



FOR APRIL 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: May 2, Jun 6, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5.

Keep watch for more information on 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.

May 6, Saturday at 6:00pm  
MLGC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hollywood, 6657 W Sunset Blvd. Reception to follow. Please call Dave for more information 562 439-8067

June 9-11, Weekend  
Christopher Street West  
Stop by the MLGC booth for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles or march with the MLGC contingent in the parade.

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](http://www.aidswalklb.org)

September 21-24, Thurs-Sunday  
NACDLGM Conference  
National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries is meeting in Brooklyn, NY. For more information check out [www.NACDLGM.org](http://www.NACDLGM.org)

You can email us at [comunidad@123mail.org](mailto:comunidad@123mail.org)

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2006**  
**St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)**  
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

## Gay Stations of the Cross

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. Come join us for a powerful evening of prayer and reflection on Tuesday, April 4th, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. Social starts at 7:00pm with the program at 7:30pm.

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## Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 2. 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.

## Fun at Long Beach Pride

- 1) March in the Pride Parade behind Comunidad's banner on Sunday, May 21, 10:30am. Plenty of time to party afterwards. Call Anna at 562-987-0130 and spread Comunidad's message: **"Welcome Home Catholics."**
- 2) Raise money for Comunidad and get free admission to the Long Beach Pride Festival. Contact Viki at 562 987-0130 if you can give four hours selling tickets on Saturday or Sunday (May 20-21).
- 3) Staff the *"Welcome Home, Catholics"* booth at the Pride Festival May 20-21. Give two hours or more of your time to meet and greet Catholics and non-Catholics and share about being Gay and Catholic. Contact Ray at 562 590-9309 if you want to help staff the booth.

## Set Your Heart On Jesus

Our Comunidad **retreat** theme this year is *Set Your Heart On Jesus*

**When:** Friday, September 29, 7:00pm through Sunday, October 1, 12:00 noon.

**Where:** The Mary and Joseph Retreat Center, Ranchos Palos Verdes

Our Retreat Director is **Fr. Jack Stoeger** who is a regular celebrant at St. Matthew's and an excellent homilist. Formerly the spiritual director for seminarians at St. John's Seminary, Fr. Jack currently is the Director of the House of Prayer for Priests and Bishops.

**Cost:** \$165 double occupancy  
\$200 single occupancy  
\$100 deposit to assure your space on the retreat.

For more info call Anna 562 987-0130.

*Lord, watch over us, and guide us with Your unfailing love.  
Protect us from what could harm us and lead us to what will save us.  
Help us always, for without You we are bound to fail.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

For more info about Comunidad call Anna at 562 987-0130 or Tony at 562 439-0531.