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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 5

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, March 7

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Lenten Evening Prayer - Church

Thursday, March 8

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, March 10

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, March 11

9:15am Choir Rehearsal - Ellard Hall

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

Parish Library open after the 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings

- ◇ Monday: 2Kgs. 5:1-15ab, Lk. 4:24-30
- ◇ Tuesday: Dn. 3:25,34-43, Mt. 18:21-35
- ◇ Wednesday: Dt. 4:1, 5-9, Mt. 5:17-19
- ◇ Thursday: Jer. 17:5-10, Lk. 16:19-31
- ◇ Friday: Hos. 14:2-10, Mk. 12:28-34
- ◇ Saturday: Hos. 6:1-6, Lk. 18:9-14
- ◇ Sunday: 2Chr. 35:14-16, 19-23, Eph. 2:4-10, Jn. 3:14-21

Fr. Matt's Message

The 1956 class of Most Holy Redeemer School stopped by the garden last Tuesday on their annual day of Class Reunion. They wanted to see and bless the memorial brick they had placed at the fountain in our garden. Some 62 years after 8th grade graduation, this hardy and happy group still love to get together to remember and to reconnect. It was a joy to meet them and to hear the stories they had to share. Several commented on the beautiful stained glass windows saying they were even more beautiful than remembered. I was reminded of a reflection on stained glass and light and how we are all called to holiness.

A little girl was visiting a beautiful cathedral with her aunt. It was late afternoon and the sun's rays were streaming through a stained glass window that featured the figures of several saints. The little girl pointed to one of the figures standing out in the strong light and asked, "Who is that?" "That's Saint Peter," the aunt replied. Then pointing to another, the girl asked who that one was. "That's Saint John," was the reply.

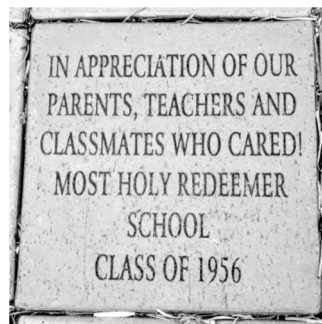
When she pointed to still another she was told, "That's Saint James." Then, with a sigh of satisfaction, the little girl said, "Well, now I know what a saint is. A saint is somebody the light shines through."

In today's Gospel Lesson Jesus speaks of a world covered by darkness, a world in which people love darkness rather than light because their deeds are not saintly or good. In Jesus' words, "Everyone who practices evil hates the light; he does not come near it for fear his deeds will be exposed" (Jn.3:20-21). A world that is captive to darkness turns its back upon the light. This is where Jesus reminds us, "Walk while you have the light, or the dark will overtake you," Jesus said to His disciples. (Jn. 12:35). And walk together in case you get lost, your faithful companions on the journey can help you find your way.

Anyone who walks with Jesus is walking right into the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tells us, "the one who lives by the truth comes out into the light so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God" (Jn. 3:21).

Yes, a light has appeared in the darkness: Jesus Christ. He is our companion on the way. He knows the way ahead for He Himself has traveled it through gloom to glory, through darkness to light, through death to life. Yes, a light has appeared in the darkness: Jesus Christ. He is our companion on the way. He knows the way ahead for He Himself has traveled it through gloom to glory, through darkness to light, through death to life. If we are not distracted, if we truly are on the way, it is not through our own efforts, praise God! "This is not your own doing," St. Paul writes, "it is God's gift; neither is it a reward for anything that you

have accomplished, so let no one pride himself on it" (Eph.2:8,9). And then, to underscore this truth, perhaps one of the best known of all Bible passages: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life" (Jn.3:16). **Continues:**



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

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 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.
- **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

Ernest Camisa, Nanette Miller, Nicky Jackson, Mark Andrews, Maureen Flaherty, Tomas Hassan, Alberta Montero, Alley Kane-McDowell, Johanna Buckels, Tom O'Keefe, Sr. Cathy Cahur, Mike Gorman, John Carrillo, Jim Hargadon, Janet Haire, Lois Weigel and Franklin Hernandez.

Annual Lenten School Supply Drive

We continue our Lenten journey and we are intensifying our work and focus with our Annual Lenten school supply collection for St. James School. Next Sunday, we will be collecting Glue Sticks & Mechanical Pencils. Remember, 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 support!



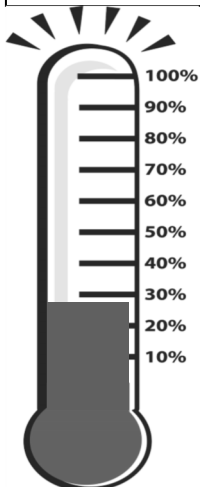
Stewardship

February 24 & 25

Saturday 5pm -	\$800.00
Sunday 8am -	\$473.00
Sunday 10am -	\$2,170.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$367.00
Outside Mass -	\$474.79
<u>Vanco Online -</u>	<u>\$417.27</u>
Collection Total -	\$4,702.06
Budgeted -	\$5000.00

This weekend there is a second collection for the Wednesday Night Suppers.

Thank you for your support!



Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2018

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

**We have collected \$16,261.00,
28% of our goal of \$57,487.**

Thank you for your support!

"Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better than grumpy ones.

The surly bird catches the germ."

—Anonymous

Continued:

Walk together, like our visitors on their homecoming reunion last week to this place they graduated from in 1956. Walk together and let the light of Christ shine through you, and into the dark places of the world.

Blessings and peace,
Fr. Matt

PS -- Next Saturday, March 10 is the annual "Garden Party," happening this year in our MHR Garden for the homeless and our neighbors in need. Please see the bulletin insert for more information. The event is sponsored by the Men and Women Religious of the Archdiocese. This year's picnic outreach also coincides with National Catholic Sisters' Week.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 3

8am

5pm Angie & Joe Tambone †

Sunday, March 4

8am

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm

Monday, March 5

8am Betty & Peter Toms †

Tuesday, March 6

8am Robert Mettler †

Wednesday, March 7

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, March 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Friday, March 9

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Saturday, March 10

8am Marie Favorite †

5pm Donato Resta †

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, 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, Sebastian MacLean, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Charlene Ohl, John O'Sullivan, 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 †Dave Borstel†.

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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