Due to “Shelter in Place”, Masses will be celebrated by Fr. Matt and livestreamed on Facebook:

facebook.com/mhrsf

**Wednesday, April 22**
Noon - 3pm: Church open for private prayer

**Friday, April 24**
Noon - 3pm: Church open for private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Proper Social Distancing will be observed at all times.*

**Daily Readings: April 20 - 26**

- **Monday:** Acts 4:23-31, Jn. 3:1-8
- **Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37, Jn. 3:7b-15
- **Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26, Jn. 3:16-21
- **Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33, Jn. 3:31-36
- **Friday:** Acts 5:34-42, Jn. 6:1-15
- **Saturday:** 1Pt. 5:5b-14, Mk. 16:15-20
- **Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1Pt. 1:17-21, Lk. 14:13-36

**Stewardship**

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*Thank you for your amazing support in these trying times!*

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**Fr. Matt’s Message**

The Divine Mercy of Christ

On this Second Sunday of Easter we always hear the story of “Doubting Thomas” (though he is never called that in the story). On the evening of Easter Sunday, Jesus makes his appearance to the disciples though Thomas is not there. It is only one week later when Jesus appears again. During this time, Thomas holds on to his unbelief in spite of the eyewitness testimony of his fellow disciples, his friends. It seems that only a personal experience of the risen Christ would melt away his doubt and unbelief. This becomes the model of how individuals come to faith. It seems that despite all the evidence, testimony, and enthusiasm of believers, it takes a personal encounter with the risen Christ in order for faith to take root.

For Thomas, his faith was weak. His mind was clouded by doubt and his heart broken by grief. And that’s when Jesus came on the scene, inviting Thomas to touch him and be whole and to let that touch be healing, and make him well again. In these days of coronavirus and covid-19, we may long for the touch or the company of family and friends. As we shelter in place, we continue to look for creative ways that we can stay in “touch” and remain connected.

Our human hearts find healing in the presence of another, especially one who understands human pain. The wounds of Jesus were visible. His wounds can help us recognize our own wounds and find healing for them. (“This is the Divine Mercy of God” – April 2000, St. Faustina, D.M. Sunday).

Jesus said to Thomas, “Thomas, you believe in me because you have seen me and touched me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

This was probably a little jab at Thomas for his being so stubborn. But more importantly it was meant as an encouragement to us who are asked to believe without being able to see or touch Jesus.

Thomas, upon encountering the Risen Lord, sees, believes, and cries out his own profession of faith, “My Lord and my God.” It was his Faith and obedience to Jesus’ missionary command that prompted St. Thomas to travel to India to preach the Gospel, to establish Christian communities (known later as the “St. Thomas Christians”), and eventually to suffer martyrdom.

On this 2nd Sunday of Easter, this Octave or Eighth day in the Octave of Easter, this Divine Mercy Sunday, collect and remember mercy moments in your life. And in remembering God’s mercy to us, let us strive to be people of mercy, making forgiveness and mercy tangible, concrete, and visible. Make mercy real, especially for those with whom we walk each day.

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**Our Parish Community Birthdays**


**Community Life**

Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm. Email centering@mhr.org for login details.

We are livestreaming Masses on our Facebook Page: facebook.com/mhrsf

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org
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Instagram: mhrcatholicsf

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**Continued:**

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) put it this way: “If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.” Yes, blessed indeed are those who believe.

If you find yourself taking a brief and safe break from your time of shelter, the church doors will be open from Noon until 3:00 Wednesdays and Fridays with Exposure of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration on Fridays.

If you or someone you know need assistance with the purchase of groceries or delivery, we have funds available and will volunteers. Do not hesitate to ask!

Stay safe and be well.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Matt

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

Saturday, April 18
8am Joe Nieto †

Sunday, April 19
10am MHR Parishioners

Monday, April 20
8am

Tuesday, April 21
8am

Wednesday, April 22
8am Paul Tran †

Thursday, April 23
8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, April 24
8am

Saturday, April 25
8am

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, Florinda Brewster, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Jim Cathcart, Regan Chapman, Margaret Cittadino, Kelly & Valentino Close, Daisey Coleman, Fr. Brian Costello, Fr. Harry Cronin, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Maria Diamond, Joyce Doran, Tom Farmer, Keith Fitzpatrick, Susan Griffiths, Les Hribar, Jr., Joanna Kennedy, Warren Lubich, Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Jim & Cathy McSweeney, 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, Ryan Zuniga, †Glenda Acosta †, †Marc Butler †, †Phyllis Lyon †, †Dave Mackins † and †Fontaine Werth †.

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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