# rejoice in the LORD always always

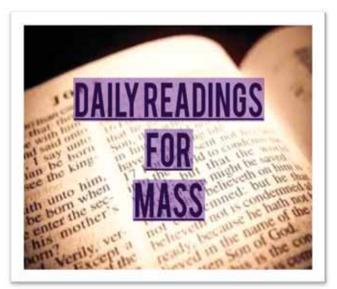
Third Sunday of Advent December 12th, 2021 Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church San Francisco, California



Most Holy Redeemer CATHOLIC CHURCH 100 Diamond Street San Francisco, California 415-863-6259 www.mhr.org CURRENT WORSHIP HOURS Daily Mass: M - F 8am Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm Holy Days: 8am & 7pm Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH Daily Mass Monday - Friday 8:00am Wednesday, December 15 RCIA via Zoom: 3pm Wednesday Supper: 4pm - 5:30pm Lunch distribution at the church gates. Advent Reconciliation 6:30pm Advent Evening Prayer 7pm Friday, December 17 Simbang Gabi 8am Saturday, December 18 Vigil Mass: 5pm Sunday, December 19 Masses: 8am, 10am Simbang Gabi 6:30pm Coffee hour is back after the 8am & 10am Masses! FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN AT MASS. Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass on our MHR Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mhrsf



DECEMBER 13 - 19 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: Is. 54:1-10, Lk. 7:224-30 Friday: Gn. 49:2, 8-10, Mt. 1:1-17 Saturday: Jer. 23:5-8, Mt. 1:18-25 Sunday: Mi. 5:1-4a, Heb. 10:5-10, Lk. 1:35-45

### Fr. Matt's Message—Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice!

When asked if he was the one who was coming, the one John preached of, Jesus points to the signs of his ministry: the blind regaining their sight, the lame walking, lepers cleansed, hearing restored to the deaf, and the dead brought back to life.

God is still at work in our world today. Perhaps the signs are not quite as spectacular as the ones Jesus' followers witnessed, but the signs are there for us to see. Emmanuel, God with us.

"Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near." The opening antiphon for the Mass on this Third Sunday of Advent gives the Mass it's name, the first word of the antiphon – Gaudate - Rejoice.

Yet life can be a valley of tears, especially in this long and seemingly unending time of Covid. For many people even in the best of times, 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 joy as a way of living and being.

The joy that we proclaim on this Gaudete Sunday can't be disturbed by the passing feelings and situations in which we find ourselves. This joy can sustain us through the hard and challenging times that life will bring.

This joy is the result of believing that God, Emmanuel, is love, and is always with us; and then living our lives in that belief.

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, even when that might take us out of our comfort zones.

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, we get to feel small."

Let us continue to do the work, seeking to find joy in the blessed ordinariness of every day. Don't be afraid to look for it. Expect to find it. That is where we will find God, who is Emmanuel, always God with us.

Yes, I'll say it again, rejoice.

Fr. Matt

### Dear Most Holy Redeemer,

Thank you for the warm welcome last Sunday at the 10:00 liturgy and the opportunity to share my reflections "with glasses made from the morning newspaper". Thank you, too, for the generous parish gifts. Thank you for the spontaneous cash donations you pressed individually and anonymously into my hand afterwards. Most of all, thank you for your global compassion toward the faraway mothers, sisters and daughters you've not yet met.

Many of you requested additional info about Mercy Beyond Borders. You can find MBB stories, photos (and a donate button!) at **www.mercybeyondborders.org.** I'm so grateful for your interest. Contact me any time if you have questions: 650.815.1554,

**mlacey@mercybeyondborders.org.** I'd be especially grateful if you'd sign up to receive my monthly eNews so we can stay in touch; the signup is on the bottom of our main page.

May God lead you in JOY through this Advent and beyond!

Sr Marilyn Lacey, Executive Director MERCY BEYOND BORDERS







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

Saturday, December 11 5pm Florinda Brewster † Sunday, December 12 8am Benefactors, Volunteers & Clients of the MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group 10am David Chatfield † 6:30pm Jean McCafferty † Monday, December 13 8am Patricia Hargadon † Sr. Nadine Hargadon † Tuesday, December 14 8am Wednesday, December 15 8am Steven Keller † Thursday, December 16 8am Mark Beeson † Friday, December 17 8am John Raymond Asuncion (L)

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 or sponsor the weekend altar flowers, please call the parish office at 415-863-6259 or email secretary@mhr.org.



Jerry Anderson, Rudy Baclig, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Henry Berin, Jim Berkemeyer, Florinda Brewster, Fr. Wayne Campbell, Jim Cathcart, Judy Chang, Joshua Daigle, Louis Dunn, Barbara Elliot, Vergilio De Leon, Shirley DeWan, Wallace Greene, Florence Kaloquin, Larry Goombah Kelleher, Joanna Kennedy, Karen Kenny, Christine Kosche, Michael Leonard, Jim Lonergan, Rita Ludeman, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Hugh Mallaney, Anna McKenzie, Jack McDermott, Marge Meyer, Armindo Oliveira, Michael Pichura, Marcello Pucci, Gloria Regan, Fr. John Sakowski, Gregory Dake Schultz, James Scott, Annie & Nok Sojka, Richelle Slota, Mary Stevens, Jim Teddar, Randy Tichenal, Paul Tipp, Christine Lane Tracy, Mark Vogel, Robert Yi, Ryan Zuniga, †David Chatfield†, †Steve Dubin†, †Tom Graciot†, †Jean McCafferty† and †John Revicky†.

# Simbang Gabi

December 15 - 5:30pm -December 16 - 5:00pm -December 17 - 8:00am -December 18 - 5:30pm -December 19 - 6:30pm -December 20 - 12 noon-December 21 - 12 noon -December 22 - 6:00pm -December 23 - 6:00pm - Star of the Sea

St. Ignatius St. Monica **Most Holy Redeemer** St. Dominic **Most Holy Redeemer** St. Mary's Cathedral St. Agnes Star of the Sea

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**Contact individual parishes for** livestream information.

Advent Novena Sponsored by the Cathedral Deanery

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Simbang Gabi ("Night Mass" in Tagalog) has been celebrated since the 17th Century. This Novena of Masses is marked by bright and colorful star lumens (parols) and the tradition of hospitality. Please Join us as a Deanery to celebrate this festive tradition for all 9 days!



## COMMUNITY LIFE

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

Visit us:

Young Adults Meeting: Tuesday, December 21st at 7:30pm in the Church. Email yag@mhr.org for info.

An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the Ellard Hall women's restroom.

On the web: www.mhr.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf Instagram: mhrcatholicsf



### MHR HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

**EMMANUEL TREE PROJECT** 

Thanks to all who took an ornament from our annual Emmanuel Tree Christmas Gift Project to provide a gift to our MHR clients and clients of Catholic Charities. Please remember to return the gift to the church or rectory by Monday, December 20th. Thank you!

### LIBRARY CORNER The Parish Library will be open this Sunday after the 8 and 10 AM Liturgies.

We please ask that you do not donate books to the library without speaking with the parish first.





### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS**

David Johnson, Jim Therriault, John Chisholm, Michael Dandy, Mark Magbanua, Michelle Hatton, Jed Godsey, Tom Fumarelli, Rosa Perez and Jake Deignan-Levy

### By popular demand! Extended one more week!

Sunday, December 12th,

### 9am to 1pm.

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Arts & Crafts Show and Sale Sunday, December 5th - I I am to 5pm in Ellard Hall

Come join MHR artists and crafters in preparing for an in-person celebration of the holidays in Ellard Hall on Sunday, December 5th. It has been awhile (too long!), that we have gathered together to enjoy each other's company, show off artwork and crafts made by parishioners and friends and raise money for causes close to our hearts.

### CRAFT ITEMS FROM THAILAND:

Christmas decor, clothing, kitchen items, children's gifts and cards, all from \$2.-\$30. \* Proceeds donated to Children's Med-Fund, sponsored by the Good Shepherd Sisters KNITTED SCARVES, ORIGINAL PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS AND YUMMY BAKED GOODS \* Proceeds donated to MHR Music Ministry Fr. MATT'S SUCCUNLENT SENSATIONS, TRUDY'S TREASURES (all handmade)

> and RELIGIOUS ITEMS \* Proceeds donated to MHR Outreach Ministries

(those who come to our door in need)

COME ONE AND ALL TO OUR FESTIVE GATHERING, A SUPERB OPPORTUNITY TO SAFELY SOCIALIZE, SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND CONTRIBUTE TO GROUPS CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS. CASH AND CHECKS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED PLEASE WEAR A MASK

If you would like to participate in selling what you have created,

please contact Marilee Hearn by email, text or phone:

marileehearn@sbcglobal.net or (415) 676-1918

2021 Most Holy Redeemer Advent / Christmas Schedule

> Advent Reconciliation Wednesdays 6:30pm

Advent Evening Prayer Wednesdays 7pm December 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Immaculate Conception Mass Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 8am & 7pm

> Christmas Eve Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Daily Mass 8am Christmas Eve Mass 10pm (Carols at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day Mass Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 8am & 10am

The Holy Family Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> Mass at 8am, 10am and 6:30pm



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