



MARCH 2007

COMUNIDAD

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

Mark Your

First Tuesday Meetings at 7:00pm in Meisel Hall: Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, & Dec 4.

May 1, Tuesday

Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 1st. 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.

June 23, Saturday

AIDS Walk Long Beach

Comunidad collects money and walks each year to fight HIV/AIDS and to support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Consider walking with us or donating.

July 28, Saturday

Ecumenical BBQ

Save the date for the Annual Ecumenical BBQ. The BBQ is held in Huntington Beach and begins about 11:00am. Watch this space for more details.

Sept 28-30, Weekend

Annual Retreat

Our Retreat Master will be Fr. Dan Lackie, OFM of Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Huntington Beach. Details to come.

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007
Fr. Gerald Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program starts at 7:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On **Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30pm in the Church**, Comunidad will pray the Stations of the Cross. It is a moving time of prayer and reflection with stations that recount Jesus' journey to Calvary as well as our walk as gay and lesbian persons.

WEAR YOUR COLORS!

Please wear your Comunidad T-shirt or Polo shirt on the Sunday before our First Tuesday Meeting each month. Our next **Comunidad Sunday** is **March 4, 2007**. Many of us gather at the 10:30am Mass, but show your colors at whichever Mass you attend. If you want to buy a Comunidad T-shirt, call Tony 562 439-0531.

Long Beach Pride

Long Beach Pride will be held the weekend of May 19th - 20th. There are three ways for you to be involved with Comunidad at PRIDE:

- 1) Comunidad sponsors the "Welcome Home Catholics" booth at the Pride Festival. We need volunteers to staff it.
- 2) Comunidad organizes an entry in the Pride Parade. 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.

Sign up at our March meeting.

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

Please join us for a powerful presentation of the people who were close to the Crucifixion. This Lenten presentation is the perfect way to prepare for Good Friday, just three days later.

FAMILY REUNION BBQ

Comunidad is having a Family Reunion BBQ on Tuesday, July 3rd. If you haven't stopped by in a while, please join us for the BBQ. Please invite others from our 20 year history of ministry.

Merciful God,

On this Lenten journey, give me the courage to make a change.

Help me show mercy for others and love generously.

Transform my heart so that I may know the joy of Easter.

I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

For more info about Comunidad call Jen at 562 436-5466 or Tony at 562 439-0531.