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Current Worship Schedule

Monday - Friday: Daily Mass 8:00AM

Sunday Mass: 8:00am & 10:00AM

Livestream Masses at:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf

This Week at MHR

Daily Mass: 8am Monday - Friday

Sunday Mass: 8am & 10am

Seat reservations are required for Sunday Masses.

Reservations open on Thursday at 9:30am.

Mass are livestreamed on the

MHR Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

Mon, Wed & Fri at 8am and Sunday at 10am

Wednesday, March 10

4pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Supper lunch

distribution at the church gates.

7pm Lent Evening Prayer - Church & Livestream

Face coverings must be worn and Social and

Physical Distancing Guidelines must be

followed at all times.

Daily Readings: March 8 - 14

- ◇ 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. 5:17-19
- ◇ Thursday: Jer. 7:23-38, Lk. 11:14-23
- ◇ 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

Stewardship Week of February 28

8am -	\$526.00
10am -	\$2,274.00
Misc. -	\$642.79
<u>Online Giving -</u>	<u>\$1,036.23</u>
Total -	\$4,470.02
Budgeted -	\$4,000.00

Thank you for your amazing generosity!

Fr. Matt's Message

Sometime near the beginning of the school year at a parish where I used to serve as associate pastor, we would gather the entire student body, pre-K through eighth grade, in the church for Mass to mark the beginning of the new school year. I think we named it the Mass of the Holy Spirit, inviting the spirit to enliven our hearts for the adventure that lay ahead. One of those times while taking up my usual post just outside the front doors of the church greeting each class of students as they came in, I remember a brief conversation I had with one of the new pre-K students. This class was the first to arrive in the church that day as they were still learning how to get from place to place, how to behave in church, and so many other things. One of the young students stopped, looked up at me, and quite matter-of-factly asked, "Are you God?"

She didn't seem to be in awe, or scared, bewildered, or even very curious in her inquiry. It just seemed like someone, a parent or a teacher probably, had told her something like "Church is God's house," and, well, there I was and in all of my liturgical finery.

"Are you God?" "No," I eventually answered, "I'm not God." "Well, where is God?" she continued.

A moment of thought and I tried to answer of how God is everywhere and in everything God ever created. In one of those "saved by the bell" moments, the rest of the school began arriving and it was time to begin our celebration.

In today's Gospel we hear a familiar passage of Jesus in the temple. Jesus is God and today we hear of God's righteous anger filling the temple which was being desecrated by the money changers and those unfairly selling animals for sacrificial offerings. God's temple should be a house of prayer and Jesus drives out those who were mistreating the temple and mistreating those faithful ones who were coming to pray.

This image of the Lord knocking over the tables and raising his voice in anger can be a jarring one when we are more accustomed to images like a watchful shepherd, a prince of peace, one who heals the sick and raises the dead to new life. But the image can be a helpful reminder to us that Jesus is fully human and fully Divine, never failing to invite all of us into loving relationship with God and with each other. So we have one Savior and that isn't me and isn't you. But we are all called to take part in the works of salvation, doing our best at living holy and righteous lives filled with God's mercy.

Did you know that March is Women's History Month? A time to celebrate well-known women but also unsung heroines. How appropriate, then, that tomorrow begins Catholic Sisters Week. Catholic sisters have been making the world a better place for centuries! By teaching children, healing the sick, fighting injustice, promoting peace, defending the planet, creating community, and empowering other women. Catholic sisters are a powerful gospel witness—and many of us have been on the receiving end of their work and prayers. Celebrate sisters this week—find information and resources at catholic-sistersweek.org.

Have a beautiful week!
 With love and prayers,
 Fr. Matt



MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

Thank you for all your support in 2020. May 2021 be full of blessings for you.

Rhythm of Lent

by Virginia M. Kimball

The day dims to evening,
rosy sky tingeing
cold bare limbs
with pink tinting.

Wind howls meaning,
inner soul tingling.
Frigid cold wrapping,
on a coffin tapping.

Yet off to Compline,
this first day of Lent,
darkness creeping
on the sunset seeping,
chanted prayer singing
plaintive night shortening,
incense in vision ringing.

Rhythm of days proceed,
filling steady with hope:
prayers dressed in candlelight,
dark holes in a cosmos plight.

Stars birthing from strange, deep
abysses of compressed
energy, brilliance emerging
from death, a glory surging
in mystery,
God asking Job, "Were you there
when I formed the earth?" (Job 38: 4)
"Have you seen the gates of darkness?" (17)
"Was it you who formed the deep?" (8)

From the mystery of nothing
we come by the breath of God.
From a valley of darkness walking,
yearning for Christ without talking,

from dimmer to brighter,
from shorter to longer,
the steps of this path
a cadence grows greater,
the pulse of Creator,
the beat with His heart,
to faith that is stronger.

Community Life

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

Saturday, March 13th, 10am - 12:30pm: Centering Prayer Zoom Event: "The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me" featuring speaker Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP. Email centering@mhr.org to register with name and email to receive Zoom meeting details. Visit www.mhr.org/events for more info.

Mercy Center Virtual Lenten Prayer around the Cross: Visit online at: <https://mercy-center.org/programs/taize>

Current Mass Times

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Tom O'Keefe, Johanna Buckels, Mike Gorman, Jim Hargadon, Janet Haire, Franklin Hernandez, Ryan Clifford, Alejandro Marroquin, Meg Hennessy, Warren Pederson, Patrick Mackin, Wallace Greene and Curtis Murray.



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Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, March 7

8am Jeanne Passero

10am Carl V. Miller †

Monday, March 8

8am Emerita Deza †

Tuesday, March 9

8am Donato Resta †

Wednesday, March 10

8am Barbara Colelli †

Thursday, March 11

8am Eugene Outkiewicz †

Friday, March 12

8am Jo Elaine Divinagracia (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

Jesusa Ayala, Bernie Banonis, Michelle Barrett, Beatrix Bell, David Bloom, Florinda Brewster, Nicholas Chang, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Fr. Larry Dowling, Tobias Ezra, Tom Farmer, Zane Fisher-Paulson, Keith Fitzpatrick, Barbara Frey, Tom Gratiot, Wallace Greene, Joanna Kennedy, Jim Lonergan, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Erineo Maliksi, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Mark Okashima, Bill Osuna, Bill Ryan, Tim Ryan, David Sanchez, Kathy Schroeder, Gregory Dake Schultz, John Schwobeda, José Maria Sbresso, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Patricia Tilley, Christine Lane Tracy, Joseph Vouglas, Ryan Zuniga, †Juston Matindale†, †Bill Mathews† and †Ronnie Powell†.

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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