



ST. MATTHEW PARISH REGISTRATION

If you attend Mass here at St. Matthew, we encourage you to register with us. Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out the simple registration form. We urge you to get involved with our ministries and, as a stewardship parish, ask that you use your Offertory envelopes. **If you are not a registered and active member of our parish, Baptisms, Marriages, Sponsor Certificates and other documents needed from the Church will take longer to obtain and, in some cases, not possible. You must be attending Mass regularly and be an active member within the parish.** If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (954) 458-1590. Thank you.

BAPTISMS AT ST. MATTHEW



Baptisms in English take place on the third Saturday of each month. Baptisms in Spanish take place on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, **November through May.** If you would like to have your child baptized call the Parish Office. **To have your child baptized here at St. Matthew, you must be a registered parishioner. PLEASE NOTE:** There is an eight week waiting period from the date of registration before a baptism date can be set.



**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
April 1, 2007**

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
- Isaiah 50:7a

PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.



The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found at each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Lk 24:1-12
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24: 1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

Thursday, April 5, 2007 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
 EM: M & R Dennard, Jose & Judith Sanchez
 Lectors: G Barbieri & F Perlaez
Friday, April 6, 2007 Liturgy of the Passion/Eucharist 7:00 PM
 EM: M & R Dennard, A LunaVictoria, O Valdivia
 Lectors: A Dunn & R Paiz
Saturday, April 7, 2007 Easter Vigil 7:00 PM
 EM: P Berman, M & R Dennard, R Paiz
 Lector: B Woroniecki
Sunday, April 8, 2007 Easter Sunday
 8:30 AM EM: J Baumgartner, M & R Dennard, G Ippolito, B Levine
 Lector: A Lombardo
 10:00 AM EM: R Barton, B D'Amour, B Jenkins, C MacMurtrie, G Sarta Lector: G Barbieri
 11:30 AM EM: R Bergouignan, P Berman, C Gomez, R Paiz
 Lector: A Dunn
 1:00 PM A LunaVictoria, O Muniz, M Trujillo
 Lector: P Gamboa & P Palacios

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE APRIL SCHEDULE IN THE SACRISTY THIS WEEKEND... thank you.

If you have questions, contact Raymond or Mairiam at 954-458-1989.



We are again accepting donations of vitamins, Tylenol, and other "over the counter" medications for a mission group to deliver to the poor overseas. If you can help by donating any of these items: vitamins, Tylenol, cough and cold medication and the like, please bring these items by the Parish Office Mon. through Fri., 9am - 12 pm or 1pm - 3pm. Call 954-458-1590 with any questions.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next (and last) general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew has been RE-SCHEDULED for **April 17, 2007 at 7 PM in Parish Hall.** Please make a note on your calendars and bring a friend to the meeting.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Mondays from 7:30 to 10 AM.

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S PRAYER MUFFIN

Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 AM in Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

ST. MATTHEW CRAFTMAKERS

St. Matthew Craftmakers meet every Monday at 9:30 AM in Rose Hall.

LEGION OF MARY

Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 9:30AM in Rose Hall.

BINGO BRUNCH BRIGADE

BINGO is held every Wednesday year round....doors open at 10:00 AM and games begin at 11:00 AM. Lunch is provided for \$1.00. Coffee is available until 11:00 AM.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Meetings are held Thursday evenings at 7 PM in Parish Hall; the topic is "Praying with the Scriptures during Lent."

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER GROUP

All are welcome Thursdays at 10:00AM in Rose Hall.

ST. MATTHEW WISH LIST

Painting of the Church and Parish buildings Six aluminum picnic tables
 Underground sprinkler system



Bring a smile to a family at Easter. If you or someone you know would like to "Adopt A Family" for Easter, donations will be distributed this Sunday, April 1, 2007 in the Gazebo area after the Sunday morning Masses. Gift certificates from Winn Dixie and Publix are most welcome for these families who would not have an Easter dinner without your help. We are also looking for donations of chocolate Easter bunnies for the children. Family of 4: \$40.00 Family of 6: \$60.00 Family of 8: \$80.00 More than 8: \$100.00 Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



BOLETIN HISPANO

DOMINGO DE RAMOS: "Señor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuerdate de mi", dijo uno de los ladrones. Jesús le contestó: "Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso".

Seguimos necesitando personas voluntarias para enseñar inglés. Llamar a la oficina de la parroquia al (954) 458-1590

MUJERES Y HOMBRES DE SAN MATEO: El próximo y la última reunión ha sido cambiada para el 17 de Abril, 2007 a las 7 PM, en el salón de la parroquia.
 JUEVES SANTO: Misa de la CENA DEL SEÑOR: 7 PM (bilingual)
 VIERNES SANTO: Estaciones de la Cruz a las 12:00 del día. y Liturgia de la Pasión a las 7 PM (bilingual). EL PROXIMO 6 DE ABRIL: VIERNES SANTO, HABRA UN VIA CRUCIX A LAS 8:15 PM EN ESPANOL. TODOS ESTAN INVITADOS Y ADVISEN A FAMILIARES Y AMIGOS.
 SABADO SANTO: Vigilia Pascual a las 7 PM (bilingual)
 DOMINGO DE PASCUA: Misa hispana, a la 1 PM
 OREMOS: por todas las personas que se encuentran en las Fuerzas Armadas, especialmente familiares de feligreses de nuestra parroquia, para que regresen pronto a sus respectivos hogares. Ellos son: Anthony Acebo, Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramires, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, William Engels y Sebastian Rojas.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 5, 2007
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM
Bilingual
Good Friday, April 6, 2007
The Passion of the Lord 7PM
Bilingual
Holy Saturday, April 7, 2007
Bilingual

Easter Sunday Masses April 8, 2007
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
1:00 PM in Spanish
No evening Mass

Confessions: Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 3:00 PM
Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4 from 9 - 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP: "Sharing God's Gifts"

As Catholics, we give in gratitude for what God has given to us; this is what motivates us. We give because of faithfulness.

The offertory collection for March 25, 2007 was \$9,501.00 and 214 envelopes were used. The weekly collection must be \$7,993.00 in order for St. Matthew Parish to meet our operating expenses: utilities, assessments, etc. In using your offertory envelopes each week, please make sure your envelope number is listed on it. If you do not know your envelope number, please call the Parish Office and we will gladly give it to you. If you are currently receiving offertory envelopes in the mail and are not using them each week, please call the Parish Office.



Please keep those in the armed forces in your prayers. Lord, watch over them and bring them home safely. We especially pray for Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramires, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, William Engels and Anthony Acebo, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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BINGO VOLUNTEER NEEDED HERE AT ST. MATTHEW



An alternate caller is needed for Bingo on Wednesdays. If you think you'd like to volunteer for this job, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration.



Our parish is in the process of forming the ST. MATTHEW ALTAR SOCIETY. If you are interested in helping to prepare for the various liturgies we have here, the daily Masses, etc., please sign up in the folder at the back of the Church or call the Parish Office. Your donation of time & talent is much appreciated.

The St. Matthew Craftmakers are still in need of donations of wool for knitting and crocheting projects. They meet every Monday at 9:30 AM in Rose Hall. Thank you.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE SAID EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CHURCH. JOIN US.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

What day is today? Ask most folks strolling home from Church today and they will reply "Palm Sunday." Not too long ago, today was known as the "Second Sunday of the Passion," and in 1970 it was renamed "Passion Sunday." This makes some sense, since the procession recalling Christ's entry into Jerusalem is usually only celebrated once in a parish on this day, but the Passion is proclaimed solemnly at every liturgy. In the United States today, most worshippers are provided with palm branches, although in northern Europe pussy willows are favored, and in Italy olive branches are the norm.

When our calendar was reformed, the entire structure of the week to come was revised and given a new name, "Passion Week." Most people cling to the older name, "Holy Week," the last few days of the Lenten journey. The major benefit of the restructuring of our calendar is to help us see that the Triduum, the great three days beginning at sunset this Thursday and extending until sunset on Easter Sunday, is at the heart of the Christian life.

Today, as you ponder the Lord's Passion, you may consider your response to so great a gift. Centuries ago, good Christians vowed to go on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Today, at least once in your lifetime, promise to participate faithfully in the liturgies. Now begins the Church's annual baptismal retreat: don't be left out!
-James Field, Copyright, JS Paluch Co.

The Legion of Mary says the Rosary every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass during the season of Lent. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY Collection, APRIL 6, 2007 for The Commissariat of the Holy Land
On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

www.myfranciscan.org

Kindly remember in your prayers the sick people of our parish, people



confined to their homes, hospitals and nursing homes especially: Josephine Broccoli, Jack Talavera, Donna Irish, Victoria Otero, Santo Bettina, Donna M. DePierro, Jean Galgano, Loretta Palis, Mary Caccese, Daniel

Bzyschuk, Jack Fogarty, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinki, the Demarzio family, Ceil Gable, Ulisia Bisia, Marie Casani, Wm Rodriguez, Vincent Anania, Patricia Ferro, Oneida Matos, Carola Morel, Jose Mitjans, Donna Brinkerhoff, Marie Schlenz, Ana Fernandez, Dr. Jack Bascove, Félix Gonzalez Jr., Sharon Kilculen, Regina, Lauren Salco, Frank Hayes, Damon Andrews, Rita Emillo, Judith Mehr, Manuel Soto, Jorge L. Bagan, Robert Gross, David Denglie, Hilda del Toro, Gasper Patrico, Catherine Becker, Walter & Sophie Temchuk, Robert Friedel, Howard Perlman, Katherine Leone, Grace Guidone, Howard & Gerry Gruenwald, Agatha May, Claudia Tierre, Linda Reyes, Cindy Morrow, Mary Muchmore, Donald Van Loan, Donald Ruth, Cynthia Cameau, Colleen Myers, Pilar Sanchez, Fr. Basil Congro, Neyda Martinez, Lawrence Rafferty, Anne Gedalye, Sr. Catherine Hunt, Jacqueline Cascione, Anthony Del Gatti, Dee Schepps, Anita Albano, Carlos Balarezo, Gloria Zambrano, Conrado Mazpule, Christopher Porzio, Minerva Carmona, Bonnie Gauthier, Robert Valentino, Zachary Golstein, Mike Sands, Theresa Varese, Giancarlo Debattiste, Marco Rojas, Tom Silviera, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Baby Sarah Smith, Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Allen Muniz, Yone Takaoka, Hailey Plunkett, Ernest Brinkerhoff, Edwin Zephirin, Dawn Scola, Dorothy Findly, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio, Rose Mangiaracina, Cathryn Cole, Aleida Gonzalez, Francis & Jennie DeGregoria, Arthur Anderson, Anthony Marchitello and Pat Locatelli.

Also, please pray for those who have died, especially Joseph Amunategui, Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 31, 2007

4:00 PM †Margaret Murphy
†Vincent Moschella
†Salvatore Pellettiere
†Vito Consoli

Sunday, April 1, 2007

8:30 AM †Paul Sheehan
†Isaura Martins
†Waino & John Pesola
†Joseph, Rosalia & Bianca Cirrione
†Fred Tetti
10:00 AM †The Rocco Tarullo & Jos. LaBanca Families
†Anna Cicero
†James Russo
11:30 AM †Frank & Roseann DeVito
†Fred & Margie Vaccaro
†John Schardt, NY Fireman died 9/11
1:00 PM †Dean Richard Nencescue
6:00 PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory Parishioners of St. Matthew

Monday, April 2, 2007

8:30 AM †Irena Rafalski
†Holy Souls in Purgatory
†Marie Alongi
Roland & Marilyn Brandt (L)

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

8:30 AM †Eileen Fee
†The Zoomis Family
The Berrini Family (L)

Wednesday, April 4, 2007

8:30 AM †Ruth Martinez
†Grace Zafonte
†Marilyn Stowell
†Anthony DiBella

Thursday, April 5, 2007

No morning Mass
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 6, 2007

No morning Mass
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion/Eucharist
8:15 PM Via Crucis (Espanol)

Saturday, April 7, 2007

No morning Mass
7:00 PM Easter Vigil
PLEASE REMEMBER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI/ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

Thank you to everyone who came together to make the 40th Anniversary celebration for Fr. Quinn last weekend so memorable. The liturgies were beautiful and the receptions that followed were enjoyed by all. God bless you and yours.
Congratulations again, Fr. Quinn.