

ST. MATTHEW PARISH REGISTRATION



Welcome to Our Parish

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: Lori Hernandez, Ignacio Cotto and Rose Ann Villetta.*



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.



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2006**

Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever. - Baruch 3:1

PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.



Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song - "Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-3 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, # 707- 712
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
 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: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

BOLETIN HISPANO

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO: La palabra de Dios hablo a Juan. Desde ses momento, Juan comenzo a proclamar el bautismo de arrepentimiento. Se cumplio la profesia de Isaias. Una voz grita en el desierto: "Preparen el camino del Senor, hagan rectos sus senderos."



En el día de hoy, nuestra misa hispana es en Honor de NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE: Patrona de Mexico!!! Y seran bendecidas las Novenas de Navidad.

El proximo domingo 17 de Diciembre, 2006, seran bendecidas todas las Senoras que esten esperando bebes.

NOCHE DE NAVIDAD: El domingo 24 de Diciembre, 2006 a las 8:30 PM, tendremos Misa Hispana de Noche Buena, no dejen de asistir !!! DIA DE NAVIDAD: El lunes 25 de Diciembre, 2006 a la 1:00 PM seran Bendecidos los bebes y los Ninos Jesus de los Pesebes.

Seguimos colectando jugetes para el DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS, ver a la Senora Aurora a la salida de misa.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Parish Hall. The final Parish Festival meeting will be held prior to this at 6:00 PM. Please make a note of this and watch the bulletin for further details.

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.



*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 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.

Memo from the Office of Ascending Life ...

"ENRICHING THE LATER YEARS OF LIFE" A Special Day for Seniors, sponsored by the Ascending Life Office of the Archdiocese of Miami, will be held at St. Thomas University on Saturday, January 27, 2007. The day will include Mass at 11:00 AM at the Chapel with Lunch and Presentation in the Convocation Hall. For additional information, please call 305-279-8455.



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"A Reputation Earned ... Not inherited."

The following is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires [mention your request]

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 December 3, 2006 was \$6,167.50 (envelopes used 193). 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.

**Special Collection this weekend December 9 & 10
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

The average Catholic family spends \$12 per year on cookies, \$21 on potato chips, and \$29 on take-out coffee. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious average a little more than one dollar per year per adult Catholic. The RFR benefits more than 37,000 elderly men and women religious who received only small stipends for their decades of service. Your gift makes a difference!
Please give generously.

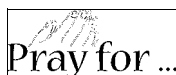
THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind. - St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sat., December 9	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
4:00 PM	Bernie D'Amour Rita Barton Grace Sarta	Kathy Lohse
Sun., December 10	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
8:30 AM	Terese Altieri Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard	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
Sat., December 16	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
4:00 PM	Bernie D'Amour Grace Sarta Barbara Woroniecki	Juli Anne Weichart
Sun., December 17	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
8:30 AM	Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Betty Levine	Terese Altieri
10:00 AM	Rita Barton Luis Gomez Patricio Palacios	Nieves Palacios
11:30 AM	Rosario Bergouignan Pauline Berman Richard Paiz	Guy Barbieri
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Jose Sanchez Maria Toro	Lucila Corredor Judith Sanchez
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.



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 Demazio 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 Comeau, 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 Silviera, 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, Yone Takaoka and Hailey Plunkett (2 years old).

Please pray for those who have died.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9, 2006

4:00 PM †Anthony & Teresa Guidone

Sunday, December 10, 2006

8:30 AM †Mr. & Mrs. Muszak

†Mr. & Mrs. Brasseur

†Rose DiBella Bellia

10:00AM †Gerard Baptiste

†Catherine Schrems

11:30 AM †James Sharkey

†Maria Cristina Rodriguez

†Martha O'Neil

1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew

6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew

Monday, December 11, 2006

8:30 AM †Antonio Cosantino

†Frank Notaro

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

8:30 AM †Geraldine Mendes

†Joseph Sorrentino

†Guillermo Someillan

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

8:30 AM †Evy Amovilla

†Luigi Torchetti

Matthew McKissack (L)

Thursday, December 14, 2006

8:30 AM †Joseph Pellegrino

Friday, December 15, 2006

8:30 AM †Steven Toal

†Millie Del Pilar

†Patricia Taylor

Saturday, December 16, 2006

9:00 AM †Elvira Lage

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



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have any questions about CCD, please call the Director, Terri Andretta at 954-458-3600 * 954-579-0197 * 954-252-5436

Happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door you didn't know you had left open. - Anonymous