



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 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.

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. PLEASE NOTE:** There is an eight week waiting period from the date of registration before a baptism date can be set. *We welcome newly baptized Mia Reyes to our faith community here at St. Matthew Parish.*



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 18, 2007
Merciful and gracious is the Lord,

Slow to anger and abounding in kindness. - Psalm 103:8

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is Scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

@ Copyright, J.S. Paluch Co.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule for next week

Sat., Feb. 24	Mario Cardamone 4:00 PM James Bertera Barbara Woroniecki Grace Sarta Bernie D'Amour	Kathy Lohse
Sun., Feb. 25	Teresa Altieri 8:30 AM Mairiam Dennard Raymond Dennard Betty Levine Jean Baumgartner	John Muscarella
10:00 AM	Rita Barton Bernie Jenkins Rosario Bergouignan Hilda Ortiz Carol MacMurtrie	Braulio Ortiz
11:30 AM	Luis Gomez Carmen Gomez James Bertera Olga Muniz Richard Paiz	Audrey Dunn
1:00 PM	Aurora Luna Victoria Patricio Palacios Nieves Palacios	Americo Romero Velma Romero
6:00 PM	Maria Torres John George Kevin George Mario Cardamone	Gina Diaz

PLS CALL MAIRIAM OR RAYMOND DENNARD 954-458-1989
REFERENCE SCHEDULE.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew is scheduled for March 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Parish Hall.

A special THANK YOU to Frank Sexton for the interesting and informative talk at February's meeting. It was enjoyed by all.

ENGLISH CLASSES

Benjamin and Elsa Bolet instruct classes to learn the English language. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

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.

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 held Thursday evenings at 7 PM in Parish Hall. Meetings will resume March 1st, the topic being "Praying with the Scriptures during Lent."

ST. MATTHEW PRAYER GROUP

All are welcome Thursdays at 10:00AM in Rose Hall.

St. Matthew 2007 ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL
Debbie Sexton, Chairperson

THIS WEEKEND Sat., February 17th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM and Sun., February 18th from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

We invite you, your family and friends to join us.

'SWING INTO SPRING' LUNCHEON

Roseann Ingrassia, Chairperson

Saturday, March 3, 2007 12 Noon

Hillcrest Country Club \$35.00 per person - tables available
Includes music-complete lunch w/wine-table favor-boutique table-50/50



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER/DANCE & IRISH SWEEPSTAKES 50/50

Kelly O'Reilly, Ticket Sales Chairperson

Sweepstakes ticket \$50.00 Dinner/Dance \$20.00 per person
Drawing will take place at the dinner/dance Need not be present to win



Thank you to Sandy Padgett, Chairperson, and your great volunteers for a successful Valentines Day Rose Sale last weekend. Great Job!!! Thank you to everyone who purchased the roses and supported your St. Matthew Parish.

BOLETIN HISPANO

SEPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO: Jesús proclamó un mandato radical: Amén a sus enemigos, hagan el bien y presten sin esperar recompensa.

Hoy es último día de nuestro FESTIVAL. Desde las 9:00 AM hasta las 7:00 PM. Disfruten de sabrosas comidas preparadas por nuestra comunidad, juegos para los niños y muchas rifas. Tickets \$ 1.00 cada uno; y Música en Vivo por Armando de Dios. No dejen de asistir!!!

El próximo miércoles 21 de Febrero, 2007 comienza la Cuaresma con el MIERCOLES DE CENIZAS.

Estamos necesitando personas voluntarias para enseñar Inglés. Llamar a la oficina de la parroquia al (954) 458-1590

DIA DE SAN PATRICIO: Que celebraremos el 16 de Marzo, 2007 con Cena, Baile y Rifas. Su costo \$ 20.00 por persona. Ver a la Sra. Aurora a la salida de misa. No dejen de asistir!!!

Le damos la bienvenida al nuevo Director del Coro Hispano, Sr. Pedro Guerrero. BIENVENIDO PEDRO!!!!!!

OREMOS: Por todas las personas que se encuentran en las Fuerzas Armadas, especialmente familiares de feligreses de nuestra parroquia, para que regresen pronto a sus respectivos hogares. Ellos son: Anthony Acebo, Anthony Tello, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramirez, Adam Czyk, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker y William Engels.



The hosts and wine this week have been donated by Terri Andretta and Judi Zumpano in honor of the 90th Birthday of their mother Anne Andretta on February 18th

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 February 11, 2007 was \$8,881.00 and 150 envelopes were used. 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, Javier Arocha, Derek Rodriguez, Nelson Ramires, Adam Czyk, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker and William Engels, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Terri Andretta, Director of Religious Education
954-458-3600* 954-579-0197*954-252-5436

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HERE AT ST. MATTHEW

Volunteers are needed in various capacities to help with Bingo here at St. Matthew every Wednesday. If you feel you'd like to donate your time to your parish, please call Roseann at 954-454-7698 for more information. Thank you!



ABCD 2007 Archbishop's Charities & Development

My Pledge \$ _____ Down payment included \$ _____ Balance \$ _____
Terms of Pledge: Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annual Total Amount
Credit Card: Visa MasterCard No: _____ Exp date _____

Name : _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Apt # _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Donor's Signature _____

Please make your checks payable to: St. Matthew Catholic Church - ABCD

WEEKLY UPDATE: As of 2/13/2007 the pledge total for our parish is \$73,335.00. Remember: our 2007 goal is \$80,000.00 and the DEADLINE for all pledges is FEBRUARY 20, 2007. Please give prayerful consideration and get your pledge to the Parish Office and 'thank you' to those who have already gotten their pledges in.

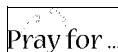
St. Matthew is in need of a person or persons who would like to volunteer to work as parish Sacristan. The sacristan is responsible for opening the Church each morning, putting on lights, air conditioning, arranging vestments for the priest for Mass, preparing the altar i.e. wine, water, lighting candles, tabernacle key, setting the lectionary and sacramentary at the proper pages. Also caring for all of the vessels, vestments, books, linens, candles and other supplies that are used in our parish liturgies. It also would entail being present and arranging for funerals, weddings and other liturgical functions. It is a full time commitment and will be quite demanding at times. We welcome volunteers willing to work as a team to do this work if that would be more feasible: if that can be so, each person could split the daily or weekly. Please contact Fr. Quinn or the Parish Office.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule & Distribution of Ashes
8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM and
8:30 PM (Spanish)



The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 21st. Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat for all who are fourteen (14) years and older. They are also days of fast (one full meal and two small meals with nothing eaten in between the meals) for adults from twenty-one (21) to fifty-nine (59) years of age.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for those fourteen (14) and older.



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, Jack Fogarty, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinki, the Demarzio 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 L. 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 Cameau, 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 Silveira, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Baby Sarah Smith, Joseph & Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Allen Muniz, Kay Sagarino, Yone Takaoka, Hailey Plunkett, Ernest Brinkerhoff, Edwin Zephirin, Dawn Scola, Dorothy Findly, Laura Pittman & Lou Troglio. Also, please pray for those who have died.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 17, 2007

4:00 PM †Philomena Dwyer
†Rose & John Pietrofesa
†Steve & Mary Scalfani

Sunday, February 18, 2007

8:30 AM †Samuel Guishard
Parishioners of St. Matthew
10:00AM †John & Carol Ferrara
†Petras & Ona Norbutas
Joseph Berrini (L)
11:30 AM †Esther Mora
†Gino & Filomena D'Orazio
†Helen Ferrara
1:00 PM †Fausta A. Prator
†Maria Elena Delgado
†Eduardo De la Torre
6:00 PM †Maria Hermasch
†Peter Armenti

Monday, February 19, 2007

8:30 AM †The Scaffone Family
†Deceased Members of the Perez family
†Margaret McCormick
In thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

8:30 AM †Deceased of the Jos. Pellegrino & Realmuto families
†Gaby Lampron
†Robert Veronneau
†Margaret McCormick

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 ASH WEDNESDAY

ALL MASSES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF STM PARISHIONERS

Thursday, February 22, 2007

8:30 AM †Gerald & Frances Lovett
†Robert Cataldo
†Henry & Rose Cataldo

Friday, February 23, 2007

8:30 AM †Susan Guani
†Jane Mertens
†Elaine Heckftall

Saturday, February 24, 2007

9:00 AM †Dorothy Bigler
†Josephine Emanuele
†Mario & Agatha Grosso

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



BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT ST. MATTHEW
Sunday, February 25th, 2007 before and after the Masses
Please mark your calendar & help 'save a life' by donating blood