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ALL PUBLIC MASSES HAVE
BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
FR. MATT WILL CELEBRATE
MASS ALONE DAILY
AND ALL INTENTIONS
WILL BE PRAYED.



Daily Readings: March 30 - April 5

- ◇ Monday: Dn. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30 or 13:41c-62, Jn. 8:1-11
- ◇ Tuesday: Nm. 21:4-9, Jn. 8:21-30
- ◇ Wednesday: Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn. 8:31-42
- ◇ Thursday: Gn. 17:3-9, Jn. 8:51-59
- ◇ Friday: Jer. 20:10-13, Jn. 10:31-42
- ◇ Saturday: Ez. 37: 21-28, Jn. 11:45-56
- ◇ Sunday: Mt. 21:1-11, Is. 50:4-7, Phil. 3:6-11, Mt. 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Are you lonely?

You can call the Friendship Line @ 800-971-0016. It's the only 24/7 toll-free warmline for older adults. Whether you're feeling alone or in crisis, you can count on the Friendship Line for a lifeline of hope and a compassionate voice. It's free to anyone in the U.S. or Canada. **Volunteer:** you can also volunteer for the Friendship Line to talk to callers. Contact 415-750-4136 or flvolunteer@ioaging.org.

Fr. Matt's Message

This Fifth Sunday of Lent, in more ordinary of times, as a parish we would be celebrating with our elect the Third Scrutiny. The prayers of the Scrutiny as well as the Sunday readings remind us that God alone has the power of life over death. Jesus, lover and friend, is the one whom God sends to free us and give us life. These images take on a different and greater significance in this time of shelter in place, when we, and much of the world are doing our part to slow the spread of this deadly corona virus. In the prayers of the Scrutinies we ask the Lord to heal particular parts of our lives. We ask the Lord to show our elect and all of us where we still need to be freed, where death is hiding in our spiritual lives, where we need to realize that in every part of our lives we may be reborn, raised by God to new life in Christ.

In John's Gospel, 11:1-45, the sisters Mary and Martha are profoundly grieved by their brother's death, but each reacts differently. When Jesus arrives, Mary remains at home, mourning. Martha goes out to greet him. Jesus tells Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" and then asks, "Do you believe this?" Martha responds, "Yes Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the who is coming into the world" (John 11:25). It would take time for Martha to fully understand her confession of faith. Like her, we are called to believe in God's power of life over death. And like Lazarus, we who believe in Jesus will rise from our graves at the beautiful sound of his voice.

As I sit here at my desk in a very quiet and all but deserted rectory, I wanted to take this opportunity to send you wishes for your continued good health and to thank you for all your efforts: prayer, outreach, communicating with those who are lonely through a phone call or video call, a Zoom gathering, an email or text message or a card, a safe distance "over the fence" chat are about as good as it gets for now and so be it. Thank you for this and any other ways you are helping to control and combat the coronavirus. I am moved and humbled by your many acts of kindness and charity. There is only so much we can do from the relative and hopeful safety of our homes as we settle in to another week of remaining physically distant. Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, SJ said it something like this, "I don't like the term 'social distancing' but I like to think of it more as a physical distancing." Yes, we need to maintain safe physical distance from one another to prevent the possible spread of a life-threatening illness, but that calls us to find other ways to remain connected -- physically distant but through our many means of social networking and connectioning, socially connected.

Continues:

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Michael Fraker, Antonio Salas, Dick Manning, Jerry Betz,
David Serrano, Tom Battipaglia, Darryl Cooper,
Elizabeth Kupfler and Laura McCloskey.

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.

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If you are unable to get out and about, please call or send me an email. We are blessed to have parishioners who are young and healthy and have expressed a willingness to help as they are able. That might mean running an errand or picking up some groceries or other items. So if you need a little extra support, please ask. We are in this together for as long as in necessary.

I continue to have Mass every day and I pray for all of your intentions as well as those intentions on all of our minds and hearts, an end to this pandemic, a speedy recovery for those who are ill, safety for all who taking care of the sick, and eternal rest to those who have not survived this illness. If you have any intentions, please email them to me or to anyone of our staff. We are all praying for you every day. To spend these Lenten days physically apart and for myself, mostly alone, feels like the most significant experience of fasting I have ever known. I miss you. We, your parish staff, miss you and long for the day when we can be physically connected, hugging, embracing and by our very lives, together proclaiming God's inclusive love. Today is a day for quoting Jesuits! Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ said it well in an email he recently sent, "This Lent has been a time of unanticipated fasting for us all on so many fronts."

I truly hope and pray you are keeping well and staying healthy and safe.

Peace, love and many blessings to you all
Fr. Matt

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 28

8am

5pm

Sunday, March 29

8am Richard Gianoli †

10am Reginald Miller †

6:30pm John A. Klufts †

Monday, March 30

8am

Tuesday, March 31

8am

Wednesday, April 1

8am Joseph Connolly †

Thursday, April 2

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, April 3

8am

Saturday, April 4

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, Mylene Bombon, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Jim Cathcart, Regan Chapman, Margareth Cittadino, 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, Bill Osuna, Nancy Otchy, Chris Polen, Aida Reyes, Richard Ryan, Tim Ryan, James Schultz, John Schwobeda, Michael Shriver, Joey Solano, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Nala Vaughn, Kimberly Vigil, Joseph Vouglas, Bob Webster, and Ryan Zuniga.

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*