

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 18, 2018 - Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church - San Francisco, California



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"Rebirth" by Donald Suigii

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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, March 19

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, March 21

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service - Church

Thursday, March 22

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, March 24

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

9:15am Choir Rehearsal - Ellard Hall

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

Parish Library open after the 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings

- ◇ Monday: 2Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom. 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- ◇ Tuesday: Nm. 21:4-9, Jn. 8:21-30
- ◇ Wednesday: Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn. 8:31-42
- ◇ Thursday: Gn. 17:3-9, Jn. 8:51-59
- ◇ Friday: Jer. 20:10-13, Jn. 10:31-42
- ◇ Saturday: Ez. 37:21-28, Jn. 11:45-56
- ◇ Sunday: Is. 50:4-7, Phil. 2:6-11, Mk. 14:1-15:47

Fr. Matt's Message

The story is told of a blind merchant selling his wares in the middle of a busy train station, when a group of children bump into the table and knock much of his nicely stacked merchandise to the floor. As the story goes, the merchant gets down on his hands and knees in an attempt to retrieve his scattered goods. Another man, clearly in a hurry, rounds the corner to see the sight-impaired merchant on the floor.

The man stops for a moment, looks at his watch, his expression indicating his dilemma: If he takes the time to help this young man, he will likely miss his train. With only a moment's hesitation, he drops his briefcase, gets down on the floor, and helps the merchant gather and re-stack his goods. When all is in order, and the man walks away, the merchant calls out after him: "Hey Mister, are you Jesus?"

Now whether this story is true or not, it could well be a modern-day parable. It comes to my mind each time I hear the Greeks say to Philip, as we hear in today's Gospel on this fifth Sunday in Lent, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus" (John 12:20).

As our Lenten journey draws to a close, we come closer to the brutal day of Jesus' crucifixion. We know that darkness will come, but in the new light the Resurrection will shine its hope upon us all. When we confess our sins and are forgiven, the chalkboard of our hearts is wiped clean. As the Lord said in the Book of Jeremiah, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." And, in Psalm 51, we joyfully sing "Create a clean heart in me, O God." Then, the words from Hebrews (5:7-9) light our way, remembering the obedience of Jesus in accepting his suffering and becoming the source of eternal salvation for us when we follow and obey him.

Hope to see many of you this Tuesday evening as the MHR Young Adults Group leads us on The Way of the Cross, a walking meditation and prayer in our neighborhood. Next weekend, Palm Sunday, the 10:00 a.m. Mass will begin in the garden and we will walk process with Palms from the garden into the church as we enter into Holy Week.

Thanks to so many of you who came out last Saturday and helped out with the "Picnic in the Park" cookout and barbecue for our neighbors who have many needs. Many religious, Sisters, Brothers, priests and lay folks joyfully helped make the day a great success. Everyone left with a happy farewell of "See you next year!"

Thank you for all you do to share the love of Christ.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Matt



MHR AIDS Support Group

Visitor 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

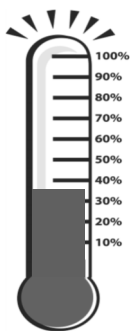
A Parishioner in Noe Valley: A woman, who has broken her foot, is looking for light household help while her foot heals. She is willing to pay. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 415-863-6259

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.

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.

“Lent is a time to renew wherever we are in that process that I call the divine therapy. It’s a time to look what our instinctual needs are, look at what the dynamics of our unconscious are.”

—Thomas Keating



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

We have collected \$21, 147, 37% of our goal of \$57,487.

Thank you for you support!

Stewardship

March 10 & 11

Saturday 5pm -	\$911.00
Sunday 8am -	\$680.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,690.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$450.00
Outside Mass -	\$50.00
Vanco Online -	\$786.64
Collection Total -	\$4,567.64
Budgeted -	\$5000.00
Catholic Relief Services -	\$1,310.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Community Life

- **Tuesday, March 20th - The Way of the Cross meet at the church at 7pm.** Email yag@mhr.org for information.
- **Wednesday, March 21st - Lenten Reconciliation Service - 7pm** in the church.
- **Saturday, April 7th, 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 second of five sessions will explore the topic of Eco-Spirituality.** See flyer included in bulletin on March 25 and April 1st.
- **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

Les Young, Jim Stockholm, Myles Orndorff, Desmond Desmond, Terrence Davis, Joe Flores, Peter Albert, Michael Daly and Owen Baker-Flynn.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN CHILD CARE DURING 10:00 A.M.

MASS READ THIS! MHR is exploring the possibility of providing child care during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested in child care, in working on the committee, volunteering to help, or just seeking further information please let us know by contacting Sam Bass at 415-500-1444.

SHOP AMAZON SMILE!

TRIPLE THE DONATION ON YOUR FIRST ORDER! From March 12th-31st, Amazon will triple the donation rate to 1.5% on your first eligible purchase! Log on to

www.smile.amazon.com, sign into your Amazon account and search for Most Holy Redeemer Church.

HELP SUPPORT MHR AND OUR MANY MINISTRIES!

Annual Lenten School Supply Drive

Next Sunday is the **last** Sunday of our Annual Lenten school supply collection for St. James School. We began Lent by collecting photocopy paper and we’ll end with collecting **MORE** photocopy paper! It’s amazing how much paper a school runs thru! Your help in purchasing reams or cases of paper is appreciated! 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. As always, MHR has been amazing with this annual event and the St. James School Community is ever grateful! **THANK YOU!!!**

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 17

8am Madeline Rana †
5pm Carl V. Miller †
Rose Marie Bernstein †

Sunday, March 18

8am Larry Clark †
10am MHR Parishioners
6:30pm

Monday, March 19

8am Emerita J. Deza (L)
Chuck Mercurio (L)

Tuesday, March 20

8am Dave Borstel †

Wednesday, March 21

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, March 22

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, March 23

8am Tim Regan †

Saturday, March 24

8am
5pm Hortencia Santos (L)

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, Carol Arete, 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 Shedletsy, Scott & Deb Smith, Terry Smith, Larry & JoAnne Sullivan, Christine Lane Tracy, Samuel Ward, Robert Zapulla, Ryan Zuniga, †Larry Clark† and †Ernesto Valle†.

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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