



FOR MARCH 2006

COMUNIDAD

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

Mark Your

Future First Tuesday Meetings, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5.

Stay tuned as we announce the topics for our 2006 Speaker Series.

Please note: Due to the Fourth of July Holiday falling on the first Tuesday of July, we will **NOT** have a regular meeting.

We are planning a beach Mass in July. Keep watch for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Mar 30 - Apr 2, Thursday - Sunday
Religious Education Congress
Comunidad will be helping to staff the MLGC booth at Congress. Please sign up at a First Tuesday meeting or call Dave 562 439-8067. Check out the list of events at www.recongress.org.

May 6, Saturday at 6:00pm
MLGC 20th Anniversary Mass
Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood, 6657 W Sunset Blvd. Reception to follow.

June 24, Saturday
AIDS Walk Long Beach
Please join us in walking or make a donation after Mass any of the Sundays in June. www.aidswalklb.org

Sept 29 - Oct 1 Weekend
Annual Retreat
Our Retreat Master for this year is Fr. Jack Stoeger. Details to come.

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2006

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

Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

"GAY OSCARS" AND THE CHURCH?

Priest and film critic Chris Carpenter will discuss with Comunidad what the official Church's reaction might be to the high esteem currently enjoyed by such gay-themed movies as "Brokeback Mountain," "Transamerica" and "Capote." Come hear Fr. Carpenter on Tuesday, March 7th, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Social starts at 7:00pm with the program to follow at 7:30pm. Stop by for a lively discussion. All are welcome!

Long Beach Pride

Long Beach Pride will be held the weekend of May 20th - 21st. There are three ways for you to be involved with Comunidad at PRIDE:

- 1) Comunidad has a booth at the Pride Festival. We need volunteers to staff it.
- 2) Comunidad has an entry in the Pride Parade. Please consider marching with us on Sunday.
- 3) Comunidad volunteers at the festival. This activity raises money for Comunidad to help cover operating expenses throughout the year.

Future Meetings

In April, we will pray the Stations of the Cross as a Lenten devotion. These "Special Stations" unite the Passion of Christ with meaningful issues for Lesbian and Gay persons. Please join us for a powerful evening of prayer and reflection on Tuesday, April 4th.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 2nd. Our Celebration will include several games of Loteria. Think Bingo, only more fabulous. Bring a white elephant item or two to be used as Loteria prizes. Come join us for great tasting food and winner's choice Loteria prizes.

CHECK US OUT

"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." - Albert Einstein

Come witness the miracle of Catholics showing up at Church on a Tuesday night. For more information about Comunidad call Anna at 562 987-0130 or Tony at 562 439-0531.