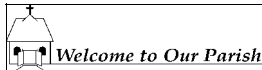


ST. MATTHEW PARISH REGISTRATION



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.

We welcome to the parish family of St. Matthew: Ana Isabel Pena, M/M J. Romero, Alexa Boothman, M/M O. Prieto, M/M J. Barrial, M/M J. Zero Garcia, M/M M. Matiz and Lisa Llanos.



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 at 954-458-1590. **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.



First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2006

*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.*

- Jeremiah 33:15

THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming - the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.



Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians - and all of us - to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

BOLETIN HISPANO

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO: Habrá muchas señales en los cielos y en la tierra cuando el Hijo del Hombre venga en su gloria. Por tanto, debemos estar vigilantes y listos para que cuando él venga, podamos comparecer seguros ante el Señor.



Hemos estado observando que los sanitarios de la Iglesia, han sido autografiados con palabras obscenas y les pedimos a toda nuestra comunidad que nos informen de saber quién lo hace comuníquese con la Sra. Aurora y les estaremos muy agradecidos.!!!

En el día de hoy serán bendecidos los Pesebres con San José y La Virgen. El domingo 8 de Diciembre, 2006 se celebrará a las 8:00 PM una misa en honor de La Inmaculada Concepción. No dejen de asistir.!!!

El domingo 10 de Diciembre, 2006 y en honor de La Virgen de Guadalupe nuestra misa de la 1:00 PM es en su Honor y también serán bendecidas Las novenas de Navidad.

Para las señoras que están esperando bebés, nuestra misa del domingo 17 de Diciembre, 2006, 1:00 PM serán bendecidas todas las que estén embarazadas.!!!

Ya empezamos a coleccionar los juguetes para la repartición, en el día de los Reyes Magos. Ver a la Sra. Aurora a la salida de misa.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew will take place on **Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:00 PM in Parish Hall**. This month's program: Arts & Crafts Christmas Project, Game Night, Refreshments. Everyone is welcome & bring a friend. **The first Parish Festival meeting will be held prior to this at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall.** Everyone involved is asked to attend this 45 minute meeting.

ENGLISH CLASSES

Benjamin and Elsa Bolet instruct classes to learn the English language Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Parish Hall.

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. Please feel free to join this creative group.

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 suspended temporarily until further notice. Please watch the bulletin for further details on when they will resume or call the Parish Office.

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER GROUP

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called "penal" days, extending from 1691 to the "Catholic Emancipation" in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.



The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2006

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

The Mass schedule is as follows:

*Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 PM Vigil Mass
Friday, December 8th at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM*



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Showroom: 954-457-7638

ST MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH WISH LIST



- Wrought iron electric votive light stand
- Electrician - donation of time
- Underground sprinkler system
- Landscaping

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 19, 2006 was \$7,129.75 (225 envelopes used). The offertory collection for November 26, 2006 was \$5,362.00 (220 envelopes 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, Jauter Arrocho, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramirez, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR SCHEDULE

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Sat., December 2 4:00 PM	Bernie D'Amour Grace Sarta Luis Gomez	Alice Lombardo
Sun., December 3 8:30 AM	Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Betty Levine	Barbara Woroniecki
10:00 AM	Rita Barton Rosario Bergouignan Gloria Ippolito	Guy Barbieri
11:30 AM	Rosario Bergouignan Richard Paiz Pauline Berman	Debbie Sexton
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Olga Muniz Nery Taboada	Jose Taboada Olga Valdivia
6:00 PM	John George Kevin George	Gina Diaz
Thurs., December 7 7:00 PM	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Luis Gomez	<u>Lectors</u> Barbara Woroniecki
Friday, December 8 7:00 PM	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Terese Altieri Lucila Corredor Betty Levine	<u>Lectors</u> Guy Barbieri Magally Vasquez
Sat., December 9 4:00 PM	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Bernie D'Amour Rita Barton Grace Sarta	<u>Lectors</u> Kathy Lohse
Sun., December 10 8:30 AM	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Terese Altieri Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard	<u>Lectors</u> Alice Lombardo
10:00 AM	Rita Barton Rosario Bergouignan Luis Gomez	Gloria Ippolito
11:30 AM	Pauline Berman Richard Paiz No EM assigned	Audrey Dunn
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Nieves Palacios Maria Trujillo	Olga Muniz
6:00 PM	John George Kevin George	Gina Diaz

If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.
Thank you for all you do for St. Matthew Parish.



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to our special Indians & Pilgrims who participated in the Thanksgiving Vigil Mass - GOOD JOB!
If you have any questions about CCD, please call the DRE, Terri Andretta at 954-458-3600 * 954-579-0197 * 954-252-5436

*Memo from Betty Dadio and the OUTREACH Ministry
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 own 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 (CONT'D..)



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 Marie DePierro, Jean Galgano, Vitana Milano, 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 Luis 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, Jack DiFranco, 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, Mildred DeGregoria, 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 Silveira, Eddie Massa, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Lorraine Marie Victory, Baby Sarah Smith, Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Anthony Alfieri, Margrid Honig, Allen Muniz, Kay Sagarino and Yone Takaoka.
Please pray for those who have died, especially Anna M. Morato.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 2, 2006

4:00 PM †Jacqueline Mirambeau
†Enzo Gallo

Sunday, December 3, 2006

8:30 AM †Anna & Alexander Petraits
Parishioners of St. Matthew
10:00AM †Fran Fallacaro
†Doug Nangano, Jr.
11:30 AM †Joseph Scavo
†Evelyn Hoglen
†Charles Elsen
1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew
6:00 PM †Helen Ricci (2nd anniversary)
†James Sharkey

Monday, December 4, 2006

8:30 AM †Peter & Molly DiCarlo
†Ruth Martinez
†Grace Zafonte

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

8:30 AM †Richard McGrory
†Paul Rico
In thanksgiving to Baby Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

8:30 AM †The Bruce Family
†The McCormick Family
In thanksgiving to St. Jude

Thursday, December 7, 2006

8:30 AM †Anna C. Re
†Edward Weichart
†Maureen Morris & Joseph Quinn

Friday, December 8, 2006

8:30 AM †Vito Vetro & family
†Edward Coury
†Aida Maryland

Saturday, December 9, 2006

9:00 AM †Sophie McKinley
PLEASE REMEMBER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI/ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



(CONT'D..) 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 9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. God bless you. Distribution Date: Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 in the Gazebo area.