Third Sunday of Lent
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
March 15, 2020
San Francisco, California

“Woman at the Well” by Jorge Cocco Santangelo
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: 25m. 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 for info.
- Wednesday, March 18th, 7pm - Lenten Taizé Prayer Service – in the church.

Visit us:
On the web: www.mhr.org
Facebook: Most Holy Redeemer Church
Instagram: mhrcatholicsf

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.

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

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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 Cahir, 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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LENTEN DRIVE TO HELP A SCHOOL IN NEED

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!
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