



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE

JOHN 3:16

**Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
San Francisco, California
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 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, March 12

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, March 14

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Lenten Evening Prayer - Church

Thursday, March 15

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, March 17

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, March 18

9:15am Choir Rehearsal - Ellard Hall

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

Parish Library open after the 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings

- ◇ Monday: Is. 65:17-21, Jn. 4:43-54
- ◇ Tuesday: Ez. 47:1-9, 12, Jn. 5:1-16
- ◇ Wednesday: Is. 49:8-15, Jn. 5:17-30
- ◇ Thursday: Ex. 32:7-14, Jn. 5:31-47
- ◇ Friday: Wis. 2:1a, 12-22, Jn. 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- ◇ Saturday: Jer. 11:18-20, Jn. 7:40-53
- ◇ Sunday: Jer. 31:31-34, Heb. 5:7-9, Jn. 12:20-33

The "Scrutinies"

Tell people they will face a scrutiny before they can join your community, and they will probably say, "Thanks, but no thanks." Boldly, our church expects not one but three scrutinies of the elect before their baptism at Easter.

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek baptism in the Catholic church, they do so by stages. First we accept them into the order of catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation we enroll them among the "elect," or those chosen for baptism. This rite of election generally coincides with the beginning of Lent. Three times during Lent the church prays the scrutinies to encourage a spirit of repentance among those who seek a worthy celebration of baptism.

Although scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in church history. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them in the fourth and fifth century to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The moral preparation of catechumens included prayers of exorcism to drive out the spirit of evil which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. In the scrutinies the church discerned if those exorcisms had achieved their effect. Catechumens entered the church, stood barefoot on goatskin and renounced evil influences all night. Those unworthy of baptism had to wait another year for Easter to roll around again.

Today's scrutinies seem less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest or deacon prays that the spirit of evil may be replaced by the spirit of good. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of baptism worthily.

For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the elect scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.—*Paul Turner*

Annual Lenten School Supply Drive

Next Sunday, we will be collecting Scotch Tape refills (for tape dispensers) and Post-it Notes (of all shapes & colors!) in our Annual school supply collection for St.

James School.

Your help and support is appreciated

by all faculty, staff and especially the students! **THANK YOU!!!**



MHR AIDS Support Group

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/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**



Transportation Needed: There is 1 man living near the church who is looking for transportation to and from UCSF- Parnassus on March 22 and future doctor visits. 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.

A Parishioner in the Castro: A man living near the church is looking for a ride to and from the 10AM Sunday Mass.

An Elderly Woman in the Castro: A woman living on Ord Street is looking for some assistance for 5 hours on Mondays with cleaning, helping with garbage, and working in the garden. She is willing to pay \$20/hour less taxes coming out to approx. \$16.60/hour or \$83/day.

Community Life

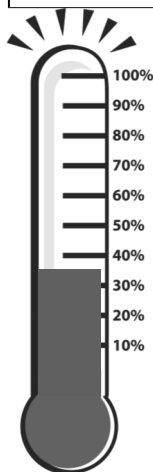
- **Sunday March 11th from 1-3pm:** A special invitation to all MHR women parishioners or visitors, for an afternoon gathering. Come join in conversation, community, sharing of thoughts and ideas along with tasty treats in MHR's recently remodeled Rectory kitchen. Please RSVP by Mar 5th by email at women.girls@mhr.org
- **Saturday, March 17th, 10:00am in Ellard Hall (refreshments @ 9:30am).** Centering Prayer - *Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy Workshop* – using a DVD and Participants Workbook (provided) from Fr. Richard Rohr. This first of five sessions will explore the topic of *Atonement Theology*. See flyer included in bulletin.
- **Tuesday, March 20th - Young Adults Meeting at 7:30pm in the church.** Email yag@mhr.org for information.
- **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.

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Ryan Clifford, Alejandro Marroquin, Patrick Macklin, Kevin Clark, Lou Petrella, Warren Pederson, Wallace Greene, Curtis Murray, Ray Queheillalt, Rob Hopke, Johan Delen, Andrew Polk, Maria Rodriguez, Cris Rosales and Bruce Chatfield.



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

We have collected \$20,022,
35% of our goal of \$57,487.

Thank you for your support!

Stewardship

March 3 & 4

Saturday 5pm -	\$672.00
Sunday 8am -	\$996.00
Sunday 10am -	\$s,s70.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$134.00
Outside Mass -	\$701.00
Vanco Online -	\$353.96
Collection Total -	\$5,126.96
Budgeted -	\$5000.00
Wednesday Night Suppers -	\$3,516.78

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your generosity!

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HELP SUPPORT MHR AND OUR MANY MINISTRIES!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 10

8am Marie Favorite †

5pm Donato Resta †

Sunday, March 11

8am Barbara Colelli †

10am Daniel Felicetti †

6:30pm

Monday, March 12

8am Jo Elaine Divinagracia (L)

Tuesday, March 13

8am Hugh Bassett †

Wednesday, March 14

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, March 15

8am

Friday, March 16

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Saturday, March 17

8am Madeline Rana †

5pm Carl V. Miller †

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, Sally Cahur, Linda Demerjian, Jayel Divinagracia, Louis Dunn, Marilyn Faulk, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Linda Glover Isaiah Greene, Monette Greene, Ellen Grund, Mona Lisa Guerrero, Michael Hall, Joseph Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Fr. Richard Hauser, Mary Ann Hawver, Charles Herbers, Bill Hickerson, Judy Johnson, Debra Jones, Robert Jones, Dan Lawrence, Joseph Macko, Bernie Maddox, Tonya Martinez, Sebastian MacLean, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Pancho Morales, Charlene Ohl, John O'Sullivan, Bill Osuna, Rob Quinn, Eric Schlyker, Ben Schultz, John Schwobeda, Christine Shedletsky, Scott & Deb Smith, Terry Smith, Larry & JoAnne Sullivan, Christine Lane Tracy, Samuel Ward, Robert Zapulla, Ryan Zuniga and †Laurel O'Rourke†.

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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