



FOR JANUARY 2006

COMUNIDAD

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

Mark Your Calendar

January 3, Tuesday at 7pm,
Celebrate the start of our 20th year
of ministry at St. Matthew. See box
to right →

January 15, Sunday after 10:30a
Mass [*note date change!*], Annual
planning retreat for Comunidad's
Steering Committee

February 7, Tuesday at 7pm at St.
Matthew Parish Hall, program to
be determined at Steering
Committee retreat Jan. 15 (see
above)

February 18 or 19 (date not finalized)
James Alison on "The Church and
the Politics of Homosexuality:
Scape-goating or Reconciliation"

March 30 – April 1, 2006, Thu – Sun,
Religious Education Congress at
the Anaheim Convention Center,
plan to attend this amazing event
and to help us staff our booth.

May 6, Saturday at 6pm at Blessed
Sacrament Parish in Hollywood,
Twentieth Anniversary Mass for
the Archdiocesan Ministry with
Lesbian & Gay Catholics (MLGC)

May 20 – 21, Fri – Sun, Long Beach
Pride parade & Festival – plan to
help us staff our booth & walk in
the parade with our Parents.

Sep 21 – 24, Fri – Sun, in Brooklyn,
NY, Annual Conference of the
National Association of Catholic
Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries
(NACDLG).

Sep 20 – Oct 1, Fri – Sun, annual
Comunidad retreat with Fr. Jack!

Be sure to mark your calendars with
these events (above) & the dates
of our 1st Tuesday of the month
meetings (see block to far right).

You can email us at
comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 2005

St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)

NOTE CHANGE -- Program starts at 7pm

INSTALLATION MASS

In 1986, when the then new archbishop of L.A. asked for a ministry of gay & lesbian outreach (GLO), Comunidad was one of the first to answer the call. As we start our 20th year of ministry with the installation of our new steering committee, we want to thank God for this special Ministry, and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the coming years. What better way to do that than with a Mass.

Note that we will start at 7pm in our usual meeting place, the parish hall. The new Steering Committee will be installed during the Mass. Immediately after the Mass we will have a meal of lasagna and salads, then a cake to celebrate our 20th year.

This will be an opportunity to meet the new Steering Committee and tell them what you want to continue, & what you want to change. Talk to us!

Annual Retreat

Comunidad's retreat committee will meet to decide on the theme and other details with this year's retreat coordinator, Fr. Jack! Whatever they decide, you know you will want to be sure to mark the dates on your calendar (along with all the other dates in the boxes to the left & right of this one).

This year's retreat will be the weekend of September 29 through October 1. Sadly, there will be a limit on the number who may attend due to space restrictions.

Future Meetings

Now is a good time to go through your new 2006 calendar to mark the dates of our First Tuesday meetings:

*March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6,
July 4, August 1, September 5,
October 3, November 7, December 5*

Other significant dates to mark are listed in the box at the far left.

Don't miss your chance to hear the English Theologian James Alison in person in February - see his website: www.jamesAlison.co.uk/

What do you want us to do this coming new year? Do you have any ideas for speakers, for cultural, social or spiritual events? We certainly want to hear from you. Your participation is important to the success of this special Ministry, both in our Parish and in the Archdiocese. Write us at the address above, or the email address to the left, or talk to a member of the Steering Committee at the Installation Jan 3 (see above).