



FOR SEPTEMBER 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: Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5.

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

### Comunidad Elections

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.

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

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2006**  
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

## AM I WELCOME AT YOUR TABLE?

Tuesday, September 5, Comunidad will host an ecumenical panel to discuss how other faiths respond to gay and lesbian persons. Each panel member will present their faith's perspective to be followed by a question and answer discussion with the audience. As always we will start the evening with some munchies to be followed by our program. Please mark your calendar and attend this evening of inter-faith discussion.

### ***MLGC BBQ!***

Saturday, September 9, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm is the MLGC BBQ at AMAT House located at 659 Adams, near Figueroa, just southwest of the I-10 & I-110 freeway intersection. Park on Adams or behind St. Vincent's (on the corner). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

## Bylaws Vote

The Comunidad Steering Committee reviewed and updated Comunidad's bylaws earlier this year and the changes are ready for review by the general membership. If you wish to review the Bylaws, please email Tony at [tgraf2003@hotmail.com](mailto:tgraf2003@hotmail.com) to receive a copy of the bylaws with the changes highlighted. **The vote is scheduled to take place at the regular October meeting, Tuesday October 3, 2006.** All registered members in attendance are eligible to vote.

## Parish Festival

Sunday, September 24, 2006, St. Matthew's Parish is once again holding its annual Parish Festival in honor of our patron Saint. Comunidad is organizing the Snow Cone Booth and a Wheel of Fortune (prize wheel) booth for the kids. If you can donate a small toy (approximate \$2.00 value) to the booth, please bring it to the September meeting. We will have sign-up sheets for those who wish to work a shift at either booth on Sunday. The festivities will run from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Good and Gracious God,  
Help us to be open and inviting to all who worship you.  
Give us open hearts with which to listen, and  
Give us open minds with which to see.  
Help us to come together in your name, regardless of creed,  
So that we may do your work on earth. **Amen.**

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