



Second Sunday in Advent - December 8, 2019

Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

San Francisco, California

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

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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 9

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, December 11

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

7pm Advent Evening Chant - Church

Thursday, December 12

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, December 14

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Advent Pancake Breakfast after the 8am & 10am Masses

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

Daily Readings: December 9 - 15

- ◇ Monday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20, Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk. 1:26-38
- ◇ Tuesday: Is. 40:1-11, Mt. 18:12-14
- ◇ Wednesday: Is. 40:25-31, Mt. 11:28-30
- ◇ Thursday: Zec. 2:14-17 or Rv. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, Lk. 1:26-38
- ◇ Friday: Is. 48:17-19, Mt. 11:16-19
- ◇ Saturday: Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt. 17:9a, 10-13
- ◇ Sunday: Is. 35:1-6a, 10, Jas. 5:7-10, Mt. 11:2-4

The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - the Patron of the United States of America - is a day where we honor, in faith, God gifting Mary with the privilege of being conceived without sin. What I admire about this day is its nuance - one that doesn't get preached about often. Veiled beneath the immaculate part of the day is the recognition of Mary's humanity rooted in holiness. Many confusingly think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus, but that is another solemnity: The Annunciation. Contributing to the confusion is that the Immaculate Conception occurs during Advent. While much of the focus is on Christmas, this solemnity commemorates Mary's conception.

So, why this day? The Church celebrates the Nativity of Mary on September 8. So, let's do the math, *as they say*, and nine months before: December 8. This day reminds us of humanity: Mary's parents in the advent process of waiting while she grew in utero, the experiences of morning sickness and cravings for Anna, and *maybe* the recipient of mood swings for Joachim. Yet, I believe they did so with patience and gratitude because Tradition tells us that they were of 'old age' and like Elizabeth and Zechariah, longed for a child of their own. *(Their griefs and desires are relatable even for us with medical advances.)*

This year, December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, which takes precedence, liturgically. Therefore, the solemnity is transferred to December 9. While it remains a solemnity, e.g. we sing the Gloria and profess the Creed, the obligation does not transfer.

Even so, let's be like Mary: the one who "found favor with God," whose generous "Yes" to God was the reversal of the "No" spoken by Adam and Eve; living proof that "nothing is impossible for God;" and celebrate around word and sacrament for the life of the world.

- John Michael Reyes, MDiv



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 19th.

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.

Library Corner

The MHR Library is open on Sundays after the 8am & 10am Masses.

Stewardship

November 23 & 24

Saturday 5pm -	\$800.00
Sunday 8am -	\$653.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,501.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$497.00
Outside Mass -	\$450.00
Online Giving -	\$670.17
Collection Total -	\$ 4,571.17
Budgeted -	\$4,800.00
Christmas Flowers -	\$1,228.00

November 30 & December 1

Saturday 5pm -	\$823.00
Sunday 8am -	\$550.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,290.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$180.00
Outside Mass -	\$514.79
Online Giving -	\$345.84
Collection Total -	\$ 3,673.63
Budgeted -	\$4,800.00
Music -	\$1,269.00

This weekend there is a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Community Life

- **Sunday, December 8th - SVDP Sandwich Sunday** after the 10am Mass in Ellard Hall.
MHR Holiday Sale & Show Continued! After 10am Mass.
- **Wednesday, December 11th - An Ecumenical evening of traditional chant music** - 7pm in the church.
- **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 for info.
- **Wednesday, December 18th - Advent Reconciliation Service** - 7pm in the church.

SAVE THE DATE: 2020 Parish Retreat at San Damiano - May 29-31, 2020.

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Donate to MHR by text at Give+Text

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

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Jason Leuzinger, Peter Wise, John Ferrara, Mark Molina, Joe Quigley, Jim Anderson, Thor Boucher, Patricia Libra-Rieser, Kisha Rosales, Ron Holloway, Stanislaw Grochowski, John Chisholm, Michael Dandy, David Johnson, Mark Magbanua and Jim Theriault.

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.

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"

—Bob Hope

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, December 7

8am

5pm JB Villena (L)

Sunday, December 8

8am

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm

Monday, December 9

8am Marion Bennet †

Tuesday, December 10

8am Jesus Insua Garcia †

Wednesday, December 11

8am Jesus Insua Garcia †

Thursday, December 12

10am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, December 13

8am

Saturday, December 14

8am

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

*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,
Regan Chapman, Joshua Daigle, John DiQuattro,
John Gutierrez, Tom Farmer, Warren Lubich,
Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean,
Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, David Miller, Roy Miller,
Lottie Olszewski, Nancy Otchy, Louis Padilla, Marie Padilla,
John Schwobeda, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal,
Christine Lane Tracy, Diane Tufts, Fr. Kirk Ullery,
Nala Vaughn, Kimberly Vigil, Joseph Vouglas,
Chuck Wright, Ryan Zuniga,
†Nguyen Bui† and †Tim Wright†.

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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