



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. *We welcome the following newly registered parishioners to St. Matthew Parish: Connie Saltos, M/M Nicholas Cuneo, M/M P. Manhuca and M/M M. Ibanez.*

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.



Third Sunday of Lent March 11, 2007
The Lord secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. - Psalm 103:6

"I AM"

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.



Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract "I AM" distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who "are not." They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule for next week

Sat., Mar 17	Pauline Berman 4:00 PM James Betera Mario Cardamone Bernie D'Amour Grace Sarta	Debbie Sexton
Sun., Mar 18	Teresa Altieri 8:30 AM Mairiam & Raymond Dennard Betty Levine Jean Baumgartner 10:00 AM Rita Barton Rosario Bergouignan Bernard Jenkins Braulio Ortiz Hilda Ortiz 11:30 AM James Bertera Luis Gomez Carol MacMurtrie Olga Muniz Richard Paiz 1:00 PM Aurora Luna Victoria Richard Paiz Olga Valdivia 6:00 PM Carmen Gomez Fausto Gomez Kevin & John George	Barbara Woroniecki Guy Barbieri Audrey Dunn Jose Sanchez Judith Sanchez Debbie Sexton

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

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the "Swing Into Spring" Luncheon last Saturday at the Hillcrest Country Club. It was a delightful afternoon. A special thanks goes to Roseann Ingrassia, Chairperson, and all those who helped her in making this event most enjoyable.

WOMEN & MEN OF ST. MATTHEW

The next (and last) general meeting of the Women & Men of St. Matthew is scheduled for **April 10, 2007 at 7 PM in Parish Hall.**

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

Kelly O'Reilly, Ticket Sales Chairperson

Time is running out! Sweepstakes ticket \$50.00 Dinner/Dance \$20.00 per person

Friday, March 16, 2007 from 7-11 PM in Parish Hall

Drawing for the Irish Sweepstakes 50/50 will take place at the dinner/dance and, though you need not be present to win, the St. Patrick's Day event is a lot of fun whether you're Irish or not! Great food, drink - even Irish coffee! Boutique table and wonderful Irish music. Tickets for this party go fast so don't put off getting yours today!

Scripture Study



Meetings are held Thursday evenings at 7 PM in Parish Hall under the direction of Angela Zephirin. Meetings have resumed, the present topic being "Praying with the Scriptures during Lent." You are most welcome to attend. Call the Parish Office with any questions.



BOLETIN HISPANO

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA: El árbol que no da fruto será cortado y arrojado al fuego. Los seguidores de Jesús han recibido tiempo para enmendar sus vidas y dar fruto.

DIA DE SAN PATRICIO: El próximo viernes 16 de Marzo, 2007 celebraremos con cena, baile y rifas, especialmente la rifa del 50/50.

Mitad para donar a la parroquia y mitad para el ganador. No dejen de asistir!!!!

DIVORCIADOS Y SEPARADOS: Tendrá lugar el fin de semana del 23 al 25 de Marzo, 2007 en "Mother of Christ Church" situada en el 14141 SW 26 Street, Miami, Florida, 33175. Para reservación o más información llamar al (305) 762-1140/1157 ó (305) 553-3633 en la noche.

AVISO: El Padre Julio está localizando a las personas que hicieron de Reyes Magos el pasado mes de Enero, 2007. Favor de comunicarse con él. Seguimos necesitando personas voluntarias para enseñar inglés. Llamar a la oficina de la Iglesia al (954) 458-1590

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 Ramires, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, William Engels y Sebastian Rojas.

RESPECT LIFE! Archdiocese of Miami Education & Information Day
Saturday, March 24, 2007 from 9AM to 3PM at the N. Dade Respect Life
Office 18340 NW 12 Ave., Miami
RSVP 305-653-2921 (Lunch will be served)



Next weekend's second collection will be taken up for **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.** This collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Please help by giving to the Collection next weekend.



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 25, 2007 was \$9,161.75 and 243 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, Matthew Adamcheck, Dwayne Pereira, Cathy Walker, William Engels and Anthony Acebo, relatives of St. Matthew parishioners.



ST. MATTHEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Terri Andretta, Director of Religious Education
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BINGO 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 UPDATE: As of 3/6/2007 the pledge total for our parish is \$83,795.00. Our 2007 goal was set at \$80,000.00. 'Thank you' to those families who have made pledges and assured the success of this worthy annual campaign.

The St. Matthew Craftmakers are in need of donations of wool for knitting and crocheting projects. You can drop your 'offerings' off at the Parish Office 9AM - 3PM, Monday thru Friday OR drop them off directly to the Craftmakers. They meet every Monday at 9:30 AM in Rose Hall. Thank you.



St. Matthew is still in need of a person or persons who would like to volunteer to work as parish Sacristan. Please contact Fr. Quinn or the Parish Office at 954-458-1590 and thank you for your prayerful consideration.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE SAID EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT AT 12:00 NOON IN THE CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

The Legion of Mary will be saying the Rosary every Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass during the month of Lent. Everyone is most welcome to say the Rosary with the Legion.



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Here are some suggestions for how you can share your gift of faith: Let it show - choose gifts or cards that express Christian sentiments; Wear your faith proudly - holy medals or a crucifix on a chain tells others you are a Catholic; Demonstrate justice - try to be fair to people at home, on the job, in your neighborhood. Remember that you can fail and God forgives - "Be not Afraid."

Pray for ..

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, Jack Fogarty, Jane O'Loughlin, Stanley Czuprinki, the Demarzio family, Ceil Gable, Ullisia Bisia, Marie Casani, Wm Rodriguez, Vincent Anania, Patricia Ferro, Oneida Matos, Carola Morel, Jose Mitjans, Donna Brinkerhoff, Marie Schlenz, Ana Fernandez, Dr. Jack Bascope, 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, 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, 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 Silviera, Gertrude Carroll, John Dooney, Elfriede Pasternack, Rolando Mederos, Fr. Paul Deyo, Stanley Bilan, Phyllis Anita Dennard, Baby Sarah Smith, Helena Berrini, Domenic Silvestro, Diane Fote, Allen Muniz, Yone Takaoka, Hailey Plunkett, Ernest Brinkerhoff, Edwin Zephirin, Dawn Scola, Dorothy Findly, Laura Pittman, Lou Troglio, Rose Mangiaracina, Cathryn Cole, Aleida Gonzalez and Francis and Jennie DeGregoria.

Also, please pray for those who have died, especially Carlos Saladin.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 10, 2007

4:00 PM †Anthony Guidone
†Frances Monteleone
†Erika Werner (1 yr.)
†Gladys & Abraham Dahrooge

Sunday, March 11, 2007

8:30 AM †Frances Lovett
†Matilde Garcia
†Rose Dragone & Karen Norton Dragone
10:00AM †Gerard Baptiste
†Vincent Giambona
†Thomas Catalano
11:30 AM †Rose Cerone
†Fred Sica
†Giuseppe & Margharita Micchio
†Clare Pinto
1:00 PM †Emilia Cortez de Escobar
†Hermilda Mejia
†Faith Perchy
†Jorge Pardo
†Ruth Maria Urrego
6:00 PM Parishioners of St. Matthew

Monday, March 12, 2007

8:30 AM †Helen Fordyce
†Harvey Weiss
†Daniel Sacal Salazar

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

8:30 AM †Lonnie Padgett
†Eleanor Yocco
†Joe Riley

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

8:30 AM In thanksgiving
†Ricardo Parker
†John & Rocco Lucciola

Thursday, March 15, 2007

8:30 AM †Steven Toal
†Dr. Michael Cavotta
†Howard Johnson

Friday, March 16, 2007

8:30 AM †Mary Olier
†Lawrence C. Longo
†Robert Collantes
†Sadie Carella

Saturday, March 17, 2007

9:00 AM †Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Tani
†Eileen Quigley
†Helen Barrett

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

St. Joseph Retirement Residence, a caring assisted living facility, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Miami. For more info, call 954-739-1483.