



FOR MAY 2006

# COMUNIDAD

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

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2006**  
**St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)**  
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

## Mark Your

**Future First Tuesday Meetings**, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: Jun 6, Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5.

**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.

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).

September 29 – October 1  
Annual Retreat Weekend  
"Set Your Heart On Jesus." Our retreat director is **Fr. Jack Stoeger**. For more retreat information call Anna at 562 987-0130.

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

**Cinco de Mayo**  
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on **Tuesday, May 2**. Our potluck 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. Bring your favorite Mexican Munchies (serves 10) and join us for food, folks, fun and Loteria.  
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**What the Bible Teaches about Homosexuality**  
**Tuesday, June 6**, Dr. Jeffrey S. Siker, Professor & Chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University will speak on the subject: "What the Bible Teaches about Homosexuality." The evening's presentation should prove to be educational and thought provoking. **Please bring a Bible.**

**COMUNIDAD AT LONG BEACH PRIDE**  
1) March in the Pride Parade behind Comunidad's banner on Sunday, May 21, 10:30am. 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.

**MLGC 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS**  
Please join us in celebrating 20 years of Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics (MLGC) in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.  
**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006**  
*Blessed Sacrament Parish*  
6657 W. Sunset Blvd  
Hollywood, CA  
6:00PM  
Reception to follow.  
*Please come and stand with us as our place in the Church is affirmed.*

**All powerful and ever living God,**  
*we praise You with greater Joy than ever this Easter season,*  
*when Christ became our Paschal sacrifice.*  
*He has made us children of the light, rising to new and ever lasting life.*  
*He has opened the gates of Heaven to receive His faithful people.*  
*His death is our ransom from death and His resurrection is our rising to life. Amen.*  
**For more info about Comunidad call Anna at 562 987-0130 or Tony at 562 439-0531.**