



rejoice in the  
**LORD**  
always

philippeans 4:4



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



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**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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Steve Adams

Micaela Connery

Stephen McCarthy

John Solaegui

Diane Trewin

**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](http://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 its name, the first word of the antiphon – Gaudete - 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](http://www.mercybeyondborders.org). I'm so grateful for your interest. Contact me any time if you have questions: 650.815.1554, [mlacey@mercymybeyondborders.org](mailto:mlacey@mercymybeyondborders.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

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*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](mailto: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 Luedeman, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Hugh Mallaney, Anna McKenzie, Jack McDermott, Marge Meyer, Armino 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 Graciott†, †Jean McCafferty† and †John Revicky†.

# Simbang Gabi 2021

December 15 - 5:30pm -	St. Ignatius
December 16 - 5:00pm -	St. Monica
December 17 - 8:00am -	Most Holy Redeemer
December 18 - 5:30pm -	St. Dominic
December 19 - 6:30pm -	Most Holy Redeemer
December 20 - 12 noon -	St. Mary's Cathedral
December 21 - 12 noon -	St. Agnes
December 22 - 6:00pm -	Star of the Sea
December 23 - 6:00pm -	Star of the Sea

Contact individual parishes for  
livestream information.

Advent Novena  
Sponsored by the Cathedral Deanery

For more info contact: Estrelle Chan  
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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](mailto:centering@mhr.org) for login details.

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

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

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On the web: [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org)

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

Instagram: [mhrcatholicssf](https://www.instagram.com/mhrcatholicssf)



## 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.



# Holiday



**Arts & Crafts Show and Sale**  
**Sunday, December 5th - 11am 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 SUCCULENT 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](mailto: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