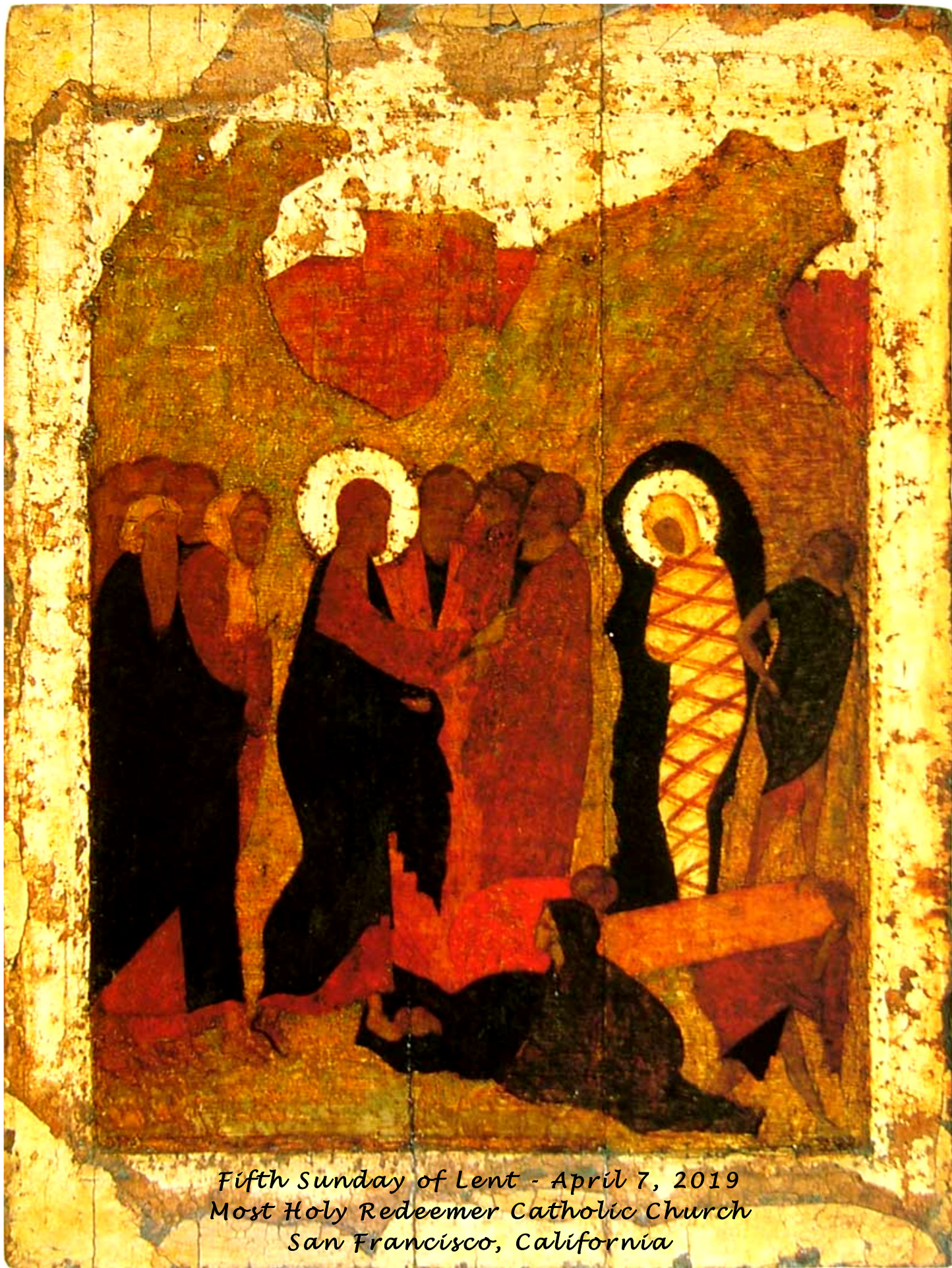




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Worship Hours

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, April 8

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Tuesday, April 9

6pm to 8pm - Reconciliation - Church

Wednesday, April 10

1pm—7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Lenten Reconciliation Service - Church

Thursday, April 11

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, April 13

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

MHR Library open after 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings: April 8 - 14

- ◇ Monday: Dn. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, Jn. 8:12-20
- ◇ Tuesday: Nm. 21:4-9, Jn. 8:21-30
- ◇ Wednesday: Dn. 3:14-20, 91-91, 95, Jn. 8:31-42
- ◇ Thursday: Gn. 17:3-9, Jn. 8:511-59
- ◇ Friday: Jer. 20:10-13, Jn. 10:31-42
- ◇ Saturday: Ez. 37:21-28, Jn. 11:45-56
- ◇ Sunday: Lk. 19:28-40, Is. 50:4-7, Phil. 2:6-11, Lk. 22:14-23:56

Annual St James School

Supplies Drive

Next Weekend is the final week of the of the St. James School Supplies Drive. We end as we began by collecting **Photo Copy Paper**. Your generosity has been amazing and St. James School is so thankful for your support!



Fr. Matt's Message

Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead". In the last two Sundays we have been faced with our thirst and our blindness - we heard the stories of the woman at the well and the man born blind. Jesus promised that the woman would no longer be thirsty and that the blind man would be able to see. Today we hear an even greater promise. Jesus promises us that even those parts of our lives that seem dead can come to life once again. He declares, "I am the Resurrection - those who believe in me will never die."

Ours is a God who can bring new life out of dead, dry and lifeless bones. The raising of Lazarus is a strong symbol of the fact that the Lord can raise us up from anything, no matter what it may be. The readings for this Fifth Sunday of Lent are not speaking about an easy fix or pretending that life is not very harsh at times. Today's Scripture readings can reinforce, as strongly as possible, the belief that God wants us to be fully alive and will be there to carry us through the most difficult of times in life.

St. Paul tells us: "... you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." The Spirit given to us and the Church is a source of that new life which God wishes to bring to us. From Ezekiel, (37:11), "Yahweh said: These bones are the whole House of Israel. They are saying our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." God brings life out of what seemed to be forever dead.

We have been told that the glory of God is the human person fully alive. Lent can be a time when we ask God to look at those parts of our lives that are in danger of dying, or at those parts of ourselves that are already dead. We ask the Lord to bring to life anything within us that we may think has died and will never come back to life. But first of all we are asked to believe that God is above all a God of life, and that God wishes us to be as fully alive as possible. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

It is to this kind of faith that we are called -- a faith that trusts that God can bring life out of even the darkest of our personal stories.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,
Fr. Matt

Palm Sunday is next weekend. The liturgical color of the day is **red**. We are all invited to show a bit of our passion by wearing something red to Mass. Thanks for your consideration!

Mass will begin with the blessing of the Palms in our garden and we will process from the garden into the church. Please pray for good weather! If you don't feel like processing, simply gather in the church and you should be able to hear most if not all of the prayers over the sound system.

MHR AIDS Support Group

Facilitated Support Group: A professionally-facilitated support group for people with HIV/AIDS meets Thursdays from 1:30 to 3PM weekly here at MHR. There are currently openings for new members. If you are looking for a safe space to talk about what is going on in your life, this may be the group for you. For more information or to register, please call 415-863-6259 XT10 or email pete-asg@mhr.org.



Visitors Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks. **There are currently 3 men in need of a visiting volunteer:**

A Client in the Mission - a friendly man with a small dog is looking for a **Spanish-Speaking** volunteer for company.

A Client in Park Merced – a man who is looking for someone to play chess and go to movies.

A Client in the Western Addition – a man with a partner and a small dog is looking for a friendly visitor.

For more information on these clients and their needs, please call the Support Group at 415-863-6259 or email pete-asg@mhr.org

Calling MHR Bakers and Pastry Chefs!

We are in need of volunteers to bring desserts or goodies, (enough for 20 people) for our Coffee and Dessert

Receptions after the Easter Weekend Masses:

Holy Saturday, April 20th 8pm Vigil Mass and

Easter Sunday, April 21st 8am & 10am Masses!

Please bring the items to Ellard Hall before the Masses.

Thank you in advance and Happy Easter!

For Grownups Only!

The Easter Bunny is asking for donations of plastic Easter Eggs filled with candy or small toys for the annual MHR Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter Sunday 10am Mass. Please drop the eggs off at the Rectory during business hours by Thursday, April 18th. Please be sure that the eggs are taped so they do not fall open! Thank you!

A Big MHR Thank you!

A note of gratitude to Vincent Gonzaga, who is serving as the Second Sacristan throughout the seasons of Lent and Easter. Vincent is working with Mark Santos, who has been our trusted Sacristan for the past 3 years! The work of the Sacristans is often unseen or underappreciated at parishes, because they work behind the scenes and off-hours. So thank you Vincent and Mark for your important ministry!

Community Life

- **Wednesday, April 10th - 7pm** Lenten Community Reconciliation service.
- **Tuesday, April 16th - Stations of the Cross with the MHR Young Adults** - We will meet at Most Holy Redeemer for the First Station at 7pm and journey to Calvary through the Castro.

2019 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday April 13th - Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday April 14th - 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Holy Thursday - April 18th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday - April 19th

Church open for quiet prayer Noon - 3pm

Good Friday Service - 7pm

Holy Saturday - April 20th

Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm

Dessert and Coffee Reception to follow

Easter Sunday Masses April 21st

8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Dessert and Coffee Reception after 8am & 10am Masses
(No 8am Mass Thursday, Friday or Saturday)

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Rainey Matthews, Michael Snider, John Bogacki, Ernest Rodriguez, Dick Dunphey, Carlos Rodriguez, Jim Lonergan, Benjie Enverga, Bernadette Moran, Susan Mortell, Bill Osuna, Joel Gonzales, Anthony Harrison, Perry Littrell and Jeff Wincek.

Stewardship

March 30 & 31

Saturday 5pm -	\$421.00
Sunday 8am -	\$544.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,693.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$233.00
Outside Mass -	\$724.79
Online Giving -	\$325.06
Collection Total -	\$3,940.85
Budgeted -	\$5,000.00
SVDP -	\$1,531.67

This week there is a second collection for the MHR Music Program.

Thank you for your generous support!

2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal: We have already collected \$18,766 or 31% of our goal of \$61,349. We are ahead of last year at this time due to your amazing support! Thank you!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, April 6

8am

5pm

Sunday, April 7

8am

10am Richard Gianoli †

6:30pm John Ramon Brent Asuncion (L)

Monday, April 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Tuesday, April 9

8am Gertrude Winters †

Wednesday, April 10

8am Jullien Bettina Villena (L)

Thursday, April 11

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, April 12

8am David Bobick †

Saturday, April 13

8am William Oakes †

5pm William McGrath †

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

Prayer Requests

Frances Alvarez, AJ Anderson, Bill Anderson, Nick Andrade, Jesusa Ayala, Bernie Banonis, Christine Betz, Chuck Bold, Sally Cahur, Becky Cayler, Gustavo Diaz, Joshua Daigle, Antonia Divinagracia, Marilyn Faulk, Zane Fisher-Paulson, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Dorothy Geoghagen, John Gutierrez, Joseph Hargadon, Sr. Nadine Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Kenny Kehoe, Lin Ivory, Carol Klufts, Bernie Maddox, Marshall Mah, Paul A. McAuliffe, Sebastian MacLean, Joe Molina, Daniel O'Sullivan, Nancy Otchy, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Sunder Sachdev, Eric Schleicher, John Schwobeda, Audrey Simmons, Gerald Soto, Christine Lane Tracy, Geneva Toms, Billy Wong, Ryan Zuniga, †Lyndee Mah†, †Dr. Chong Park† and †Gail Whitaker†.

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*

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