

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 30, 2007 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
TEACHING: SUNDAY SCRIPTURE AT HOME



Many people find it helpful to pray over the Sunday Scripture readings at home before going to Church. The practice puts them in touch with the Church's prayer, helps them listen as the readings are proclaimed at Mass, prepares them to hear the homily, engages them personally in the word of God.

Create some time and space for this prayer. If you do it alone, remove yourself from other activities. Choose a place where you can center yourself. Open the Scriptures and read over them. You might keep a journal and jot down some thoughts that come to you. Ask yourself some questions such as these: "What is going on in this reading? Is something similar happening in my life? What is God saying to me this week?"

If you pray with others, choose a time when everyone is together. You could pray in the living room at the end of the day or around the table before a meal. Someone reads the Scripture aloud. All think out it. Then each shares a few thoughts. Read the passage again. You may choose one or more readings at a time. The exercise can be repeated throughout the week. God's word is able to go as deep inside you as you give it time and room.

When you get to Church, don't read along while the readings are proclaimed. Lift your head and open your ears and heart to the word of God.

**BOLETIN HISPANO**

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, JOSE Y MARIA: Un ángel se apareció en sueños a José y le dijo que llevara al niño y a su madre a Egipto. Se cumplió entonces lo que el Señor había dicho por boca del profeta: "De Egipto llamé a mi Hijo". Luego fueron a vivir a Nazaret, y así se cumplió la profecía: "Se le llamará Nazareno".

El Arzobispo John C. Falavara invita a los matrimonios que cumplan 25, 50 ó mas años de matrimonio a que participen con él ésta celebración Arquidiocesana. Favor de anotarse en su parroquia para participar en dicha celebración antes del 10 de Febrero, 2008. Sus familiares y amistades también serán bienvenidos. Tendrá lugar en la Catedral de San Mary, el 16 de Febrero a las 11:00 AM

El próximo domingo 6 de Enero, 2008 "DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS" se repartirán juguetes a los niños hasta 12 años, Gracias !!! a todas las personas que han ayudado con sus donaciones.

OREMOS: Por todas las personas que se encuentran en las Fuerzas Armadas, especialmente familiares de nuestros feligreses, para que egresen pronto a sus respectivos hogares. Ellos son: Anthony Acebo, Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramirez, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Jesse Manville, William Engels, Sebastian Rojas, Randolph, V. Lynd, Adriana Rengifo, Jennifer Philips, Nikolos Philips y Nathaniel Stone. FELIZ AÑO NUEVO 2008!!!! a todos nuestros feligreses, les deseamos SALUD, PAZ Y AMOR!!!!!!!

MARRIAGE WEEK USA Archdiocesan Anniversary Celebration

Our Archbishop John C. Falavara 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

PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE JANUARY SCHEDULE FROM THE SACRISTY ... AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ST. MATTHEW PARISH. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TRUST IN GOD

Saint Matthew's account of the flight into Egypt takes center stage today as we continue to follow the story of the Holy Family. Once again the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take the child Jesus and his mother to Egypt. Joseph heeds the command and takes them on what must have been a strenuous journey. Saint Matthew does not give us any of the details, but we can only imagine what this journey must have been like. Where did they eat? Where did they find shelter? What were the roads like? Was Joseph able to find work? The Holy Family survived in no small measure because they put their trust in God. This is exactly what today's feast calls us, God's holy family, to do.

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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.**

What to do with your Used Christmas Cards ????? St. Matthew



Craftmakers can recycle your used Christmas cards to be enjoyed by someone again next year. Please bring any donations of cards to the Parish Office or drop them off to the Craftmakers when they meet on Mondays in Rose Hall at 9:30AM. If you have any questions, please call the Office and we will get a message to the Crafters. Thank you.

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 23, 2007 was \$4,875.25 with 179 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, 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, Liramaria 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 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, Anthony Catalano, Lawrence Kahn, Margaret Cassidy and Tommy Wylar.

And for those who have died, especially Mercedes Rogers & Jack Kerwin.



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2007**

Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

- Colossians 3:14

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.

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No classes on January 5, 2008. Classes resume on January 12th. Please be prompt!



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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 29, 2007

4:00 PM †John Pesola by his wife, Elena

Sunday, December 30, 2007

8:30 AM †Carmelo Joseph Gregorio by Aurora Gregorio

†Luigi Ferraro by Guy DiBella

10:00AM †Jack DiFranco by his wife, Joni

†The Innamorato & Garafola Families by Tom Morato

11:30 AM Dr. Michael Langone & family (LIVING) by Anna Marie Borrello

1:00 PM †Oswaldo & Manuela Alvarez by their family

6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn

Monday, December 31, 2007

8:30 AM †Basilio Jarosiewicz by Oksana Jarosiewicz

†Bernard Annoual by Irma Annoual

7:00 PM Vigil Mass-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1, 2008 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM †Isaura Martins by Maria Blount

†Robert W. Canfield by Maria Canfield

Regina Macfarlane (LIVING) by her sister

7:00 PM Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 2, 2008

8:30 AM †The Dadio Family

†Edward Ferri by Dee Oakley

†Kay Dougherty by her family

Thursday, January 3, 2008

8:30 AM †Mary Reyes by her daughter & son-in-law

†Jerry Grant, Bob Sasso & Charles Martin by Jimmy

Lesinski

†Anna Crecco by Pascuale Tortoricci

Friday, January 4, 2008

8:30 AM †Barbara Ann Skelly by Honey Skelly

†Holy Souls in Purgatory by Marie Smith

†Ruth Martinez by Gus Martinez

†Irena Rafalski & Special Intention (L) by C. & D.

Malinowski

Saturday, January 5, 2008

9:00 AM †Bella & Libero Locatelli & all deceased of the Locatelli

family by John Locatelli

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31st 7:00 PM Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, January 1st 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Holy Mary, Mother of God, you have given the world its true light, Jesus, your Son - the Son of God.

You abandoned yourself completely to God's call and thus became a wellspring of the goodness which flows forth from him.

Show us, Jesus. Lead us to him. Teach us to know and love him, so that we too can become capable of true love and be fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.

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



Happy New Year!

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