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Online Worship Times

Monday - Friday: Daily Mass 8:00AM

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Livestream Masses at [**Facebook.com/mhrsf**](https://www.facebook.com/mhrsf)

Due to new Covid-19 restrictions,

we are only celebrating Mass online

until further notice. Please join us on our

MHR Facebook page: [*facebook.com/mhrsf*](https://www.facebook.com/mhrsf)

Monday-Friday at 8am and Sunday at 10am

Wednesday, December 16

4pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Supper lunch

distribution at the church gates.

Face coverings must be worn and Social Distancing

Guidelines must be observed at all times.

7pm - Advent Evening Prayer online

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Daily Readings: December 14 - 20

- ◇ Monday: Nm. 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt. 21:23-27
- ◇ Tuesday: Zep. 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt. 21:28-32
- ◇ Wednesday: Is. 45:6c=8, 18, 21c-25, Lk. 7:18b-23
- ◇ Thursday: Gn. 49:2, 8-10, Mt. 1:1-17
- ◇ Friday: Jer. 23:5-8, Mt. 1:18-25
- ◇ Saturday: Jgs. 13:2-7, 24-35a, Lk. 1:5-25
- ◇ Sunday: 2Sm. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom. 16:25-27, Lk. 1:256-38

Stewardship Week of December 6

Misc. -	\$1,210.00
Online Giving -	\$2,419.48
Total -	\$3,629.48
Budgeted -	\$3,600.00

Thank you for your amazing support!

Fr. Matt's Message

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." This is the refrain from the 1st chapter of Luke's Gospel, which we use for the psalm response at Mass on this Gaudete Sunday. Life can be a valley of tears and for many the holiday season can be an overwhelming time. Yet the church invites us to reflect upon the gift of joy. Joy, not as a feeling, but as a way of being.

This joy can be much deeper than any passing emotion. The joy St. Paul is speaking of when he says, "Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks ..." (1 Thess 5:16-17), and the joy that we proclaim on this Gaudete Sunday cannot be disturbed by the passing feelings and difficult situations in which we find ourselves.

This joy is the result of believing that God, who is love, is always near, and in response, living our lives in that belief.

Joy comes from knowing that we are totally accepted and loved, no matter what we might have done with our lives. Our own weaknesses, our imperfections, our sinfulness, these do not affect how much God cares for each of us.

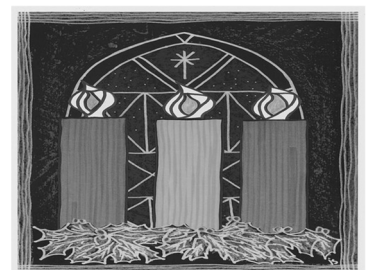
Joy comes from our faith in a God who is totally Love. Joy comes from our loving others. Joy comes when we do something, no matter how small, that helps to bring a moment of goodness to this world. Joy involves both receiving God's love and giving it away to others.

Joy is the feeling we get when we try to act like God acts. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, puts it like this, "When we act like God, we get to feel like God. When we do big-hearted things, we get to feel big-hearted; and when we do small-hearted things, well, we get to feel small."

Where do we find joy? Joy can be found in the blessed ordinariness of every day. God asks us all to be faithful to the ordinary circumstances of our lives, and that is where we will find joy. That is where we will find God. That is where we can dare to try to act like God acts and bring that joy to others.

In joyful gratitude for the gift that is you, this parish of Most Holy Redeemer,
Happy Gaudete Sunday!

With love and prayers,
Fr. Matt





MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

Emmanuel Tree Project

Our annual **Emmanuel Tree Christmas Gift Project** to provide a gift to our MHR clients and clients of Catholic Charities' Leland House is in the entrance. Your generosity with this project has always been outstanding; we hope you will be able to participate once again this year. Please come by and pick up an ornament request and return the gift to the church or rectory by Monday, December 21st.

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***Advent Calendar*, by Rowan Williams**

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has played the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.



Community Life

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

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will be celebrating Mass online only, Monday-Friday at 8am and Sunday at 10am.

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Stanislawa Grochowski, David Johnson, Jim Therriault, John Chisholm, Michael Dandy, Mark Magbanua, Michelle Hatton, Jed Godsey, Jim O'Dea, Tom Fumarelli, Rosa Perez, Lou Troga, Jake Diegnan-Levy, Greg Montana and Dean Atkinson.

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.

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 fivolunteer@ioaging.org.

2020 Year-end Giving

Most Holy Redeemer's **2020 Archdiocese Annual Appeal** has a remaining balance of \$11,556 that we need to retire before December 31, 2020. If you have already given, thank you for your generosity. If you have not, please consider making a year-end donation to the 2020 AAA. The entire amount you give is tax deductible. Thank you!—Mike Poma

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, December 13

10am MHR Parishioners

Monday, December 14

8am Juan Raman Asuncion (L)

Tuesday, December 15

8am Junie Santos (L)

Wednesday, December 16

8am Pauline Thomas †

Thursday, December 17

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Friday, December 18

8am Elaine McGreal (L)

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

Prayer Requests

Karen Appe, Jerry Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Bernie Banonis, Michelle Barrett, Beatrix Bell, David Bloom, Florinda Brewster, Agostino Crotti, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Fr. Larry Dowling, Tom Farmer, Keith Fitzpatrick, Tom Gratiot, Wallace Greene, Joanna Kennedy, Karen Kenny, Jim Lonergan, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Amber Martinez, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Bill Osuna, Nancy Otchy, Sol Rodriguez, Bill Ryan, Richard Ryan, Tim Ryan, David Sanchez, Kathy Schroeder, Gregory Dake Schultz, John Schwobeda, Kathi Sparkes, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Joseph Vouglas 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*

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