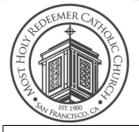
Fourth Sunday of Lent Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church March 14, 2021 San Francisco, California Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church San Francisco, California Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021



## 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 <u>Wednesday, March 17</u> 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 15 - 21

- ◊ Monday: Is. 65:17-21, Jn. 4:43-54
- ♦ Tuesday: Ez. 47:1-9, 12, Jn. 5:1-16
- ♦ Wednesday: Is. 49:8-15, Jn. 5:17-30
- ♦ Thursday: Ex. 32:7-14, Jn. 5:31-47
- Friday: 2Sm. 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom. 4:13, 16-19, 22, Mt. 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk. 2:41-554a
- ♦ Saturday: Jer. 11:18-10, Jn. 7:40-53
- ♦ Sunday: Jer. 31:31-34, Heb. 5:7-9, Jn. 12:20-33

Stewardship Week of March 7	
8am -	\$395.00
10am -	\$869.00
Misc	\$661.00
Online Giving -	\$2,26.84
Total -	\$4,551.84
Budgeted -	\$4,000.00
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### Fr. Matt's Message - Fourth Sunday in Lent

On this 4th Sunday in Lent, we continue to walk closely with our Elect, those preparing for Baptism, and our Candidates, those preparing for full communion in the Church.

The Scrutinies are prayers for healing and deliverance from evil. These prayers are in the ancient baptismal tradition of the Church. These rites are "for self- searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The Scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, and then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. They are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ..."

First Scru**ti**ny: The Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42) Second Scru**ti**ny: The Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41) Third Scru**ti**ny: The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

There are three scrutinies celebrated typically on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. By celebrating all three, the elect "progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation." It would be hard to overstate the importance of these rites for the success of the period of purification and enlightenment, since they are meant to "complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all." Please continue to pray for our candidates and elect as they continue their journey to the waters of Baptism and to full Communion in the Catholic Church.

This Sunday our reading comes from John's Gospel and is the story of the man born blind (John 9:1-41). His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, from darkness into light. St. Paul says, "Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord."

Many of us, especially as we age, find that we don't see as well as we once did. But poor vision can go much deeper than bad eyesight. In the busyness of life, there is so much that we don't see. The blind man saw more than the wise and the learned, those Scribes and Pharisees. They might have had perfect eyesight, but they had no faith that Jesus could be the promised Messiah. To truly see, good eyesight is not enough.

The people of the day couldn't understand why this person was born blind. What did he do to cause such a curse? Bad things don't happen to good people. Do they?

Even though we can't comprehend why things happen as they do, we can find strength, comfort and peace in the knowing that in our own suffering or the tremendous suffering we see around us, God is always present. Our faith gives us the strength we need to face the struggles and challenges that life will always send our way. But on this journey of faith, we know we are works in progress. The Season of Lent and in these celebrations of Scrutiny with our Elect and Candidates, we all look within for we know that we all have work to do so we can do better, as St. Paul says, to "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth" (Eph 5:8-9). Let your light shine.

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.



# Daylight Savings Time Begins this weekend. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour this Saturday before bed!

A Prayer for Women Through the Ages

Spirit of renewal, God of many names, and one transforming and abundant love, we turn this month, in our nation's life, to reflect on the stories, the heritage and the struggles of the women throughout the ages.

We seek to learn from all those voices that have been left unheard.

May we pause before the silences of the ages, find who has been left out, and craft new ways of inclusion for every week, and every month.

May this spiritual practice, bring out the voices of all those struggling, all those left apart.

May we let go of our assumptions and cold comforts, of what is the normal to live by, unless it be a standard that is rooted in compassion, in inclusivity, in diversity.

May this month of reflection teach us to search for those stories that are different from our own.

Mother of possibility, in the finding, may we come to know ourselves changed. Renewed where we are dry, Hopeful where we are lost, and open where we are shut.

Rev. Jude Geiger

# Community Life

Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm. Email <u>centering@mhr.org</u> 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 <u>centering@mhr.org</u> to register with name and email to receive Zoom meeting details. Visit <u>www.mhr.org/events</u> for more info.

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

## Current Mass Times

Daily Mass M-F 8am Sunday Mass 8am & 10am Seat reservations required for Sunday Masses visit www.mhr.org to reserve. Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8am and on Sunday at 10am. Visit us: On the web: *www.mhr.org* Facebook: *www.facebook.com/mhrsf* Instagram: *mhrcatholicsf* 

## Our Parish Community Birthdays

Rob Hopke, Ray Queheillalt, Maria Rodriguez, Andrew Polk, Mark Agtane, Cris Rosales, Bruce Chatfield and Les Young.



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## Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, March 14 8am Hugh Bassett † 10am Angie & Joe Tambone † <u>Monday, March 15</u> 8am John Mace † <u>Tuesday, March 16</u> 8am William C. Brady † <u>Wednesday, March 17</u> 8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio † <u>Thursday, March 18</u> 8am Juana & Luis Saucedo † <u>Friday, March 19</u> 8am Emerita Deza †

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, 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, Diadema Mansour, 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, †Warren Berg†, †Luis Cabrerra†, †Pete Davis† and † Danny Forchione†.

#### 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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