



DECEMBER 2007

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.

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 16, 2008

Pride Mass on the Friday night before PRIDE weekend.

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

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2007
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Posada starts at 7:15pm, Potluck at 7:45pm

Posada and Potluck

Join Comunidad on **Tuesday, December 4th** for Posada, as we make a journey similar to Mary and Joseph's, but looking for a place to be welcomed as Gay and Lesbian Catholics. At the end of our journey we will find acceptance and a potluck celebration. Please bring a dish to share and drop it off at the Hall before our Posada. Our journey will begin outside the main doors to **Gerald Meisel Hall @ 7:15PM**. As always, all are welcome.

Wear Your Colors

Wear your Comunidad shirt on **Solidarity Sunday, December 2**. T-shirts are available for \$10.00 in Medium, Large, XL and XXL; call Tony 562 439-0531.

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.

Gay & Lesbian Conference

The National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries (NACDLGM) will hold its **2008 National Conference in Long Beach, September 18-21 on the Queen Mary**.

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 December meeting to help with collections after Mass.

Parish Advent Potluck

The Peace and Justice group at St. Matthew's is organizing a parish potluck on December 3rd at 6:00PM. Please join us and bring a dish to share at this annual parish gathering during Advent.

**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6 (NRSV)