

Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 7, 2018

Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - San Francisco California



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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, January 8**

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

**Wednesday, January 10**

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

**Saturday, January 13**

11am - 1pm Gardening

**Sunday, December 14**

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

Parish Library open after the 8am & 10am Masses

**Daily Readings**

- ◇ Monday: Is. 42:1-4,6-7 or 55:1-11 or Acts 10:24-38 or 1Jn. 5:1-9, Mk. 1:7-11
- ◇ Tuesday: 1Sm. 1:9-20, Mk. 1:21-28
- ◇ Wednesday: 1Sm. 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk. 1:29-39
- ◇ Thursday: 1Sm. 4:1-11, Mk. 1:40-45
- ◇ Friday: 1Sm. 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk. 2:1-12
- ◇ Saturday: 1Sm. 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1, Mk. 2:13-17
- ◇ Sunday: 1Sm. 3:3b-10,19, 1Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20, Jn. 1:35-42

**Fr. Matt's Message**

Merry Christmas! As a family, we always kept the halls decked and the tree adorned (no matter how great a fire hazard it had become) through Epiphany or "Little Christmas" as my mom called it. On this last day of the Christmas Season we would receive a small gift or a special treat, allowing us to have one more day of Christmas before the going back to school and back to our own family version of ordinary time.

The feast of the Epiphany is the joyful proclamation that the kingdom of God is a kingdom where all people are meant to live in harmony with one another and with creation. There is to be no division among people of faith and the rest of the world. All are God's children. All "are members of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (Eph 3:6).

As God's people, we strive to create and encourage experiences of peace and harmony. I think most people love a sing-along. I know I do. In a way, all of life is about singing a harmonic song. Isolation and loneliness come from disharmony. When we're out of touch with God, with one another, with creation itself, then we feel distressed, pulled apart. This is dissonance. When things don't sound right together, we instinctively know and feel it in our bones. We do well to pay more attention to this feeling of disharmony. It is a call from God to start getting things back into place.

Forgiveness is a good beginning toward living in harmony. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, or if you're looking for one more to put on that list, I'll share my number one, and challenge you to the same work. Forgive someone. I think we all have someone we need to forgive. I think forgiveness is like a bridge. It carries us over a dark and painful stretch to a place of light where we can live with goodness and love. If we allow ourselves to stay too long in the darkness of unforgiveness, it is so much harder to see what is good and right in our lives and in our relationships.

The Bridge by Rabbi Karen Kedar

*Forgiveness is a path to be walked.  
There are steps along the way:  
loss, anger, acceptance, learning,  
forgiveness, restoration.*

*And along the way, you will come upon a bridge.  
When you step upon it, it will carry you,  
support you, connect you to another side of life,  
a side waiting to be discovered.*

*Forgiveness is a perpetual journey.  
There are many bridge crossings.  
Each restores a bit more of what you have lost.*

*Begin.*

Blessings and prayers to you on your journey.  
In peace and with love,

*Fr. Matt*

### MHR AIDS Support Group

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers normally spend 2 hours per week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks. There is currently 1 man in need of a volunteer:



**A Client in ParkMerced**

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

**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.

### Epiphany Door Blessing

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors". The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the door of the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 18.

The letters have been interpreted in two ways. Many say the letter are for the abbreviation of the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat* meaning "May Christ bless this house."

Others says that the letter represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar (or Gaspar), Melchior, and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in his first home.

The + signs represent the cross, and the 20 at the beginning and 18 at the end mark the year. Taken together the inscription is performed as a request that Christ to bless those homes so marked that he stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

After chalking the door with the inscription, share the following prayer:

"The three Wise Men, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless this house and remain with us throughout the new year.

We pray:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love, and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. AMEN"

### Community Life

- **Tuesday, January 16th - Young Adults Meeting** - 7:30pm in the children's room. Email [yag@mhr.org](mailto:yag@mhr.org) for information.
- **Saturday, January 27th - Centering Prayer speaker Michael Fish, OSB Cam in Ellard Hall.** Topic is "Listening to the Heart of God". Registration & Coffee At 9:30am. Talk from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

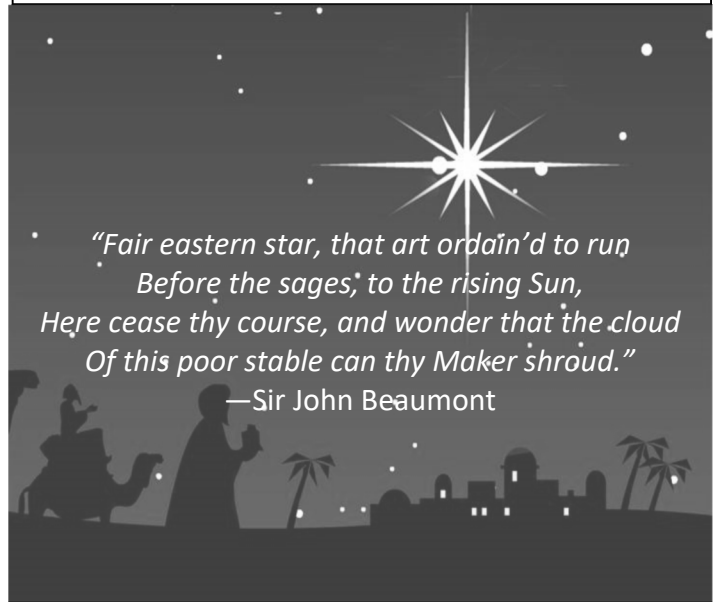
**Reconnect to the Catholic Church: MHR's Reconnecting Program** will be held 4 Saturdays in April. Please email [reconnecting@mhr.org](mailto:reconnecting@mhr.org) for information.

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### Our Parish Community Birthdays

David Sundy, Stef Gomez, Jay Block, Fr. Donal Godfrey, Ron Pacheco, Michael Librodo, Rick Levy, Carol Klufts, Bob Dehlinger, Mark Kilkenny, Colin Chandler and Linda Buckley.



*"Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run  
Before the sages; to the rising Sun,  
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud  
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud."  
—Sir John Beaumont*

### Stewardship

#### December 30 & 31

Saturday 5pm -	\$794.00
Sunday 8am -	\$497.00
Sunday 10am -	\$2,041.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$294.00
Outside Mass -	\$1,087.86
<u>Vanco Online -</u>	<u>\$451.42</u>
Collection Total -	\$5,165.28
Christmas to date -	\$15,421.35

This weekend there is a second collection for the MHR On-going Maintenance Fund.

**Thank you for your amazing support!**

## **Mass Intentions**

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

### **Saturday, January 6**

8am

5pm

### **Sunday, January 7**

8am

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm Mark Hendrix † &

Sandy McClaren Abraham †

### **Monday, January 8**

10am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

### **Tuesday, January 9**

8am Sylvia V. Duff †

### **Wednesday, January 10**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

### **Thursday, January 11**

8am Dorothy Weiss †

### **Friday, January 12**

8 Barbara Colelli †

### **Saturday, January 13**

8am Amy Ripley †

5pm George G. Hawxhurst †

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

## **Prayer Requests**

David Alexander, AJ Anderson, Matt Barba, Mary Bass, Christine Betz, Hank Bineault, Chuck Bold, Dave Borstel, Dr. Dalmacio Briones, Jr., Esther Bruzza, Sally Cahur, Pam Deason, Ramon De Leon, Linda Demerjian, Marge Dempster, Louis Dunn, Marilyn Faulk, Shyla Feliciano Ignacio Gardea, Margaret "Peg" Gleason, Linda Glover, Isaiah Greene, Monette Greene, Ellen Grund, Stephanie Hamma, Joseph Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Mary Ann Hawver, François Hubert, Judy Johnson, Pat Keyes, Dan Lawrence, Tom Levy, Rita Ludeman, Bernie Maddox, Tonya Martinez, Bill Osuna, Jason Paige, Denise Raul Ramos, Mary Ellen Rogers, Frances Sales, Ben Schultz, John Schwobeda, Liz Smith, Scott & Deb Smith, Larry & JoAnne Sullivan, Joyce Tokos, Christine Lane Tracy, Justin Vaughn, Charles Wrede, Robert Zapulla, Ryan Zuniga and †Carolyn Pettis†.

## **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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