



Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2018  
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - San Francisco, California

"Transfiguration" by Macha Chmakoff

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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 26**

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

**Wednesday, February 28**

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Lenten Evening Prayer - Church

**Thursday, March 1**

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Saturday, March 3**

11am - 1pm Gardening

**Sunday, March 4**

9:15am Choir Rehearsal - Ellard Hall

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

Parish Library open after the 8am & 10am Masses

**Daily Readings**

- ◇ Monday: Dn. 9:4b-10, Lk. 6:36-38
- ◇ Tuesday: Is. 1:10, 16-20, Mt. 23:1-12
- ◇ Wednesday: Jer. 18:18-20, Mt. 20:17-18
- ◇ Thursday: Jer. 17:5-10, Lk. 16:19-31
- ◇ Friday: Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt. 21:33-43, 45-46
- ◇ Saturday: Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32
- ◇ Sunday: Ex. 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17, 1Cor. 1:22-25, Jn. 2:13-25

**Fr. Matt's Message**

Living In Trust

Mountains. They are symbols of both our struggles and our aspirations. Some of life's mountains have much to teach us.

At times, life bears similarities to our first reading from the book of Genesis. It can be hard, cruel, and far beyond our understanding. It goes against all of our natural feelings. No matter what we do, we can't make any sense out of it or find a way to bring about resolution. We can always find limited and temporary escape as we try to deaden the pain we sometimes encounter in life by doing that which is not good for us, but that escape soon wears out. At those times it might be good to take a turn down the path of trust; a trust that comes from a strong and unshakable faith in the living God.

On Mount Tabor Jesus' disciples got a glimpse of the glory that was his as God's own beloved Son. It was a wonderful experience for them, so much so that Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And it is good for us to be a part of a community of faith where we often get a glimpse of our own glory, for we too are beloved children of God.

On this Second Sunday of Lent I wanted to share some of Pope Francis' thoughts and suggestions about fasting and ways to fast on a deeper level.

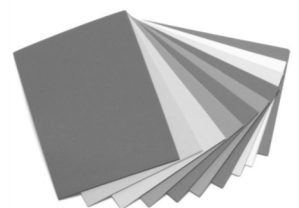
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Prayers and blessings,

*Fr. Matt*

**Annual Lenten School Supply Drive**

We continue our annual Lenten collection of school supplies for St. James School next week with Construction Paper! ALL COLORS welcome!!!! If you prefer, we are happy to collect cash to make your purchase for you. Simply drop your contribution in the baskets around the altar. Thank you for your ongoing support of this great school!



### 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, March 6th - Young Adults Meeting at 7:30pm in the church.** Email yag@mhr.org for information.
- **Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm:** A special invitation to all MHR women parishioners or visitors, for an afternoon gathering. Come join in conversation, community, sharing of thoughts and ideas along with tasty treats in MHR's recently remodeled Rectory kitchen. Please RSVP by Mar 5<sup>th</sup> by email at women.girls@mhr.org
- **Reconnect to the Catholic Church: MHR's Reconnecting Program** will be held 4 Saturdays in April. Please email reconnecting@mhr.org for information.

### **Save the date!**

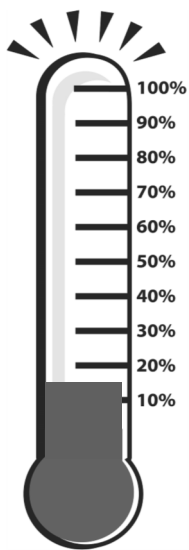
**The 2018 MHR Parish Retreat** will be **May 18 - 20, 2018** at Vallombrosa Center.

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**Follow us on Facebook:** *Most Holy Redeemer Church*

### **Our Parish Community Birthdays**

Lou Montoya, Ken Najour, David Henriques, Gregg Brooks, Mats Christiansen, Brandon Lee, Ariel Calalang-Boucher, Tess Sullivan, Fr. Mike Greenwell, Tom Halligan, Julia Crandon, Amy Cancelmo, Grace Tungpalan and Mark Crandon.



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

**We have collected \$7,829.00, 14% of our goal of \$57,487.**

**Thank you for your support!**

### Lent

Lent is the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is more important. On Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the Church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent.

For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time we acknowledge our sins and seek God's help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world, and our desire to better the lives of others.

For the elect, those preparing for baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus. For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment, and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.—*Paul Turner*

### **Stewardship**

**February 17 & 18**

Saturday 5pm -	\$625.00
Sunday 8am -	\$504.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,612.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$385.00
Outside Mass -	\$569.24
Vanco Online -	\$632.53
Collection Total -	\$4,327.77
Budgeted -	\$5000.00

**This weekend** there is a second collection for Easter Flowers. **Next weekend** there will be a second collection for the Wednesday Night Suppers.

**Thank you for your support!**

## **Mass Intentions**

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

### **Saturday, February 24**

8am

5pm

### **Sunday, February 25**

8am

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm

### **Monday, February 26**

8am Jayel Bennet L. Divinagracia (L)

### **Tuesday, February 27**

8am Jogie Lyn L. Maliksi (L)

### **Wednesday, February 28**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

### **Thursday, March 1**

8am Dorothy Weiss †

### **Friday, March 2**

8am

### **Saturday, March 3**

8am

5pm Angie & Joe Tambone †

*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, David Alexander, AJ Anderson, Tom Battipaglia, Christine Betz, Chuck Bold, Dave Borstel, Sally Cahur, Linda Demerjian, Jayel Divinagracia, Louis Dunn, Marilyn Faulk, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Linda Glover Isaiah Greene, Monette Greene, Ellen Grund, Joseph Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Mary Ann Hawver, Charles Herbers, Bill Hickerson, Judy Johnson, Debra Jones, Robert Jones, Dan Lawrence, Joseph Macko, Bernie Maddox, Tonya Martinez, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Charlene Ohi, Bill Osuna, Rob Quinn, Eric Schlyker, Ben Schultz, John Schwobeda, Scott & Deb Smith, Terry Smith, Larry & JoAnne Sullivan, Christine Lane Tracy, Samuel Ward, Robert Zapulla, Ryan Zuniga and †Irene Reinhart †.

## **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](http://www.mhr.org) and click on the contact us tab.*

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