

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



PEACE

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

**Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
San Francisco, California
Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018**



Worship Hours

Monday - Saturday 8:00AM Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM
 Reconciliation 3:45PM - 4:30PM
Sunday Mass 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 6:30PM
 Holy Days 8:00AM and 7:00PM

This Week at Our Parish

Monday, December 10
 7pm Centering Prayer - Church
Wednesday, December 12
 1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers
 7pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - Church
Thursday, December 13
 7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church
Saturday, December 15
 11am - 1pm Gardening
Sunday, December 16
Third Sunday of Advent
 Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses
 MHR Library open after 8am & 10am Masses
 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Mass - Church
Monday, December 17
 7pm Simbang Gabi Mass - Church

Daily Readings: December 10 - 16

- ◇ Monday: Is. 35:1-10, Lk. 5:17-26
- ◇ Tuesday: Is. 40:1-11, Mt. 18:12-14
- ◇ Wednesday: Zec. 2:14-17 or Rv. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Lk. 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
- ◇ Thursday: Is. 41:13-20, Mt. 11:11-15
- ◇ Friday: Is. 48:17-19, Mt. 11:16-19
- ◇ Saturday: Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt. 17:9a, 10-13
- ◇ Sunday: Zep. 3:14-18a, Phil. 4:4-7, Lk. 3:10-18

Stewardship

December 1 & 2

Saturday 5pm -	\$879.00
Sunday 8am -	\$567.00
Sunday 10am -	\$2,385.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$78.00
Outside Mass -	\$1,035.00
<u>Online Giving -</u>	<u>\$373.55</u>
Collection Total -	\$5,317.55
Budgeted -	\$5,000.00
MHR Music Program -	\$1,995.88

This week there is a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.
Thank you for your amazing support!

Fr. Matt's Message

Dear MHR Family,

Thank you for participating in our **Christmas Card Project**. I can only imagine the many needs of the parish family of St. Thomas More in Paradise. Fr. Xavier Goodwin, Pastor of St. Thomas reports that their beautiful church is still standing. The parish hall and rectory are gone while the school buildings are intact. The parish is grateful for our interest and Fr. Xavier tells me that the most immediate needs that we can help with are cash and gift cards. They do not have and room for material donations at present. The personal touch of a note and promise of prayer in a Christmas card will undoubtedly brighten someone's day. Please do consider helping us make a difference, one person at a time.

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance. A voice of one can be easily drowned out. The world is noisy and it is easy to become distracted. Our faith and this season of Advent invite us to slow down, taking and making the time to listen. Listen for this voice crying in the wilderness; a voice which proclaims that love and forgiveness can be ours. These are the priceless, precious gifts that Jesus constantly offers to us.

God wants to comfort us, to console us. *"Console my people, console them...speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for..."* The good news is that our past does not have to hold us in prison. When Jesus offers us forgiveness, he is offering us a safe and healthy path. He offers us freedom from living with past regret or guilt or unforgiveness. No matter what is in our past, Jesus wants to free us and help us move forward into a future filled with the promise of forgiveness. "All flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Luke 3:6). What greater consolation could we wish for?

God's forgiveness breaks all chains which keep us anchored and hold us back. When we accept that life-giving forgiveness we are immediately released from a negative past which our actions may have created. We no longer have to go through life looking over our shoulder, filled with regrets for the things we have done, or filled with self-accusation for the things we have failed to do.

This Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will join us as we celebrate the Feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** with a special Mass and a simple reception to follow. Next week, Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. God's forgiveness gives us back our present and good life and draws us into a future filled with possibilities for love and goodness. That is the Good News, which Jesus came to proclaim. The coming feast of Christmas is a concrete promise that everything can be different.

May the blessings you find in these Advent days be the blessings that you most need!

Peace, love and All Good,
Fr. Matt

MHR AIDS Support Group

Emmanuel Tree Project: Our annual Emmanuel Tree



Christmas Gift Project to provide a gift to our MHR clients and clients of Catholic Charities' Leland House is in the entrance. Your generosity with this project has always been outstanding; we hope you will be able to participate once again this year. Please take an ornament request and return the gift to the church or rectory by Thursday, December 20th.

Visitors Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks. **There are currently 3 men in need of a visiting volunteer:**

A Client in the Mission – a friendly man with a small dog is looking for a Spanish-Speaking volunteer for company.

A Client in the Mission – a parishioner needs ongoing help in keeping his collection of costumes organized. He is also looking for computer help with Word and changing his website.

A Client in SOMA – a friendly, chatty man interested in many different subjects. He would like someone to talk to. For more information on these clients and their needs, please call the Support Group at **415-863-6259** or email **pete-asg@mhr.org**

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are celebrated for those to remember a loved one, honor someone on an important date or celebrate a special occasion. To schedule a Mass Intention or sponsor the altar flowers please call the parish office or email **secretary@mhr.org**.

MHR Christmas Card Project

We encourage you to take part in our Christmas Card Drive to help the many victims of the horrible fires that have devastated huge swaths of our beautiful state:

- At all of our Masses this weekend, we will have blank Christmas Cards available for parishioners to take, in the Narthex by the Emmanuel Tree
- Take a card home, write a personal handwritten message inside, and include a purchased Safeway gift card, a gas card, or a VISA/MasterCard gift card for \$50
- Return your card to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it in the mail (they will be pre-addressed and stamped), wishing the recipient of your kindness a wonderful Christmas
- If you prefer: You may drop off a check to the parish for the card drive, clearly marked, and we will purchase the gift card and write a Christmas card for you

All of this goodness will be distributed to those who will gratefully receive from the kind hearts of our people.

PLEASE NOTE: If you decide to take part in the Christmas Card project, we would ask that you write the value on the card. The **personal touch** will be your Christmas card message or your Christmas letter, wishing them God's blessings as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Thank you!

Community Life

- **Sunday, December 9th - The Annual MHR Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale!** 9am to 3pm in Ellard Hall. Join us after Mass!
- **Wednesday December 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass** - 7pm in the Church
- **Tuesday, December 18th - Young Adults Meeting** - 7:30pm in the Church. Email **yag@mhr.org** for information.
- **Wednesday, December 19th - Advent Reconciliation Service** - 7pm in the Church.

Visit us! On the web: **www.mhr.org**
Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**
Instagram: **mhr catholicsf**

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Jim Anderson, Thor Boucher, Patricia Libra-Riser, Kisha Rosales, Ron Holloway, Stanislaw Gronchowski, John Chisholm, Michael Dandy, David Johnson, Mark Magbanua, Diane Meier, Jim Therriault, Jed Godsey and Michelle Hatton.



*"Good it is,
to receive from the world.*

*Better it is,
to give peace to the world.*

*Best, by far the best,
is to become
the peace of the world."*

2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

—Sri Chinmoy

Simbang Gabi - Advent Novena

Simbang Gabi ("Evening Mass") is a long-held tradition in the Philippines of celebrating Advent for nine days before Christmas, to symbolize the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. This tradition arrived to the Philippines with Spanish rule in the 1500s and was then brought to the US by Filipino immigrants in the 1960s. A well-known belief among the Filipinos is that if a devotee completes all nine days of the Simbang Gabi, a request made as part of the novena may be granted.

This year, the Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass will be celebrated by His Archbishop Cordileone on Wednesday December 5, 2018 at 7:30pm.

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE:

Dec 15: St Dominic, 5:30 pm

Dec 16: Most Holy Redeemer, 6:30 pm

Dec 17: Most Holy Redeemer, 7:00pm

Dec 18: St Ignatius, 7:30 pm

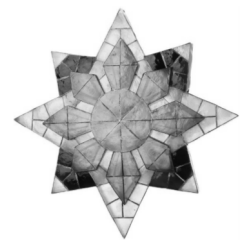
Dec 19: Star of the Sea, 6:30 pm

Dec 20: Star of the Sea, 6:30 pm

Dec 21: St Ignatius, 5:30pm

Dec 22: St Monica, 6:30 pm

Dec 23: Cathedral, 7:30am* (please note this is an early morning mass)



Mass Intentions

Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:

Saturday, December 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

5pm Amelia & Henry Tokis †

Sunday, December 9

8am Marion Bennett †

10am Juan Carlos Macias †

6:30pm Mary Otto †

Monday, December 10

8am Antonia Divinagracia (L)

Tuesday, December 11

8am Beatrice Rak †

Wednesday, December 12

8am David Bobick †

Thursday, December 13

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, December 14

8am Richard Fuselier †

Saturday, December 15

8am John Raymond Asuncion (L)

5pm Jim Macko †

Contact the Parish Office at 415-863-6259 to have Mass celebrated for a special intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers.

Prayer Requests

Frances Alvarez, AJ Anderson, Bill Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Christine Betz, Bonnie Bloom, Chuck Bold, Jill Chenron, Joshua Daigle, Antonia Divinagracia, Donna Granata, Marilyn Faulk, Steve Faegley, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Donna Granata, Michael Hall, Joseph Hargadon, Sr. Nadine Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Olivier Hubert, Christian Irizarry, Brain Lee Kissel, Michael Leonard, Malayat Likitpongsathon, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Michal Offutt, Charlene Ohl, Linda Poelzl, Sunder Sachdev, Eric Schleicher, Liz Schultz, John Schwobeda, Ted Shabecoff, Julian Shedletsky, Samantha Tong, Christine Lane Tracy, Nan Tribuzio, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Gail Whitaker, John Williams and Ryan Zuniga, †Pete Mousis†, †Anne Wolfe Page† and †Dorothy Marie Smith†.

MHR Parish Registration

- New parishioner?
- Birthday, Anniversary, sacraments, milestones?
- Notices and announcements?
- Have you moved?
- *Did we miss your birthday? We are sorry if we did. Let us know when your birthday was, by updating your information with the Parish Office at www.mhr.org and click on the contact us tab.*

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