**

**" To be or not to be that is the question  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune  
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles  
And by opposing end them? "**

**Join us for our June meeting. Fr. Jack Stoeger of the LA Archdiocese responds in: "Give Me One Reason to Stay Here".**

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

The annual retreat is the highlight of the Comunidad calendar. This is a time for a spiritual time-out. This year's theme is:

*Flow River Flow: Navigating the waters of our life as Lesbian and Gay Catholics.*

We are privileged to have Vicki Wenz, campus minister at Morehead State University, Kentucky lead our retreat. Visit website: [Vicki](#).

For retreat details and to sign up go to website: [Retreat](#)

**2009 ANNUAL APPEAL**

The annual appeal is needed to continue our ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics. Your support is critical. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity! Send donations to ST. Matthew's Comunidad at the above address.

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

We will collect donations after all Masses at St. Matthew's the 3 weekends prior. Volunteers are needed to collect donations after each Mass. Please contact Marilyn at the Comunidad email address.

**Questions? Comments?  
Ideas? E-Mail us at:  
[comunidad@comunidadlb.org](mailto:comunidad@comunidadlb.org)**

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CHRISTIAN HYMN BY MARTY HAUGEN