



Epiphany of the Lord
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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, January 7

7pm - Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, January 9

1pm—7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

Saturday, January 12

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, January 13

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

MHR Library open after 8am & 10am Masses



Daily Readings: January 7 - 13

- ◇ Monday: 1Jn. 3:22-4:6, Mt. 4:12-17, 23-25
- ◇ Tuesday: 1Jn. 4:7-10, Mk. 6:34-44
- ◇ Wednesday: 1Jn. 4:11-18, Mk. 6:45-52
- ◇ Thursday: 1Jn. 4:19-5:4, Lk. 4:14-22
- ◇ Friday: 1Jn. 5:5-13, Lk. 5:12-16
- ◇ Saturday: 1Jn. 5:14-21, Jn. 3:22-30
- ◇ Sunday: Is. 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is. 40:1-5, 9-11,
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti. 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22

Fr. Matt's Message

Merry Christmas! As a family, we always kept the halls decked and the tree adorned (no matter how great a fire hazard it had become) through Epiphany or "Little Christmas" as my mom called it. On this last day of the Christmas Season we would receive a small gift or a special treat, allowing us to have one more day of Christmas before the going back to school and back to our own family version of ordinary time.

The feast of the Epiphany is the joyful proclamation that the kingdom of God is a kingdom where all people are meant to live in harmony with one another and with creation. There is to be no division among people of faith and the rest of the world. All are God's children. All "are members of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (Eph 3:6).

As God's people, we strive to create and encourage experiences of peace and harmony. In a way, all of life is about harmony. Isolation and loneliness come from disharmony. When we're out of touch with God, with one another, with creation itself, then we feel distressed, pulled apart. This is dissonance. When the music is off-key or when things just don't sound right together, whether or not we are musically trained, we instinctively know and feel it. We do well to pay more attention to the feelings of disharmony in our relationships, our faith, our lives. Maybe the Holy Spirit is creating discomfort as a call from God to tuning our lives up a bit.

Forgiveness is a good beginning toward living in harmony. If you haven't made a New Year's resolution, or if you're looking for one more to put on that list, I'll share my annual challenge and a challenge to you to be about the same work. **Forgive someone and seek forgiveness from someone.** I think we all have someone we need to forgive. Forgiveness can be like a bridge carrying us over a dark and painful stretch to a place of light where we can live with goodness and love. If we allow ourselves to stay too long in the darkness of unforgiveness, it is so much harder to see what is good and right in our lives and in our relationships. I have shared this poem with you before. It is one of my favorites.

The Bridge by Rabbi Karen Kedar

*Forgiveness is a path to be walked.
There are steps along the way:
loss, anger, acceptance, learning,
forgiveness, restoration.*

*And along the way, you will come upon a bridge.
When you step upon it, it will carry you,
support you, connect you to another side of life,
a side waiting to be discovered.*

*Forgiveness is a perpetual journey.
There are many bridge crossings.
Each restores a bit more of what you have lost.*

Begin.

Blessings and prayers to you on your journey.
In peace and love,
Fr. Matt



MHR AIDS Support Group

Emmanuel Tree Project: Thanks to all of you who gave so generously to the Emmanuel Tree. Our clients and the folks at Leland House are very grateful. May you have a blessed New Year!

As we gaze upon our beautiful crèche this Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many who journey, looking for a place of rest and refuge, a sanctuary, a place to call home. In the blessing prayer from the Book of Blessing, we pray that “all who look upon this manger may be blessed...”

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi who made the Christmas creche or manger for Christmas eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century representations of the nativity of the Lord were painted as wall decorations depicting not only the infancy narrative accounts of Christ's birth, but also the words of the prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk taken to mean that the Messiah would be born in the midst of animals in a manger.

Over the years some of our beautiful statues in our own manger scene have become damaged. We are so grateful to the Schramm-Daigle family, who are celebrating the baptism of Joshua this weekend, for donating a new statue of the Infant Jesus. JD has an extensive personal collection of Nativity Scenes (some 60 or more, we hear), and has provided the centerpieces for our tables at coffee hour this Epiphany Sunday. Please take a few moments to look at each unique and beautiful piece and if you see him, be sure to thank JD for sharing them with us.

If you haven't seen it, this will be the last weekend to look at the beautiful *Presepio (in front of the crib)* and read of this much-loved tradition which began in Italy. We are so grateful for Armando Paone for sharing their representation of his father Francesco's birthplace of Sant'Agata di Puglia, Italy with us this Christmas season.

Maybe you have a crèche or nativity scene or *presepio* at home. Here is a prayer of blessing that you might like to use.

Book of Blessings: Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Community Life

- **Tuesday, January 15th - Young Adults Meeting -** 7:30pm in the church. Email yag@mhr.org for info.
- **Coming in February 2019 : Centering Prayer Speaker Series: *Jesus the Pilgrim*** with Michael Fish, OSB Cam. Details to be announced.

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Chuck Mercurio, Jay Block, Stef Gomez, David Sundy, Fr. Donal Godfrey, Ron Pacheco, Bob Dehlinger, Carol Klufts, Rick Levy, Michael Librodo and Mark Kilkenny.

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 or sponsor the altar flowers please call the parish office or email secretary@mhr.org. Schedule your 2019 dates soon!

“The flower does not bear the root.

The root bears the flower.

The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.”

—Woodrow Wilson

Stewardship

December 22 & 23

Saturday 5pm -	\$616.00
Sunday 8am -	\$480.00
Sunday 10am -	\$2,410.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$172.00
Outside Mass -	\$734.79
Online Giving -	\$782.00
Collection Total -	\$5,194.79
Budgeted -	\$5,000.00
Christmas -	\$15,632.35

This week there is a second collection for the MHR On-going Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, January 5

8am Richard & Marta Miles †

5pm Anthony Sweetman †

Sunday, January 6

8am

10am Douglas Dill †

6:30pm

Monday, January 7

8am Richard & Marta Miles †

Tuesday, January 8

8am Richard & Marta Miles †

Wednesday, January 9

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, January 10

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, January 11

8am

Saturday, December 12

8am David Bobick †

5pm Barbara Colelli †

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, Jesusa Ayala, Christine Betz, Bonnie Bloom, Chuck Bold, Martha Burke, Sally Cahur, Joshua Daigle, Antonia Divinagracia, Anna Eby, Marilyn Faulk, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Donna Granata, Joseph Hargadon, Sr. Nadine Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Olivier Hubert, Christian Irizarry, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Felicitas Nieves. Charlene Ohl, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Mark Pettis, Sunder Sachdev, Linda Saytes, Eric Schleicher, Liz Schultz, John Schwobeda, Ted Shabecoff, Julian Shedletsky, Audrey Simmons, Samantha Tong, Christine Lane Tracy, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Gail Whitaker, Ryan Zuniga. and †Norman Anderson†.

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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