

**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 23, 2007 TEACHING: GOD THE SON**

Catholics believe that Jesus of Nazareth, the carpenter who was born in Bethlehem during the time of King Herod the Great and who was crucified under the procurator Pontius Pilate, is also the second person of the Trinity. The Gospel of Matthew relates that St. Peter once told Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Catholics believe that Jesus was the Son of the Father, he suffered and died for mankind, arose, and lives with men forever. That message is at the heart of all the Church's teachings.

In the context of the Old Testament, the chosen people (and also the angels) are "sons of God." However, Jesus *is* the true Son of God, not only metaphorically. In the Gospels, God calls Jesus his "beloved Son," and Jesus refers to himself as the "only Son of God."

**BOLETIN HISPANO****CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO:**

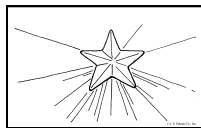
**María estaba comprometida con José, pero antes de que vivieran juntos, ella resultó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo. José pensó dejarla en creto, pero un ángel le dijo que recibiera a María como su esposa.**

**REGISTRACION EN SAN MATEO:** Dentro de este boletín estamos informando los pasos a seguir para registrarse en la parroquia.


**DIA DE REYES:** Seguimos colectando juguetes para repartir a los niños hasta 12 años el domingo 6 de Enero, 2008, Día de Los Reyes Magos.

**FELIZ NAVIDAD:** A todos nuestros feligreses, les deseamos unas felices navidades, llenas de SALUD, PAZ Y AMOR.!!!!

**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 v Nathaniel Stone.



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**St. Matthew Parish**  
**ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER DANCE**  
**Fri., Jan. 11, 2008 7-11 PM Parish Hall**  
**Donation: \$20.00 per person**

*Delicious Italian food, Great Music, Cash Bar, 50/50 & Raffle*  
**No tickets will be sold at the door. Buy your tickets NOW!**  
**Call 954-458-1590 or see our friend, Kelly O'Reilly after Mass on Sunday. Cut off date for ticket sales: Monday, January 7th**

**MARRIAGE WEEK USA Archdiocesan Anniversary Celebration**

Our Archbishop John C. Favalora invites couples celebrating their 25th, 50th and each year over their 50th Wedding Anniversary in this Jubilee Year 2008 to join him for the Archdiocesan Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please register in your parish for this celebration no later than February 10, 2008. Your family and friends are welcome! St. Mary's Cathedral- February 16, 2008 - 11:00 AM

Please call the Parish Office 954-458-1590 to register.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Saturday, December 29, 2007

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

Sun. December 30, 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. Barton, R. Bergouignan, R. Paiz LECTOR: B. Woroniecki

1:00 PM EM: A. Luna Victoria, N. & P. Palacios LECTOR: C. & F. Gomez

6:00 PM EM: J. & K. George, A. Salamone LECTOR: G. Diaz

Monday, December 31, 2007

7:00 PM EM: B. D'Amour, M. & R. Dennard LECTOR: Juli D'Amour

Tuesday, January 1, 2008

7:00 PM EM: T. Altieri, M. Cardamone, B. Jenkins LECTOR: M. Canal

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**SUMMONED BY GOD**

As Christmas draws near, Advent's Scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

**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 16, 2007 was \$7,738.50 with 192 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 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 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 Scolia, Dorothy Findlay, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio, Rose Mangiaracina, Cathryn Cole, Aleida Gonzalez, Jennie DeGregoria, Arthur Anderson, Anthony Marchitello, Pat Locatelli, Liramar 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, Janice Turner, Laura Feldman, Anthony Catalano, Lawrence Kahn, Margaret Cassidy and Tommy Wyler.

And for those who have died, especially Frank Supino & Mercedes Rogers.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2007**

*They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

- Matthew 1:23

**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.**

**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 6PM Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, December 31st 7 PM January 1st, New Year's Day 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM**



**The INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN** that we spoke of at some length last week has begun. A letter from Fr. Quinn has been mailed to all parishioners. Included with the letter is the special envelope to indicate your new level of giving. After using it, in succeeding weeks return to your regular envelope packet. Please make an effort to respond as soon as you can.

*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 22, 2007**

4:00 PM †Charles Richer by Victoria Richer  
†Joseph Berrini by Helena Berrini  
Jennifer Philips (LIVING) by Elsie Ciardiello

**Sunday, December 23, 2007**

8:30 AM †Ernest Brinkerhoff by his wife, Florence  
10:00 AM †Maria Cocolla by Vincenzo Cocolla  
†Nina & Nano Baioni by the Ippolito Family  
†Anthony, Michael & Cono, Jr. Innamorato by T. Morato  
†Nicholas D'Ottavio by his parents  
11:30 AM †Angelo Ingria by Lillian & Mary Ingria  
†Roger Borrello by Anna Marie Borrello  
†Patrick Russo by Anna Marie Borrello  
†The Sanz, Abboud & Cortez Families by P. Sanz  
1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn  
6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn

**Monday, December 24, 2007**

8:30 AM †Louis Falzetti by Terry Calabro  
†Gloria D'Amour by Bernie D'Amour  
†Manuel Villalta by Isabel Villalta  
4:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew  
7:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew  
8:30 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew  
12:00 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew

**Tuesday, December 25, 2007**

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew  
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew  
11:30 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew  
1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew

**Wednesday, December 26, 2007**

8:30 AM †The Dadio Family  
†Carlos Rueda by Ines Lou  
†Gabrielle Lampron by Louise Legare  
†Joseph Bentivegna by Auny Lolly

**Thursday, December 27, 2007**

8:30 AM †Gerard Jean Baptiste by his wife  
†All Souls in Purgatory - anonymous  
Regina Macfarlane (LIVING) by her sister

**Friday, December 28, 2007**

8:30 AM †Helen Lingelbach by Robert Quigley  
†Kathleen Campbell & John Oakley by Judy Singer  
†Barbara Kalinowski by Marie Smith

**Saturday, December 29, 2007**

9:00 AM †Robert W. Canfield by Maria Canfield  
†Edward Ferri by Andy & Roseann Ingrassia  
Fr. Paul Deyo (LIVING) by Marie Smith

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.



**ST. MATTHEW PARISH "ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS" and CHRISTMAS TREE ANGELS**  
*To Everyone who gave to the needy families in our community:* Thank you & God bless you for your generosity! You made families very happy that would have had nothing for Christmas dinner or under the Christmas tree. Thanks to Betty Dadio and all her St. Matthew Outreach volunteers for the hard work in collecting, organizing and distributing these donations to the less-fortunate children of these families.



**ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPT.**

**Terri Andretta, D.R.E.**

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

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

**A blessed Christmas to all! Happy New Year!**