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Online Worship Times

Monday - Friday: Daily Mass 8:00AM

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Livestream Masses at:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf

Due to Covid-19 restrictions,

we are only celebrating Mass online

until further notice. Please join us on our

MHR Facebook page: ***www.facebook.com/mhrsf***

Monday-Friday at 8am and Sunday at 10am

Wednesday, December 23

4pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Supper lunch

distribution at the church gates.

Face coverings must be worn and Social Distancing

Guidelines must observed at all times.

Thursday, December 24

Parish office closed

8pm Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 25

Parish office closed

10am Christmas Day Mass

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Daily Readings: December 21 - 27

- ◇ Monday: Sg. 2:8-14, Lk. 1:39-45
- ◇ Tuesday: 1Sm. 1:24-28, Lk. 1:46-56
- ◇ Wednesday: Mal. 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk. 1:57-66
- ◇ Thursday: 2Sm. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk. 1:67-79
- Christmas Eve:* Is. 9:1-6, Ti. 2L11-14, Lk. 2:1-4
- ◇ Friday: *Christmas Day:* Is. 52:7-10, Heb. 1:1-6, Jn. 1:1-18 or Jn. 1-5, 9-14
- ◇ Saturday: Acts 6:13-10; 7:51-59, Mt. 10:17-22
- ◇ Sunday: Sir. 3:12-21 or Gn. 15:1-6; 21:11-3, Col. 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb. 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Lk. 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Fr. Matt's Message

Come, come Emmanuel!

Pope Francis just celebrated his 84th Birthday a couple of days ago. I'm not sure how he celebrated it this week, but in years past he began his special day with having breakfast with a group of homeless men and women. "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

So it's the final few days before a Christmas like no other. I think for most of us have our holiday schedules and preparations have been muted this year. Less busy in our preparations, maybe we have a little more time to take moments throughout the day and simply remember that wherever we are—we are never alone, we are in God's loving presence. Emmanuel – God is with us.

That's the message of the season, proclaimed in Scripture, and that is the message proclaimed in our faith. God who loves us is always with us. And God was always with Mary and Joseph. As they trusted in God, God listened and was loving and faithful. God is with us. Although we may face financial problems, job insecurity or loss, tensions in the family and health concerns, fear around the pandemic gripping the world, let us try to be a little like Mary and Joseph, not knowing how things would turn out, or even where they might find a place to bring Jesus into the world, They trusted God and remained faithful.

And God is always with ***us***. *Emmanuel*, present in our lives and helping us to find the courage to try to change the world by becoming the face of love and kindness for others, and bringing a bit of goodness into the world.

So we make some time in these last Advent days to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts as we do our part to change the world with the beautiful gifts of loving kindness, mercy and compassion. "For a little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

God is with us in our desire to be Christmas gift to others. One of the greatest gifts we can give to those we love, is to have faith in them, believe in their dreams and try to help them realize those dreams. One of the greatest gifts that we can give, but often minimize, is the gift of just being together, the gift of time, the present of our presence.

With the courage of Emmanuel, God with us, let us do our part while making those final preparations for Christmas, to make just a little time and space to prepare our hearts and make a place to truly celebrate Emmanuel –God with us.



MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

Emmanuel Tree Project: Thank you for your generous response to our annual **Emmanuel Tree Christmas Gift Project** for our MHR clients and clients of Catholic Charities' Leland House in these difficult times. Once again, you have shown your great caring. The Support Group clients and volunteers and the residents of Leland House wish you a Happy Christmas and a blessed and safe 2021.

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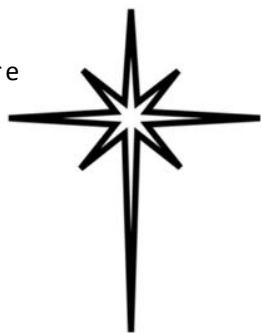
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The God We Hardly Know

—by Óscar Romero

No one can celebrate
a genuine Christmas
without being truly poor.
The self-sufficient, the proud,
those who, because they have
everything, look down on others,
those who have no need
even of God- for them there
will be no Christmas.
Only the poor, the hungry,
those who need someone
to come on their behalf,
will have that someone.
That someone is God.
Emmanuel. God-with-us.
Without poverty of spirit
there can be no abundance of God.



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
celebrating Mass online on Facebook only:

December 24th - Christmas Eve 8pm

December 25 - Christmas Day 10am

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Kevin Thomas, Tony Quarto, Rene Mendoza, Francine DeMarco and John Blazek.

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 20

10am Theresa Adams †

Guido Margida †

Monday, December 21

8am Barbara Schmidt †

Tuesday, December 22

8am Austin Listik (L)

Wednesday, December 23

8am Don Lynch †

Thursday, December 24

8am Simon Hamad (L)

Friday, December 25

10am MHR Parishioners

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, Michael Fraker, 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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