



NOVEMBER 2007

# Comunidad

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

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**Future First Tuesday Meetings**, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall.

### **December Weekends**

Join us in collecting money for those who are less fortunate this holiday season.

### **December 4, 2007**

Posada celebration and potluck fiesta.

### **January 8, 2008**

Annual Mass to celebrate and bless another year of Lesbian and Gay Ministry.

### **February 5, 2008**

Our guest speaker will be Vanessa Romain from Long Beach Pride.

### **March 4, 2008**

Gay and Lesbian Stations of the Cross.

### **April 1, 2008**

TBD.

### **May 6, 2008**

Cinco de Mayo potluck and several rounds of Loteria.

### **May 17-18, 2008**

Long Beach Pride.

**For info about Comunidad, call Jen at 310 408-9122 or Tony at 562 439-0531.**

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

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 6, 2007**  
**St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)**  
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

### *Memorial Service*

Join Comunidad on **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** for an evening of prayer as we remember our loved ones who have died. Our evening will start out in **Gerald Meisel Hall @ 7:00pm** with our usual social time. At 7:30pm we will proceed with any announcements and our elections. After the business portion of the meeting is complete we will move to the Church for our prayer service. The evening will be a time of reflection and song to remember and honor family and friends who have died. All are invited to bring pictures of deceased loved ones to the Church at the start of the service. Light refreshment will be served. All are welcome.

### *Comunidad Elections*

It's time to elect the 2008 Steering Committee. The election process will take place in Gerald Meisel Hall during our regular meeting on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### *South Coast Chorale*

South Coast Chorale is Long Beach's own LGBT Chorale. This year's Holiday Show is "Make the Yuletide Gay!" Sunday, December 16, 2007, 5:00pm at First Congregational Church, 241 Cedar Avenue in downtown Long Beach. Tickets are \$35, call 562-439-6919 for more information.

### *Wear Your Colors*

Wear your Comunidad shirt on **Solidarity Sunday, November 4**. T-shirts are available for \$10.00 in Medium, Large, XL and XXL; call Tony 562 439-0531.

### *Serra Project*

Serra Project is having their Annual Fundraiser for Christmas on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00noon at 638 Sunrise Blvd, Long Beach, 90806**. Serra Project raises enough money with this fundraiser to buy nice Christmas gifts for all residents. Serra Project provides housing for person living with AIDS.

### *Christmas Collection*

Comunidad will collect money after all Masses the first three weekends in December for those less fortunate this holiday season. Please sign-up at the November and December meetings to help with collections after Mass.

Eternal Spirit of Justice and Love,

At this time of Thanksgiving we would be aware of our dependence on the earth and on the sustaining presence of other human beings both living and gone before us.

As we partake of bread and wine, may we remember that there are many for whom sufficient bread is a luxury, or for whom wine, when attainable, is only an escape. Let our thanksgiving for Life's bounty include a commitment to changing the world, that those who are now hungry may be filled and those without hope may be given courage.

**Amen. -- Congregation of Abraxas.**