



FOR JULY 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: Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5.

Sept 5, Tuesday  
Ecumenical Panel Discussion  
How do other Faiths welcome lesbian and gay members?

Sept 9, Saturday  
MLGC Archdiocesan BBQ  
BBQ at AMAT House, next to St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Los Angeles. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Sept 29 - Oct 1, Weekend  
Annual Retreat  
Our Retreat Master for this year is Fr. Jack Stoeger. We are full, but we have a waiting list, so please let us know if you still wish to attend. For more details call Ed 714 876-7414.

Oct 3, Tuesday  
Our delegate reports on the annual NACDLGM (National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries) conference.

Nov 7, Tuesday  
Please join us for a prayer service in remembrance of our loved ones who have died. We will also hold our annual elections.

Dec 5, Tuesday  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
We will honor Our Lady in prayer and song followed by a fiesta.

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2006**  
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

## SUMMER BEACH MASS & BBQ

*Sunday, July 16 @ 12:30pm*

Join us for Mass on the Beach followed by a BBQ. We will have a tent close to the water for Mass and hold the BBQ at Viki and Anna's home. Please gather at 5231 E. Ocean Blvd. by 12:15pm. Mass will start promptly at 12:30pm Meat and drinks for the BBQ will be provided, so please bring a potluck side dish or dessert item to share. Join us by the water for an afternoon of prayer and fellowship. For more information call Anna 562 987-0130.

**NO MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 4TH**

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF: LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

On Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, explore the themes of Catholic Social Teaching, specifically the Option for the Poor. Jennifer will have just returned from Nicaragua where she met with coffee plantation workers and union leaders. She will share these experiences, among others, while examining how we are called to live out the teaching of Jesus and our Church in our daily lives and how our daily decisions affect the poor in our community and the world.

## **GAY SPIRITUALITY:**

### **DOES GOD REALLY LOVE US IF WE'RE GAY?**

Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 - 9:00PM  
The Center, 2017 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Long Beach

\$20.00 Pre-registered or  
\$25.00 at the door.

**Bring a friend for free!**

**Call Anna at 562 434-4455 to pre-register.**

We will focus on how to live out of an empowering and life-giving spirituality as gay people, exploring how to tap into an erotic spirituality that opens up to a sacred sexuality which is truly present, but hidden in the Judaeo-Christian tradition. We will go deeper into our divine vocation as gay men and women and our role as lovers in the secular culture of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## **Ecumenical BBQ in Huntington Beach August 5, 2006**

On Saturday, August 5, Jim and Steven will host an Ecumenical BBQ for Episcopalians, Catholics and anyone else who cares to BBQ with us. BBQ will be from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Meat and drinks will be provided, so please bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to (714) 536-5172 or [samsotherdad@earthlink.net](mailto:samsotherdad@earthlink.net). Address and directions can be picked up at the July 16<sup>th</sup> BBQ or via phone or email. Please email by July 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

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