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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, February 19

President's Day - Parish office closed

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, February 21

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Lenten Evening Prayer - Church

Thursday, February 22

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, February 24

10am Centering Prayer DVD Presentation - Ellard Hall

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, February 25

9:15am Choir Rehearsal - Ellard Hall

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

Parish Library open after the 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings

- ◇ Monday: Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt. 25:31-46
- ◇ Tuesday: Is. 55:10-11, Mt. 6:7-15
- ◇ Wednesday: Jon. 3:1-10, Lk. 11:29-32
- ◇ Thursday: 1Pt. 5:1-4, Mt. 16:13-19
- ◇ Friday: Ez. 18:21-28, Mt. 5:20-26
- ◇ Saturday: Dt. 26:16-19, Mt. 5:43-48
- ◇ Sunday: Gn. 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18, Rom. 8:31b-34,
Mk. 9:2-10

Fr. Matt's Message

Each year as we start the Lenten season many of us struggle with the question of what to do, what sacrifices to make, what spiritual exercise to undertake that will bring some more depth into our spiritual lives. Often the question boils down to this: What should I give up for Lent? And giving something up is a great practice as one part of this season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. Can we become so accustomed to Lent as a time when we are to deprive ourselves of something, that we might miss out on a chance for something more?

With too much focus on personal sacrifice, there is a subtle temptation that the most important thing we can do for our spiritual lives is something that we can actually do ourselves.

Scripture reminds that without God we can do nothing. Perhaps that should be our starting point - realizing our complete dependence upon God for everything. Lent gives us an opportunity to allow God to be God in our lives. One Lenten task might be to allow God more space in our lives so that God can work in us the way that God wants to work. Now, this might mean that, on our part, we do need to give up something or make sacrifices to create some space that might allow God to enter our lives in a deeper fashion.

So we might ask ourselves: What is taking up too much space in my life? What is blocking God from being God for me? What barriers need to be overcome? Where can we find a little more dedicated quiet time and space to be still and feed our deeper spiritual needs?

In the Scriptures that place is described as a desert or a wilderness. "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him."

The wilderness is not always a pleasant place to be. If we stay there long enough, we very well may come face to face with the wild beasts in our own lives. Our temptations will become more clear. As the Scripture says, "He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him." God will be with us and will bring power into the darkest parts of our lives. God will not leave us alone with the wild beasts.

Pope Francis reminds us that "The Church offers us the Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting as a soothing remedy." Maybe our answer to what we should give up for Lent will only come during Lent or even near the end of these 40 days.

If we create enough space for God to enter our lives, God will continue to gently reveal Himself to us. Then we will bring more of this newfound life to the Eucharist at Easter. The resurrection of Jesus will have become our resurrection as we rise out of our darkness into the wonderful light of Christ.

Blessings on your Lenten journey.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Matt

MHR AIDS Support Group

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks.



There are currently 2 men in need of a volunteer:

A Client in ParkMerced

A Client in the Mission

For more information about these clients and how you can help, please call the AIDS Support Group at 415-863-6259.

Ministry to the Homebound

A Parishioner in Noe Valley: A woman, who has broken her foot, is looking for light household help while her foot heals. She is willing to pay. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 415-863-6259

Client in Noe Valley: An 80-year old gentleman, living near 29th Street and Sanchez, is looking for someone of a similar age to spend a couple of hours a week with him: reading, talking, or playing Scrabble. If you are interested and patient, please call the rectory at 415-863-6259 xt10.

Community Life

- **Tuesday, February 20th - Young Adults Meeting - 7:30pm in the Church.** Email yag@mhr.org for info.
- **Saturday, February 24th, 10:00am in Ellard Hall (refreshments @ 9:30am).** **Centering Prayer** – One hour DVD presentation of Fr. Richard Rohr's video "Emotional Sobriety – Rewiring our Programs for Happiness" followed by a discussion period. Both young adults and "not so young" adults can find helpful life insights from this event.

Reconnect to the Catholic Church: MHR's Reconnecting Program will be held 4 Saturdays in April. Please email reconnecting@mhr.org for information.

Save these dates!

- **March 11th from 1-3pm:** A special Welcome to our MHR Rectory. Women of MHR are invited to join in Conversation and Community and the sharing of time and tasty treats. Sponsored by MHR's Women's and Girls Ministry. More details to follow.
- **The 2018 MHR Parish Retreat** will be **May 18 - 20, 2018** at Vallombrosa Center.

Visit us on the web: www.mhr.org

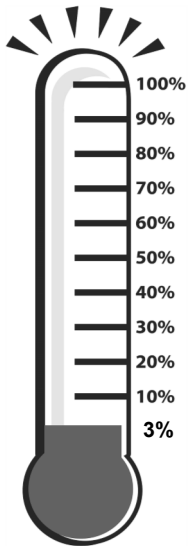
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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Derek Elias, Michael Lynch, Michelle Forshner, Rebecca Sweet, Alison Cerezo, Erika Amaya, Bob Olszewski and Daniel Aaron.

"The desert is the theater for the human struggle of searching for God."

—Jan Majernik



Thank you to all who have already
**contributed to the 2018
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!**

**We have collected \$1688.00,
3% of our goal of \$57,487.**

Thank you for your support!

Stewardship

February 10 & 11

Saturday 5pm -	\$1,339.00
Sunday 8am -	\$1,220.00
Sunday 10am -	\$2,230.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$314.00
Outside Mass -	\$534.79
<u>Vanco Online -</u>	<u>\$651.13</u>
Collection Total -	\$6,288.92
Budgeted -	\$5000.00
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal -	\$1,688.00

This weekend there is a second collection for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. **Next weekend** there will be a second collection for Easter Flowers.

Thank you for your support!

Annual Lenten School Supply Drive

THANK YOU for supporting Catholic elementary education and St. James School with our kick off of our annual Lenten school supply collection! Next week, we will be collecting Chisel Expo Markers (dry erase) and Erasers.



If going out to shop for school supplies is difficult, we are happy to collect cash, as we will make additional school supply purchases at the end of Lent. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, February 17

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

5pm Hank Bineault †

Sunday, February 18

8am

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm

Monday, February 19

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Tuesday, February 20

8am Benedicto D. Deza †

Wednesday, February 21

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, February 22

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, February 23

8am

Saturday, February 24

8am

5pm

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

Prayer Requests

Oscar Acosta, AJ Anderson, Tom Battipaglia, Christine Betz, Chuck Bold, Dave Borstel, Sally Cahur, Linda Demerjian, Louis Dunn, Marilyn Faulk, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Linda Glover Isaiah Greene, Monette Greene, Ellen Grund, Joseph Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Mary Ann Hawver, Bill Hickerson, Judy Johnson, Debra Jones, Robert Jones, Dan Lawrence, Joseph Macko, Bernie Maddox, Tonya Martinez, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Charlene Ohl, Bill Osuna, Rob Quinn, Sunder Sachdev, Eric Schlyker, Ben Schultz, John Schwobeda, Scott & Deb Smith, Terry Smith, Larry & JoAnne Sullivan, Christine Lane Tracy, Robert Zapulla, Ryan Zuniga, †Mary Barduson†, †Hank Bineault†, †Bradley Budlock† and †Irene Rinchart†.

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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