

**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

**JANUARY 6, 2008 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**

**TEACHING: EPIPHANY CHALK**



Some Christians bless their homes on Epiphany each year. With chalk, they write an inscription on the inside lintel above the front door. The series of numbers, letters and crosses changes only slightly from year to year. For example, at the start of 2008, the line will read as follows: 20+C+M+B+08.

The four digits designating the new year appear at the beginning and end of the line. In 2009, for example, the last number changes to a 9. Because Epiphany comes so near the beginning of the new year, the numbers represent an annual renewal of God's blessing.

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat." "May Christ bless the house." The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent Christ, whom we invoke, and the saintliness of the magi. The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The month of January still bears the name of the Roman god Janus, the door-keeper of heaven and patron of the beginning and the end of things. This blessing adds a Christian dimension to the traditional observance of the first month. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by God's eternal word in this holy season.

20+C+M+B+08

If you want to bless your home this Epiphany, read the opening verses of John's Gospel, pray the Lord's Prayer, the write the inscription for this year above your front door with chalk.

**BOLETIN HISPANO**

LA EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR: Los magos siguieron la estrella de Belén hasta que encontraron a Jesús, que estaba con María, su madre, y se postraron ante él para adorarlo y darle regalos.

El Arzobispo John C. Falvo invita a los matrimonios que cumplan 25, 50 ó mas años de matrimonio a que participen con él ésta celebración Arquidiósana.

Favor de inscribirse en su parroquia para participar en dicha celebración antes del 10 de Febrero, 2008. Sus familiares y amistades también serán bienvenidos.

La ceremonia será en la Catedral de San Mary, el 16 de Febrero, 2008 a las 11:00AM

Hoy estamos celebrando el " DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS" y al finalizar la misa serán repartidos a los niños los juguetes donados por feligreses de nuestra parroquia. Muchas gracias a todos ellos por esa gran donación.!!!!!!

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, Adiana Rengifo, Jennifer Philips, Nikolos Philips y Nathaniel Stone.

Les deseamos a todos nuestros feligreses

UN FELIZ ANO NUEVO 2008!!!!

**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.

**THE STAR BETHLEHEM**

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of Scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5 -13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**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 30, 2007 was \$5,250.00 with 170 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 Czuprinski, 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, Gasper Patricio, 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 Balarazo, Gloria Zambrano, Conrado Mazpule, Christopher Porzio, Minerva Carmona, Bonnie Gauthier, Robert Valentino, Zachary Golstein, Theresa Varese, Giancarlo Debatistite, Marco Rojas, Tom Silveira, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, 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 Wyler.

And please pray for those who have died, especially Phyllis Anita Dennard.



### The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2008

*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

- Matthew 2:11b

**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.**

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE FOR EUCH. MINISTERS & LECTORS**

Sat., Jan 12 - 4:00 pm EM: M. Cardamone, B. D'Amour, G. Sarta LECTOR: K. Lohse

Sun., Jan 13 - 8:30 am EM: M & R Dennard, B. Levine LECTOR: T. Altieri  
10:00 am EM: R. Barton, B. Ortiz, H. Ortiz LECTOR: B. Jenkins  
11:30 am EM: P. Berman, C. Gomez, R. Paiz LECTOR: F. Sexton  
1:00 pm EM: A. Luna Victoria, N. Taboada, M. Trujillo LECTOR: D. Asca, J. Taboada

6:00 pm EM: L. Gomez, A. Salamone LECTOR: G. Diaz

**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.

*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, January 5, 2008**

4:00 PM †Sal Samaritano by Celeste Bruns  
†Vincent Poncia by his family

**Sunday, January 6, 2008**

8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn  
10:00AM †Mary Frost by Robert Frost  
†Thomas Hynef by Maria Cejalvo  
†Marie Salvino by Mike & Rose Tedeschi  
11:30 AM †Edward Ferri by his wife, Kathleen  
1:00 PM †Lina Angeles by Niurka Guzman  
†Vicente Sotelo by Margarita Gomez  
6:00 PM †Elena Wailenko by Oksana Jarosiewicz  
†Margo St-Michel by John & Madeleine Renner

**Monday, January 7, 2008**

8:30 AM †Harry Brittain by Sadie Brittain  
†Celestina Ficcchio by Sally Castellana  
†Mike Renis & L. Perez by Jimmy Lesinski

**Tuesday, January 8, 2008**

8:30 AM †Nick Paglia by Joanne Amato  
†Michael Virgilio by Rene Rabena  
Eve McGrory (LIVING) by Irvin Bruce

**Wednesday, January 9, 2008**

8:30 AM Mrs. Mary M. Chisholm (LIVING) by Irvin Bruce  
Elaine Chisholm (LIVING) by Irvin Bruce  
†Edward Ferri by Mr. & Mrs. Marty McAndrew

**Thursday, January 10, 2008**

8:30 AM †Roscoe Smith by Jane O'Loughlin  
†Mary Bruce by Irvin Bruce  
Mary Ferri (LIVING) by J. & L. Perciavalle

**Friday, January 11, 2008**

8:30 AM †Jack Skelly by Honey Skelly  
†Hortensia Reyes by her daughter, Elena Pesola  
†Anna Barberian by Guy DiBella

**Saturday, January 12, 2008**

9:00 AM †Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

With reference to our **INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN**, a number of people have increased their weekly contribution in response to Father Quinn's letter. The response is better than anticipated so early in our Campaign. We will keep you informed as more envelopes are returned. A reminder : Please use the special envelope provided to indicate your new level of giving or other response to Father's letter. In succeeding weeks, return to the regular envelope packet.



**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*

**ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPT.**

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

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Classes resume on January 12th. Please be prompt!

