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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, December 16**

8am Simbang Gabi - Church

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

**Wednesday, December 18**

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Advent Reconciliation Service - Church

**Thursday, December 19**

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Saturday, December 21**

11am - 1pm Gardening

**Sunday, December 22**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

MHR Library is open after the 8am & 10am Masses

**Daily Readings: December 16 - 22**

- ◇ Monday: Nm. 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt. 21:23-27
- ◇ Tuesday: Gn. 49:2, 8-10, Mt. 1:1-17
- ◇ Wednesday: Jer. 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk. 1:5-25
- ◇ Thursday: Jgs. 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk. 1:5-25
- ◇ Friday: Is. 7:10-14, Lk. 1:26-38
- ◇ Saturday: Sg. 2:8-14 or Zep. 3:14-18a, Lk. 39-45
- ◇ Sunday: Is. 7:10-14, Rom. 1:1-7, Mt. 1:18-24

**Fr. Matt's Message**

God makes the wilderness into a garden, opens blind eyes and deaf ears, gives courage to those who walk in fear, sets the oppressed free, allows the lame to walk, cleanses the lepers, raises the dead and proclaims the good news to the poor" (Mt 11:2-5). Our God brings the beauty of roses to a desert in December when a humble peasant, Juan Diego, stands up to power, and power actually listens and responds. God can make all things new. This hope is what we celebrate today on this Gaudete Sunday. This is the hope we celebrated a few days ago (December 12) in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. And we do well to try to allow that radical and hope-filled vision to enter our minds and hearts and our lives today and every day.

Over and over again, we hear of people doing what everyone thought could never be done. The world is full of stories where the seemingly impossible becomes possible. We are a people who feast on such stories because they can help nurture our sense of what is possible in life.

Advent is a time of hope-filled waiting in preparation for the great feast of Christmas. We remember Jesus teaching us what we need to do to build up the Kingdom of Heaven. We, the Church, the Body of Christ, do our part to bring the light of God's love to those who are hurting or suffering in any way, through our prayer and our outreach.

Our faith in the Risen Christ helps us to live with this hope-filled vision of the Kingdom. If we just sit back and accept what is because that is all we know, then we are shortchanging ourselves and our loved ones. God needs us to do our part, to do what we can. If we try, God will help us do his work. In our prayer let us ask him to keep our hearts and imaginations open so we can be not afraid, living in possibility.

Thank you to all who participated in our 6th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale. I know most of you don't necessarily "need" another succulent creation, but your purchases go for a very good cause. We are trying to come up with creative ways to raise funds beyond the dreaded 2nd collection! Your kindness and generosity do make a difference and those who work hard appreciate your support. The proceeds from this sale will go to help several different outreach projects, namely the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters.

And finally, please consider celebrating Simbang Gabi in our parish and in our neighborhood. This Novena of Masses in the days before Christmas will be celebrated here at MHR on Sunday (12/15-16) at the 6:30 p.m. Mass and Monday at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with a reception to follow. The Novena will then continue in a different neighboring parish each of the other nights. Each night there will be a nice reception to follow with great company and delicious Filipino treats. This is a nice opportunity to experience and learn about an important cultural and faith tradition which can enrich all of us as well as a good opportunity to celebrate with our neighboring Catholic parishes. Hope to see you at Simbang Gabi!

Advent blessings of joy, light, love and peace,

Fr. Matt



### **MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group**

**Emmanuel Tree Project:** Our annual Emmanuel Tree



**Christmas Gift Project** to provide a gift to our MHR clients and clients of Catholic Charities' Leland House is in the entrance. Your generosity with this project has always been outstanding; we hope you will be able to participate once again this year. Please take an ornament request and return the gift to the church or rectory by Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitors Needed:** Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks.

**There are currently 2 needs for volunteers:**

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

**A Client near Dolores Park** – a man in his 80's, a retired English teacher interested in poetry and art, would like a male friendly visitor.

**For more information on these clients and their needs, please call the Support Group at 415-863-6259 or email to [pete-asg@mhr.org](mailto:pete-asg@mhr.org).**

### **Volunteer for the Wednesday Night Suppers**

Wednesday Suppers needs a couple of volunteers to help with sandwich making and table set up. The time would be from 12:30pm to about 2:30pm. If you can help please email: [suppers@mhr.org](mailto:suppers@mhr.org)



### **Stewardship**

**December 7 & 8**

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| Saturday 5pm -      | \$535.00    |
| Sunday 8am -        | \$752.00    |
| Sunday 10am -       | \$1,299.00  |
| Sunday 6:30pm -     | \$284.00    |
| Outside Mass -      | \$470.00    |
| Online Giving -     | \$506.00    |
| Collection Total -  | \$ 3,846.00 |
| Budgeted -          | \$4,800.00  |
| Christmas Flowers - | \$1,672.00  |

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

### **Community Life**

- **Sunday, December 15th - Annual Advent Pancake Breakfast** after the 8am & 10am Mass in Ellard Hall. \$5 a person or three cans of food or non-perishable items. Proceeds go to Peter Claver House.
- **Sunday December 15th at 6:30pm & Monday, December 16th at 8:00am** - Simbang Gabi in the church.
- **Tuesday, December 17th - Young Adults meeting** in the church at 7:30pm - email [yag@mhr.org](mailto:yag@mhr.org) for info.
- **Wednesday, December 18th - Advent Reconciliation Service** - 7pm in the church.
- **Sunday, December 22nd 11am to 2pm in Ellard Hall - Art Show and Sale** - We will try this again after the great flood of 2019!

**Visit us:**

On the web: [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org)

Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**

Instagram: **mhr Catholics**

**Donate to MHR by text at Give+Text**

Text donation amount to 650-262-0965  
and follow the prompts.

### **Our Parish Community Birthdays**

Jed Godsey, Michelle Hatton, Tom Fumarelli, Jim O'Dea, Rosa Perez, Jake Deignan-Levy, Lou Troga, Dean Atkinson, Greg Montana, Doug Clevenger and Kevin Thomas.

### **Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions are celebrated for those to remember a loved one, honor someone on an important date or celebrate a special occasion. To schedule a Mass Intention please call the parish office or email [secretary@mhr.org](mailto:secretary@mhr.org).

### **Simbang Gabi**

Simbang Gabi (or "Night Mass" in Tagalog) is a beautiful Advent tradition that has been celebrated since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. The Novena of Masses celebrated during for the nine days before Christmas symbolizes the nine months of Mary's pregnancy. The main symbol during Simbang Gabi is the "Parol," the bright and colorful star lantern which symbolizes the Star of Bethlehem. The Parol for each parish is blessed each year by the Archbishop during the Commissioning Mass at the Cathedral. The blessed Parols are then placed by the altars of each parish, where they stay lit for the nine days of Simbang Gabi, to symbolize lighting the way for those who journey to find the manger of Jesus Christ in their hearts.

### **Mass Intentions**

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

#### **Saturday, December 14**

8am

5pm Benefactors, Volunteers & Clients  
of the MHR HIV/ADIS Support Group

#### **Sunday, December 15**

8am

10am MHR Parishioners  
6:30pm Johnray Asuncion (L)

#### **Monday, December 16**

8am

#### **Tuesday, December 17**

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

#### **Wednesday, December 18**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

#### **Thursday, December 19**

8am Paul Tran

#### **Friday, December 20**

8am Dorothy Weiss †

#### **Saturday, December 21**

8am

5pm Theresa Adams †

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

### **Prayer Requests**

AJ Anderson, Bill Anderson, George Anderson,  
Patricia Allen, Jesusa Ayala, Thomas Balderramos,  
Chuck Bold, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, David Calvin,  
Jim Cathcart, Regan Chapman, Joshua Daigle, John DiQuattro,  
, Tom Farmer, Warren Lubich, Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie  
Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, David  
Miller, Roy Miller, Lottie Olszewski, Bill Osuna, Nancy Otchy,  
Louis Padilla, Marie Padilla, Tim Ryan, John Schwobeda,  
Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy,  
Diane Tufts, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Nala Vaughn, Kimberly Vigil,  
Joseph Vouglas, Chuck Wright, Ryan Zuniga,  
†John Gutierrez† and †Donna Macias†

### **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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