

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 13, 2008****FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD****TEACHING: Baptism: A Spiritual Rebirth**

The Church teaches that Baptism is the portal to spiritual life and the gateway to other sacraments, a sacrament of purification and rebirth. Through Baptism, Catholics become members of the Church to share in the Church's mission.

Baptism, from the Greek *baptizein*, means to "plunge" or "immerse." The immersion into the water is symbolic of death and rebirth: The baptized person dies in the water and is reborn in Christ; just as Christ himself died on the cross and was resurrected. The waters of Baptism have a cleansing effect, as the soul of the baptized person is washed and renewed by the Holy Spirit. Baptism is also associated with spiritual enlightenment - those who receive Baptism are enlightened in their understanding.

Many stories in the Old Testament seem to prefigure Baptism: the story of the Great Flood, when the water drowned the wicked; the crossing of the Red Sea, which freed the Israelites from bondage; the crossing of the River Jordan into the Promised Land. In the New Testament, Jesus himself is baptized before beginning his mission. After Pentecost, the apostles began to baptize new converts to the faith.

In the early Church, Baptism was a part of the Sacraments of Initiation, which also involved Proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel, profession of faith, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation, and admission to Eucharistic Communion.

**BOLETIN HISPANO**

EL BAUTIZO DEL SEÑOR: Cuando Jesús fué bautizado, el cielo se abrió y el Espíritu descendió sobre él como paloma. Se oyó una voz: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo mis complacencias".

El Arzobispo John C. Favarola invita a los matrimonios que cumplan 25, 50 ó mas años de matrimonio a que participen con él esta celebración Arquidiocesana. 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 11:00 AM.

Les damos las gracias a las Sras. Idelma Osorio y Adriana Puertas por el lindo pesebre que prepararon para la novena de Navidad.

También le damos las gracias a los señores Gerardo Mesa, Angel Campuzano y Adolfo Mesa que representaron a los Reyes Magos el pasado domingo, a los esposos Magda y Miguel Arroyo que representaron a la Virgen María y San José y a los niños Gerardo Mesa Jr. y Abigail Campuzano que desfilaron con ellos en ese gran día!!!! Asi como a las señoras, Ana Acebo, Margot Valcarsel y Neri Taboada por la preparación y distribución de los juguetes. Mil gracias!!!! a todos ellos y a la personas que donaron tantos juguetes lindos!!!!!!!

El próximo 20 de Enero, 2008 estaremos colectando donaciones de CERVEZA Y VINO, para nuestro festival que celebraremos el 16 y 17 de Febrero, 2008. Favor de dejar sus donaciones en las mesas que hemos preparado afuera. Muchas Gracias!!!!

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.

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.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew will be held on Tuesday, February 12th 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.

GOD'S BELOVED

Only one week has passed since we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. No longer are we focused on the images of the child Jesus surrounded by his parents and the magi at the manger in Bethlehem. Today, it's as if the Church has pushed the "fast forward" button in the life of Jesus. Today we celebrate his baptism in the Jordan. When the Lord Jesus rises from the waters of baptism, the heavens open and a voice announces, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). This event sets the stage for the unfolding of Jesus Christ's life and work, which will become our focus for the rest of the year as we tune our ears to Saint Matthew's Gospel. As we prepare ourselves for this work, let us be reminded that we, too, were counted among God's beloved at the moment of our own baptism.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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.**

Saint Matthew Catholic Church 2008 Parish Festival
 SODA & WATER SUNDAY - January 13
 BEER & WINE SUNDAY - January 20
 PRE-SALE FESTIVAL FOOD TICKETS - January 27
 Your donations of water, soda, beer and wine will be used at our upcoming Parish Festival "Watering Hole" Booth
 Please place your donations on the designated tables outside of Church
 Pre-Sale Festival Tickets will be available 6 for \$5.00. They will be \$1.00 each on the days of the Festival

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 January 6, 2008 was \$10,838.75 with 210 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 Balazek, Gloria Zambrano, Conrado Mazpule, Christopher Porzio, Minerva Carmona, Bonnie Gauthier, Robert Valentino, Zachary Golstein, Theresa Varese, Giancarlo Debattiste, 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, Tommy Wyler and Lisa DiPietro.

And please pray for those who have died, especially William Conser.

The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2008

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- Matthew 3:17



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 19 - 4:00 pm EM: M. Cardamone, B. D'Amour, G. Sarta LECTOR: M. Canal

Sun., Jan 20 - 8:30 am EM: M & R Dennard, B. Levine, T. Altieri LECTOR: A. Armette

10:00 am EM: R. Barton, P. Berman, B. Jenkins, C. MacMurtrie LECTOR: G. Ippolito

11:30 am EM: R. Bergouignan, C. Gomez, R. Paiz LECTOR: B. Woroniecki
1:00 pm EM: L. Corriedor, A. Luna Victoria, R. Paiz LECTOR: J. & J. Sanchez
6:00 pm EM: L. Gomez, A. Salamone LECTOR: D. Sexton

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 12, 2008

4:00 PM Jennifer Philips (L) by Elsie Ciardiello
†Patricia Shaw by Kathy Lohse
†Anthony Guidone by Grace Guidone

Sunday, January 13, 2008

8:30 AM †Mary Kowalkowski by Mary Ann Kowalkowski
†Joe LaMorgese by Nancy Ingolia
†Antonio Garcia by Marcos Garcia
10:00AM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn
11:30 AM †Ofelia Furones by Emily Scavo
†Joseph Scavo by Emily Scavo
†Angelo Ingria by Lillian & Mary Ingria
1:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn
6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew by Fr. Quinn

Monday, January 14, 2008

8:30 AM †Carmelo Vicario by Mary Vicario
†Rose Jiosi by Erminia Gioia
†The Recine & Crecco families by M/M Frank Recine

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

8:30 AM †Jenny Vicario by Mary Vicario
†Leonardo & Stella DiGiallonardo by Flora DiGiallonardo
†Paul Willie by Frank Gianfresco

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

8:30 AM †Tonsa Sassine by K. & M. Bousemaan
†Nabih Maroun by K. & M. Bousemaan
†James Pereira by Juanita Solis

Thursday, January 17, 2008

8:30 AM †Christopher Trapanotto by Angela Fazio
†James Pereira by Juanita Solis
†Grace Keller by Leonard Cerabone

Friday, January 18, 2008

8:30 AM †Anna C. Re by Joseph Re
†Esther Mora by Francisco Mora
†Robert Douglas by Barbara Rensing

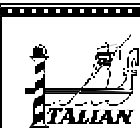
Saturday, January 19, 2008

9:00 AM †Rose-Marie Richards by Peter Richards
†Mary Frost by Robert Frost
Regina Macfarlane (L) by her sister

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.



THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to make Italian Night the success it was this past Friday evening. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and attended this event ... your support is appreciated. Thank you to the Spanish community (donation of the beautiful basket), Debbie Sexton, Andy Ingrassia, Sean & Kelly O'Reilly (ticket sales) and anyone else who helped out with this fundraiser to benefit our parish.

ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Happy & Healthy 2008! Please remember to return your Festival Raffle tickets as soon as possible to the Religious Education Office. Thank you!

