

A JUBILEE PRAYER

O God, as we celebrate the Jubilee Year may we always rejoice in your love. Through the intercession of Mary and in union with the Apostles, Martyrs and righteous of every age may this year be a time of grace, consolation, and peace for all who walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

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Walking in the Light of Christ 50 Years

DECEMBER 2, 2007 TEACHING:**THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

The liturgical calendar is a way of making time, an essential part of creation, sacred. This highly developed structure that encompasses the entire year did not exist in the early Church. Sunday, the day for celebration of the Eucharist, contained the essential elements of the entire year - the Passion, Death, and Resurrection - so the "paschal festival" was renewed every Sunday. On the annual anniversary, though, the day would be celebrated with great solemnity, and eventually Easter became the focal point of the liturgical year. The feast of Easter was clearly linked to that of the Pentecost, the festival celebrating the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, fifty days after Easter.

Today, some feast days are fixed while others are based on seasonal changes and moon phases. For instance, the date for Easter is linked to the spring equinox. Every year, the date changes - Easter Sunday always occurs on the Sunday after the full moon following the equinox. Christmas, however, is fixed on December 25th. This means that the liturgical calendar fluctuates from year to year.

Furthermore, the Church year consists of two distinct cycles, the temporal cycle and the sanctoral cycle. The temporal cycle is a series of solemn events celebrating the mystery of Christ - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter - divided into two cycles (the Christmas cycle and the Easter cycle), plus what the Church calls ordinary time, or the remainder of the year. The sanctoral cycle includes all the saints' feast days and many of the Marian feast days.

BOLETIN HISPANO

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO: Jesús dijo que el Hijo del Hombre vendrá y nadie sabrá cuándo. Por eso, toda la gente debe estar preparada.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE: El próximo domingo 9 de Diciembre, 2007, nuestra misa hispana es en honor de la Patrona de Mejiico "La Virgen de Guadalupe". No dejen de asistir!!!

Comenzamos a coleccionar juguetes para repartir a los niños hasta a 12 años en el día de los " Reyes Magos". Entregarlos a la Sra. Aurora y gracias por su ayuda.

En el día de hoy y después de cada misa estarán a la venta artículos religiosos.

MUJERES Y HOMBRES DE SAN MATEO: Nuestra próxima reunión será el martes 11 de Diciembre, 2007 a las 7:00 PM. Todos están invitados y traiga a un amigo!!

OREMOS: Por todas las personas que se encuentran en las Fuerzas Armadas, especialmente familiares de nuestros feligreses, para que regresen pronto a sus respectivos hogares. Ellos son: Anthony Acebo, Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramirez, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Jesse Maneville, William Engels, Sebastian Rojas, Randolph, V. Lynd, Adriana Rengifo, Jennifer Philips, Nikolos Philips y Nathaniel Stone.



Father Quinn will be sending a series of letters to each family in our parish over the next few weeks. The letters will be asking you to consider a modest increase in your weekly offertory donations. Please pray for the success of this campaign.

Religious articles will be on sale after all the Sunday masses today. Please stop by the table outside of Church to see what's available. They have some beautiful items & you'll be supporting your parish!

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

Please note on your calendars - The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Parish Hall. All are welcome ... and please bring a friend.

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 Mondays 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 11AM.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 7PM in Parish Hall.

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER GROUP

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, December 8, 2007

4:00 PM EM: M. Cardamone, B. D'Amour, G. Sarta LECTOR: A. Lombardo

Sun. December 9, 2007

8:30 AM EM: M. & R. Dennard, B. Levine LECTOR: T. Altieri

10:00 AM EM: G. Ippolito, B. & H. Ortiz LECTOR: B. Jenkins

11:30 AM EM: R. Bergouignan, P. Berman, R. Paiz LECTOR: G. Barbieri

1:00 PM EM: L. Corriedor, A. Luna Victoria, M. Trujillo LECTOR: J. & J. Sanchez

6:00 PM EM: L. Gomez, A. Salamone LECTOR: G. Diaz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2 -6; Mt 8:5 -11

Tuesday: Is 11:1 -10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1 -6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17 -24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3 -6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 11:1 -10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4 -9; Mt 3:1-12

A special collection to assist the Church in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Cuba in their efforts to recover from Tropical Storm Noel and to bring solace, care and support to the faithful. The collection will be taken up in all parishes and missions of the Archdiocese of Miami over the weekend of December 1st & 2nd, 2007.



St. Matthew Parish BASKET OF CHEER
Tickets 6 for \$5.00 sold outside Church on weekends
DRAWING will take place December 9, 2007 in Church
after the 10:00 AM Mass
ALL TOP SHELF NAME BRAND LIQUOR
Basket displayed outside Church where tickets are being sold

ST. MATTHEW CRAFTMAKERS BAZAAR - A HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you to all who supported the Craftmakers Bazaar on Sunday, November 18th. Thank you to Barbara Woroniecki and all her 'Crafters' for their donation of time and talent in making the beautiful goods that were available for purchase. Thank you, as well, to all those who purchased these lovely items, whether they be for yourself or to be used as Christmas gifts. Due to all your participation, this fundraiser was a great success!

**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.

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 November 25, 2007 was \$6,873.25 with 208 envelopes being used out of 332. 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.

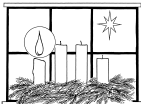
Kindly remember in your prayers the sick people of our parish, people



confined to their homes, hospitals and nursing homes especially: Josephine Broccoli, Jack Talavera, Donna Irish, Victoria Otero, Santo Bettina, Donna M. DePiero, Jean Galgano, Loretta Palis, Mary Caccese, Daniel Bzyschuk, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinki, the Demarzio family, Ceil Gable, Ulisia Bisia, Marie Casani, 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 Emilio, Judith Mehr, Manuel Soto, Jorge L. Bagan, Robert Gross, Hilda del Toro, Gasper Patricio, Catherine Becker, Walter Temchuk, Robert Friedel, Howard Perlman, Katherine Leone, Grace Guidone, Howard & Gerry Gruenwald, Agatha May, Claudia Tierre, Linda Reyes, Mary Muchmore, Donald Van Loan, Cynthia Cameau, Colleen Myers, Pilar Sanchez, Fr. Basil Congo, Neyda Martinez, Lawrence Rafferty, Anne Gedalye, Sr. Catherine Hunt, Anthony Del Gatti, Dee Schepps, Anita Albano, Carlos Balarezo, Gloria Zambrano, Conrado Mazpule, Christopher Porzio, Minerva Carmona, Bonnie Gauthier, Robert Valentino, Zachary Golstein, Theresa Varese, Giancarlo Debatistte, Marco Rojas, Tom Silviera, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Allen Muniz, Hailey Plunkett, Dawn Scola, Dorothy Findlay, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio, Rose Mangiaracina, Cathryn Cole, Aleida Gonzalez, Jennie DeGregoria, Arthur Anderson, Anthony Marchitello, Pat Locatelli, Liramaria Kolski, Rose Lisi, Ann Rasmussen, Isabela Dodson, Steven Cinque, Aliye Jafer, Fr. Kenneth Paulli, Onelia Mazpule, Isabel Levi, Rosalie Russo, Emmett Carney, Aracely Santamaria, Edward Kavoosi, John Bascietto, Renee Ochoode Rios, Oscar Rios Alzamora, Maria Kubilskis, Jim Hutton, Giacomino Marsico, Evelyn T. Gallagher, Virginia Calderon, Jacki Smith, John Catalano, Dolores Chipola, Patricia Wallman, Millicent Eutor, Fr. Gonzalo Valdivieso (Dominican priest), Phyllis Singer, Elvira Schuster, Martin Cohen, Edward Ferri and Janice Turner.

And for those who have died.



First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2007

"You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

- Matthew 24:44

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Collection Date: December 8th and 9th, 2007

Dear Pastor:

If only we all prepared as best we could for what the signs of the times tell us will occur. What historic event - from the outpouring of Vesuvius onto Pompeii to the carnage of 9/11 - has not, in retrospect, been found to have hinted in large ways and small of its coming. How many times has the alarm failed to sound? How many times have human beings suffered because they have not prepared?

For countless reasons - including those we attribute to socio-economic conditions, as well as faith-inspired decisions - we fail to prepare for situations that we must ultimately confront. Perhaps we could have made wiser choices. Perhaps there were times when we simply didn't pay enough attention. In facing the consequences of our actions and choices, we ask only that our humanity be respected and our dignity preserved.

Our religious sisters, brothers, and order priests who have dedicated their lives to ministry put their need before us only with the greatest reluctance. Even now, with the majority of their number past their sixth decade and their projected unfunded retirement in the billions, women and men religious wish to serve others rather than plead for themselves.

Let us speak for them. Please support the annual appeal that will be conducted in our Archdiocese on December 9, 2007.

Your brother in Christ,

John C. Favalora, Archbishop of Miami



Saturday, December 8th, 2007 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be a 7:00 PM Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7 and the 9:00 AM Mass on the feast day itself, Dec. 8th.

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, Jesse Maneville, William Engels, Anthony Acebo, Randolph V. Lynd, Adriana Rengifo, Jennifer Philips, Nikolos Philips and Nathaniel Stone, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 1, 2007

4:00 PM †John Aleski by Celeste Bruns

Sunday, December 2, 2007

8:30 AM †Deceased Members of the Ditrano & Petraitis families by Anita Ditrano

10:00AM †Andres & Aurora Boton by Beatriz Boton

†Oscar Mir by His wife, Yonida

†Evelyn Denmark by the Allen Family

11:30 AM †Charles Elsen by his parents

†Joan Prisco by Mike & Mary Lou Toomey

†Susan Smith by Mike & Mary Lou Toomey

1:00 PM †Ed Marquez by Myriam Marquez

6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn

Monday, December 3, 2007

8:30 AM †Mary Ann Lisi by a friend

†Joel Trudeau by Ginny & Gerry Lanzilotti

Regina Macfarlane (L) by her sister

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

8:30 AM †Peter & Molly DiCarlo by Leo DiCarlo

†Ruth Martinez by Gus Martinez

†Grace Zafonte by Cheryl Zafonte

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

8:30 AM †John Pesola by his wife, Elena

†Robert Halik by the Renner Family

†Bienvenida Bruselas by Fely Carreras

Thursday, December 6, 2007

8:30 AM †Hortensia Reyes by Elena Pesola

†Frances Satta by Russell Tarvis

†Honorable Francis G. Poitras by Leo DiCarlo

Friday, December 7, 2007

8:30 AM †Holy Souls in Purgatory by Marie Smith

†Edward & Donna Weichart by M/M B. D'Amour

†Anna C. Re by Joseph Re

7:00 PM Vigil for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8, 2007

9:00 AM †The Dadio Family

†Bob & Kathy Ladwig by Bob & Mary Martinez

PLEASE REMEMBER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI/ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YOUR



ST. MATTHEW PARISH "ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS" and CHRISTMAS TREE ANGELS

It is that time of year to "Adopt A Family for Christmas" and the collection of Christmas gifts for the needy children of St. Matthew Parish. Let your hearts guide you this Christmas in donating to those children in our community who will not have a Christmas without your generosity. Please take an angel from the tree; the information on your child will be on the reverse side of your angel. STM Outreach will also be providing complete Christmas dinners to needy families through your donations. Please drop off your gifts to Betty Dadio (box in the back of Church) or the Parish Office (M-F 9am-12pm & 1-3pm). God bless you. Distribution Date: Sunday, December 16, 2007 in the Gazebo area.

ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Terri Andretta, D.R.E.

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Classes will resume December 8th. **ALL CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND 9:00 AM MASS ON DEC. 8TH! THIS IS MANDATORY AS DEC. 8TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

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.