

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 16, 2007 TEACHING: DEVOTIONAL HABITS OF THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

The family is the lifeblood and central unity of any Catholic parish. Indeed, the metaphor of family informs the entire structure of the Catholic Church. The family is an inviolable unit, one that - lived well - gives great strength, comfort, and support in faith and that leads to a happy, healthy life. It is no coincidence that the beginning of a family, matrimony is one of the seven sacraments of Catholicism.

THE BONDS OF PRAYER

Tying a Catholic family together are the bonds of prayer. Prayer brings holiness into the family and creates a ritualistic setting where the family can unite in their common wishes and their faith. Parents introduce their children to prayers at a young age, and children grow up with a deep connection to prayer as a form of communication with their family and with God.

A simple grace before every meal is one fine way to gently bring the Lord into daily life. Food means comfort and sustenance. It is important to remember that it doesn't get on the table by itself. The parents provided and cooked it. And God made the world from which the food springs. Thanking God is a good way to remind children not to take life for granted.

Also, many children are taught to say a simple prayer before going to bed. This simple ritual of saying a bedtime prayer helps them calm down, forms a lovely bond with their parents, and becomes a long-lasting tradition. Most important, it sets the stage for the development of faith as children grow older.

BOLETIN HISPANO**TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO:**

Juan Bautista envi6 a sus discipulos a preguntarle a Jes6s "Eres t6 el que ha de venir o tenemos que esperar a otro ?" Jes6s contest6 afirmativamente y les dijo: "Los ciegos ven, los cojos andan...y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio".

En nuestra misa de hoy se bendecir6n a todas las futuras mam6s que est6n esperando su beb6. Bienvenidas!!!!!!

Seguimos colectando juguetes para repartir a los ni6os hasta 12 a6os en el DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS. Agradecemos su donaci6n.

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.



Congratulations to Marcella Radovan, ticket # 848477
 Winner of the Basket of Cheer - the drawing was held Sunday, Dec. 9th after the 10:00 AM Mass
 Thank you to all who purchased chances for the St. Matthew Parish BASKET OF CHEER.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PARISH FUNDRAISER!
 Thank you to Kelly and Sean O'Reilly for all your work selling tickets for the Basket of Cheer. St. Matthew Parish appreciates your donation of time, talent and treasure. God bless you both!

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

Please note on your calendars - Tuesday, January 8, 2008 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 on the first Friday of every month at 9:30 AM in Parish Hall.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEK**Saturday, December 22, 2007**

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

Sun. December 23, 2007

8:30 AM EM: M. & R. Dennard, B. Levine LECTOR: A. Lombardo

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

11:30 AM EM: R. Bergouignan, C. Gomez, R. Paiz LECTOR: B. Woroniecki

1:00 PM EM: A. Luna Victoria, L. Corriedor, F. Lara LECTOR: A. & V.

Romero

6:00 PM EM: J. & K. George, A. Salamone LECTOR: D. Sexton

Monday, December 24, 2007 Christmas Eve

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

8:30 PM EM: L. Corriedor, A. Luna Victoria, R. Paiz LECTOR: C. Gomez,

M. Trujillo

12:00 AM EM: J. & K. George, L. Gomez LECTOR: D. Sexton

Tuesday, December 25, 2007 Christmas Day

8:30 AM EM: R. & M. Dennard, B. Levine LECTOR: A. Armetta

10:00 AM EM: R. Barton, B. & H. Ortiz LECTOR: G. Barbieri

11:30 AM EM: R. Bergouignan, C. Gomez, G. Ippolito LECTOR: K. Lohse

1:00 PM EM: A. Luna Victoria, R. Paiz, O. Valdivia LECTOR: F. Lara, M

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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 9, 2007 was \$8,245.75 with 184 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 Debatiste, 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 Scola, 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, 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, Janice Turner, Laura Feldman and Anthony Catalano.

And for those who have died.



Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2007

"Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy."

- Isaiah 35:10a

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.**



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPT.

Terri Andretta, D.R.E.

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

No classes on December 22, December 29, 2007 and January 5, 2008 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Memo from Morningstar Renewal Center ...

The December, January and February programs being held at Morningstar are now available. Please call Sue DeFerrari at 305-238-4367 or Fax 305-238-4766 for more information.

Morningstar Renewal Center

The Archdiocesan Retreat & Conference Center

7275 SW 124th Street, Pinecrest, FL

or e-mail: signmeup@morningstarrenewal.org

In his love Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes at the end of time he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise. - Adapted from second Preface for Advent, Roman Missal

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 15, 2007

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

Sunday, December 16, 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 17, 2007

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

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

Wednesday, December 19, 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 20, 2007

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

Friday, December 21, 2007

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

Saturday, December 22, 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

Distribution Date: Sunday, December 16, 2007 in the Gazebo area. Thank you & God bless you



for your generosity! Thanks to Betty Dadio and all her St. Matthew Outreach volunteers for your hard work in collecting, organizing and distributing these donations to the needy families in our community.

A reminder to all ...

Confessions before Christmas will be held Monday, December 17th and Tuesday, December 18th from 9:00 - 9:30 AM, in addition to the usual Saturday confessions at 3:00 PM on Dec. 15th and Dec. 22nd. Please make a note on your calendar.

Thank you all for your support of the special collection last weekend for RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - "Share in the Care" which helps those who dedicated their lives to our Church and who now need our help.

CHRISTMAS 2007 MASS SCHEDULE

*Christmas Eve, December 24th 4:00 PM (English), 7:00 PM (French), 8:30 PM (Spanish), 11:00 PM Christmas Concert, 12:00 AM Midnight Mass
Christmas Day, December 25th 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM (English), 1:00 PM (Spanish), no evening Mass*