



"Woman at the Well" by Jorge Cocco Santangelo

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**Worship Hours**

**Monday - Saturday:** Daily Mass 8:00AM

**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

**Thanksgiving & New Years Day:** 10AM

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Monday, March 16**

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

**Wednesday, March 18**

No Wednesday Night Suppers - Sandwiches only

6pm to 6:45pm - Reconciliation - Church

7pm Lenten Prayer Service - Church

**Thursday, March 19**

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

**Saturday, March 21**

11am - 1pm Gardening

**Sunday, March 22**

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

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

**Lenten Taizé Prayer Service**

**Wednesday, March 18, 7pm**

You are invited to experience a relaxing, reflective prayer service through singing and chanting in a candlelit environment. This meditative common prayer comes from the tradition established at the Taizé community in France. Gathered together in the presence of Christ, we sing simple repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.

**Daily Readings: March 16 - 22**

- ◇ 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. 5:17-18
- ◇ Thursday: 2Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom. 4:13, 16-21, 22, Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- ◇ Friday: Hos. 14:2-10, Mk. 12:28-34
- ◇ Saturday: Hos. 6:1-6, Lk. 18:9-14
- ◇ Sunday: 1Sm. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph. 5:8-14, Jn. 9:1-41

**Fr. Matt's Message**

**RCIA and the Scrutinies**

The Woman at the Well is a familiar passage from the 4th chapter of John's Gospel. The passage forms a backdrop for the first of the three Scrutinies where our elect and candidates, and really, all of us, look within and seek strength and guidance to grow in our faith. The rites of Scrutiny take place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. This is a time when our elect and candidates intensify their preparations for baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church which will happen at the Easter Vigil in just a few short weeks.

And it all begins with an encounter. She is hot and tired, simply taking care of one of many tasks she needs to accomplish. The woman at the well encounters Jesus. He has living water. She asks for some. He reveals his knowledge to her. She becomes a believer. She becomes an apostle, proclaiming that Jesus is the Messiah.

For all of these reasons, the Woman at the Well becomes a patron for the elect whom God has approached, who have asked for the living water of baptism, who are expressing their belief and who become apostles of the Good News. Jesus spoke to the outcast Samaritan woman very gently. He didn't force himself or his message upon her. He even approached her from a place of need, asking for a drink of water. His heart was open to her and he helped her to open her heart to him.

Jesus does not judge or condemn. The woman at the well only felt acceptance and understanding. Jesus saw her true self. She was deeply wounded by life and by a series of broken relationships. In the same way, Jesus sees us. Jesus sees our true selves. He does not judge nor does he condemn. He does call us to challenge ourselves, to seek forgiveness where it is necessary, to live our faith, and to grow.

Christ met the Samaritan woman where she was at. Christ meets us wherever he finds us. He says to us just what he said to the woman at the well ... "If you only knew the gift God wants to give to you."

It doesn't do us much good to be loved for being perfect. We have a need to be accepted and loved as ourselves, often broken and wounded, thirsting for meaning and goodness in life. That is just where the Lord meets us, offers us living water, and lovingly challenging us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Please continue to pray for Kathleen, Paolo, and Tyler, preparing for baptism, and for Amaya and Chris, preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the Church. As we pray for them and joyfully await the Easter Vigil, we pray that we may all find renewal and zeal on our own faith journeys.

Continued blessings on your Lenten journey.

With love and prayers,

*Fr. Matt*

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



**Community Thrift:** Please remember to bring your unwanted and usable clothing and household items to Community Thrift at 623 Valencia, between 17th & 18th Streets. Please mention that MHR AIDS Support Group is your charity: Charity # 242. Thank you.

### **MHR Ministry to the Homebound**

This is a ministry of presence which can include sharing the Body of Christ. It is a chance to bring spiritual and emotional comfort to those who may be feeling depressed and isolated. If you feel called to this ministry, please call the rectory.

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

***“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us,  
to shake us from our lethargy.”***

**— Pope Francis**

### **Cross Catholic Outreach**

Please join us in welcoming **Fr. Frank Iacona** this weekend. Fr. Frank is a mission preacher for Cross Catholic Outreach and he will be with us at all of the Masses this weekend to tell us about the good works of Cross Catholic Outreach. Cross Catholic Outreach gives faithful American Catholics unique opportunities to empower the global Church to serve the poor in Christ's name through specific works of mercy around the world. In this way, through our generosity Cross Catholic is able to equip priests, nuns and lay leaders to meet the most urgent needs in their communities and proclaim God's inclusive love in both word and deed.

A warm MHR welcome to Fr. Frank Iacona!

PS ... Fr. Matt will be away on Saturday evening and we can imagine that Fr. Frank might be grateful for an invitation to a nice meal and some good company. Thanks for your consideration!

### **Annual Lenten St. James School Supply Drive**

**This weekend**, we continue our Annual Lenten Collection of school supplies for St. James Catholic School. This week we are collecting **Copy paper**. Thank you for your support of the students of St. James!



### **Community Life**

- **Tuesday, March 17th - Young Adults Meeting -** 7:30pm in the church - email [yag@mhr.org](mailto:yag@mhr.org) for info.
- **Wednesday, March 18th, 7pm - Lenten Taizé Prayer Service** –in the church.

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

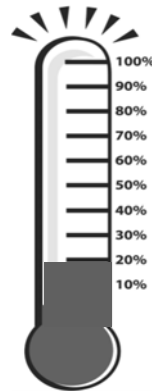
Text donation amount to 650-262-0965  
and follow the prompts.

### **Our Parish Community Birthdays**

Andrew Polk, Maria Rodriguez, Cris Rosales,  
Bruce Chatfield, Les Young, Myles Orndorff  
and Jim Stockholm.

### **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).



**Thank you to all who have  
contributed so far to the 2020**

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!**

We have collected \$16,963:

29.2% of our goal of \$57,996!

**Thank you for your support!**

### **Stewardship**

**March 7 & 8**

Saturday 5pm -	\$563.00
Sunday 8am -	\$566.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,808.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$272.00
Outside Mass -	\$3,020.19
Online giving -	\$1,209.06
Collection Total -	\$7,438.25
Budgeted -	\$4,800.00

**Next weekend** there will be a second collection  
for Catholic Relief Services.

Thank you for your amazing support!

### **Mass Intentions**

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

#### **Saturday, March 14**

5pm Hugh Bassett †

#### **Sunday, March 15**

8am William Oakes †

10am Doug McCormick (L)

6:30pm Joey Solano (L)

#### **Monday, March 16**

8am

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

8am

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

#### **Thursday, March 19**

8am Dorothy Weiss †

#### **Friday, March 20**

8am Edward Sowall †

#### **Saturday, March 21**

8am

5pm

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

### **Prayer Requests**

Jerry Anderson, Robyn Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Keri Barrett, Beatrix Bell, David Bloom, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Jim Cathcart, Regan Chapman, Daisey Coleman, Fr. Brian Costello, Fr. Harry Cronin, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Maria Diamond, Tom Farmer, Keith Fitzpatrick, Susan Griffiths, Les Hribar, Jr., Janna Kennedy, Fr. Joe Klecha, Warren Lubich, Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Bill Mathews, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, David Miller, Roy Miller, Tom Norris, Nancy Otchy, Chris Polen, Aida Reyes, Richard Ryan, Tim Ryan, John Schwobeda, Michael Shriver, Joey Solano, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Nala Vaughn, Kimberly Vigil, Joseph Vouglas, Bob Webster, Ryan Zuniga, †Leo Gonzalez†, †Patricia Lynn† and †Michelle Sinclair†.

### **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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LENT 2020

# LENTEN DRIVE TO HELP A SCHOOL IN NEED



ST. JAMES CATHOLIC  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*fast  
give  
pray*

March 7/8: Lysol wipes, Glue sticks, #2 Pencils & Sharpies

March 14/15: Photo Copy Paper

March 21/22: Black & Colored Chisel Dry Erase Markers & Mechanical Pencils

March 28/29: Scotch tape refills (for tape dispensers), Post It notes & Whiteout tape

April 4/5: Photo Copy Paper

**Most Holy Redeemer Parish** is committed to supporting **St. James Catholic Elementary School** in the Mission district of our city.

Throughout the weekends of Lent, MHR will be collecting school supplies for our education partner.

If you prefer, cash donations will also be accepted and will be used to buy additional supplies for St. James. You may place your contributions of supplies or cash in the baskets in the church.

***Thank you for your generosity for this  
great ministry of our parish!***



*God's inclusive love proclaimed here!*

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# HOLY WEEK

## 2020 Liturgy Schedule

- Holy Thursday: 7pm
- Good Friday: 7pm  
(Church open 12-3pm for prayer)
- Holy Saturday: 8pm
- Easter Sunday: 8 & 10am, 6:30pm

