

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.

Archdiocese of Miami 1958-2008

Walking in the Light of Christ 50 Years

DECEMBER 9, 2007 TEACHING:**ADVENT: A TIME EXPECTATION**

The Church year begins with the Christmas cycle, which encompasses the events surrounding Jesus' birth. The Christmas cycle begins with Advent (which starts in late November) and with the baptism of the Lord (third Sunday after Christmas), which celebrates the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

Advent is a four-week season that anticipates the upcoming birth of Christ; *advent* literally means "arrival." Advent is a season of preparation, which begins on the Sunday closest to November 30, the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle. Advent is a season of mixed themes - of both penance and joy. The Advent wreath, with its four candles, symbolizes the end of darkness and the turning toward light in the coming of the Lord.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - Share in the Care

Collection Date: December 8th and 9th, 2007

The Catholic Church assists the financial need of elderly religious through the national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Today, 5,452 women and men religious need skilled nursing care that costs an average of \$49,850 each. Please be generous. To learn more about this appeal, visit www.retiredreligious.org

BOLETIN HISPANO

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO: Juan Bautista exclamaba en el desierto de Judea: "Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca". Mucha gente pidió el bautismo y la conversión para esperar al que vendría a bautizar en el Espíritu Santo.

Nuestra misa de hoy es en honor de "NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE", patrona de

Mejico!!!!

DIA DE NAVIDAD: Estamos colectando juguetes para repartir a los niños hasta 12 años. Dentro de éste boletín encontrará una planilla para su donación y entregarla en la oficina de la parroquia, así como seguimos colectando juguetes para repartir el DIA DE REYES. Ver a la Sra. Aurora a la salida de misa.

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.



Thank you to all who purchased chances for the St. Matthew Parish BASKET OF CHEER DRAWING: Dec. 9, 2007 in Church after 10:00 AM Mass WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PARISH FUNDRAISER!

Thank you for your support of the Religious Articles and Bake Sale last weekend. It was a nice success due to the efforts of Annie and her volunteers, those who baked goods, those who made purchases - whether of religious articles or the delicious sweets. THANK YOU ALL!

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

Please note on your calendars - Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall there will be a meeting regarding the 2008 Parish Festival here at St. Matthew. The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew will follow 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 Parish 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.

ASCENDING LIFE

This ministry meets on a monthly basis. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, December 7, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, December 15, 2007

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

Sun. December 16, 2007

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

10:00 AM EM: B. Jenkins, C. McMurtrie, H. Ortiz LECTOR: B. Ortiz

11:30 AM EM: R. Bergouignan, P. Berman, C. Gomez LECTOR: A. Dunn

1:00 PM EM: A. Luna Victoria, R. Paiz, O. Valdivia LECTOR: D. Asca, F. Perlaez

6:00 PM EM: L. Gomez, P. Palacios, A. Salamone LECTOR: N. Palacios

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
DIPLOMAT JEWELRY

JEWELRY APPRAISALS

Repairs Are Our Specialty

JEWELRY & WATCH REPAIR DONE ON PREMISES
800 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd. Sage Plaza 954-456-0780

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1 -11; Mt 18; 12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1 -6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1 -6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7 -10; Mt 11:2 -11

Thank you for your support in the special collection last weekend 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 in these communities.

**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 & 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 & be an active member within the parish. Call the Parish Office at 954-458-1590.**

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 December 2, 2007 was \$7,200.00 with 156 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. DePierro, 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 Emillo, Judith Mehr, Manuel Soto, Jorge L. Bagan, Robert Gross, Hilda del Toro, Gasper Patrico, 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 Congro, 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 DeBattiste, Marco Rojas, Tom Silveira, 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 Scolia, Dorothy Findlay, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio, Rose Mangiaracina, Cathryn Cole, Aleida Gonzalez, Jennie DeGregoria, Arthur Anderson, Anthony Marchitello, Pat Locatelli, Liramaría Kolski, Rose Lisi, Ann Rasmussen, Isabela Dodson, Steven Cinque, Aliye Jafer, Fr. Kenneth Pauli, Onelia Mazpule, Isabel Levi, Rosalie Russo, Emmett Carney, Aracely Santamaria, Edward Kavooosi, John Bascietto, Renee Ochoode Rios, Oscar Rios Alzamora, Maria Kubilskis, Jim Hutton, Giacomo 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 and Janice Turner.

And for those who have died, especially Edward Ferri.

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2007

"The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.

- Isaiah 11:9



This week we will launch what we call our **INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN**. The Appeal has two purposes. One, to encourage every family in the parish to make use of our envelope system. This alone will go a long way toward stabilizing our income making it possible to budget and plan more effectively and efficiently.

You would be amazed at how our weekly income varies from week to week. For the most part, these ups and downs are caused by those families that do not use the weekly envelopes.

So our first major objective is to have all families giving a regular amount each week utilizing the envelopes.

Our second and also major objective is to ask all those who are already using the envelopes to consider a slight increase in what they are now giving.

Perhaps the best part of our Campaign is that we plan to conduct the entire Appeal through the mail. I don't think it will become necessary to have a door-to-door canvass of the entire parish.

The entire Appeal will be conducted on a very confidential basis with letters from me to each parishioner. The amount of your weekly offering will be discussed privately between you and me.

The first letter officially announcing the Appeal was mailed earlier this week. If you can assist, it will be greatly appreciated.

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 8, 2007

4:00 PM †Anthony Guidone by Grace Guidone
†Roscoe Smith by the Ippolito Family

Sunday, December 9, 2007

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn
10:00AM †Josephine Emanuele by Madeline Emanuele
†Oscar Mir by His wife, Yonida
†Forrest Spence by the Allen Family
11:30 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn
1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn
6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn

Monday, December 10, 2007

8:30 AM †Roscoe Smith by a friend
†Joel Trudeau by Don & Donna Lucarelli
Regina Macfarlane (L) by her sister

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

8:30 AM †Frances Satta by Lallman Ramdin
†Mary Ann Lisi by the Ippolito Family
†Adelaida de Guzman by Fely Carreras

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

8:30 AM In thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Honey Skelly
†Max A. Lexis - anonymous
†Ceci - anonymous
Ray Barone (LIVING) by Jane O'Loughlin

Thursday, December 13, 2007

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Francis by Honey Skelly
†Patricia Taylor by Linda & Family
†The Lue Chong Family - anonymous

Friday, December 14, 2007

8:30 AM †Norma Nolan by Fausto & Carmen Gomez
†Frantz Cameau by Kettly Cameau
†Isabel - anonymous

Saturday, December 15, 2007

9:00 AM †Jenny - anonymous
†Roscoe Smith by his wife, Marie

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

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 DEPT.



Terri Andretta, D.R.E.

954-458-3600 * 954-579-0197 * 954-252-5436

Classes on Saturday, December 15th: Please be on time as we will be performing our annual Christmas play. Parents are invited with cameras; refreshments will be served after the performance.

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.**