



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

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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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Collection - Weekend of November 27

5pm -	\$138.00
8am -	\$305.00
10am -	\$1,135.00
6:30pm -	\$89.00
Misc. -	\$390.00
Online Giving -	\$768.00
Total -	\$2,825.00
Budgeted -	\$4,500.00
Thanksgiving -	\$1,767.00

This weekend there is a second collection for the MHR Music Program. Thank you for your support!

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, December 5

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 7

Wednesday Night Suppers 5pm - 7pm

Advent Evening Prayer 7pm

Thursday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Masses: 8am & 7pm

Saturday, December 10

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday, December 11

Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

FACE COVERINGS ARE RECOMMENDED.

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

on our MHR Facebook page:

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DECEMBER 5 - 11

Monday: Is. 35:1-10, Lk. 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is. 40:1-11, Mt. 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is. 40:25-31, Mt. 11:28-30

**Thursday: Gn. 3:9-15, 20, Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12,
Lk. 1:26-38**

Friday: Is. 48:17-19, Mt. 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir. 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt. 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is. 35:1-6a, 10, Jas. 5:7-10, Mt. 11:2-11

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"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

"In that great gettin' up morning, fare thee well, fare thee well." John the Baptist proclaimed the first of these statements, the second is from a traditional spiritual. Both refer to the coming of God's chosen redeemer-judge. In third grade, when I learned that the final judgment would reveal all our sins, I agonized over the fact that my teacher would know that I had whispered that I hated her. With images like John's winnowing fan and unquenchable fire, preaching about Christ's second coming is generally designed to inspire fear and repentance. I had gotten the message.

The spiritual, "In That Great Gettin' Up Morning," celebrates a joyous alternative to God's impending wrath. Perhaps because it springs from the heart of people who had been treated unjustly, the song proclaims judgment day as a day of jubilation. For the singers, Isaiah's shout of, "On that day!" refers to the "great, great gettin' up morning," when God will tell Gabriel to blow the horn loud enough to awaken the nations but not to frighten God's people. The words, melody and rhythm of the song harmonize in a proclamation that God's people will rejoice on the day of judgment. The contrast in images between a day of wrath and that gettin' up morning invites us to think anew about the coming of God's reign and to let *renewing* images inspire us.

Isaiah unites images of past and future to inspire our present moment. He envisions the advent of a redeemer whose ancestral roots include the pagan widow Ruth, her son Jesse, and her grandson, King David. (See the Book of Ruth and 1 Samuel 16.) Isaiah says that God's envoy will perceive what lies deep behind every facade or humiliation. He will rectify injustice, unveiling the depths of each person. Tenderly loving the afflicted, the savior will call the wicked to account.

Isaiah wants to inspire dreams. He wants us to envision universal peace: a time when all creatures — from widow to queen, from lion to lamb — will have evolved beyond aggression because we enjoy and share everything necessary for genuine thriving. That's what life will be like on God's holy mountain.

The question is, how do we get there? Enter John the Baptist. Before we dwell on Isaiah's mountain, John draws us into the desert. John's desert isn't primarily a place of fear or want. In Israel's collective memory, the desert was an in-between space, a time and place of growth. While in that desert, they accused God and Moses of leading them out to die of thirst. They complained about missing the good food of Egypt. They spent some time practicing idolatry and they trembled at the signs of God's presence. Gradually, the former slaves became a people of God. In the austere and strangely fertile setting of the desert, a locale matched to his clothing and diet, John summoned his people to metanoia.

Metanoia, translated here as repentance, is quite distinct from being sorry and making a firm purpose of amendment. Metanoia is an exciting, life-giving shakeup and shift of outlook. John summoned his people to metanoia, not because they are sinners, but because the kingdom of heaven was at hand. Sorrowful repentance and metanoia propose quite different approaches to change. Repentance concentrates on self: myself as perpetrator and my offense. Metanoia is a response to an invitation that focuses on God's promise that something new is in the offing. It is an invitation to a conversion of mindset. It is so radical that we don't seem to have an English word capable of communicating it. Nevertheless, practicing it will change our lives.

John preached a message about God's future. He called it the kingdom of heaven; Isaiah described it as life on God's holy mountain. In his letter to the Romans, Paul spoke of it as the internal and collective harmony that flows from life in Christ Jesus.

John summarized his message with the proclamation: "Prepare the way of the Lord." He heralded something new. He did not belittle the temple and synagogue, but warned his audiences that membership in a religious tradition made them no holier than pavement stones. For John, belief necessarily included the zest for life that comes from the fire of the Holy Spirit.

John tells us to prepare, to ready ourselves for the coming of God's reign. Isaiah tells us that "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord." Now is the time to envision what that can mean and to begin to act as if it were true. Now is the time to allow that great, great gettin' up morning to inhabit our imagination and inspire our activities. Let us prepare the way of the Lord!

Sr. Mary M. McGlone - National Catholic Report contributor





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

Saturday, December 3

5pm Alfredo Reyes (L)

Sunday, December 4

8am

10am Frank Quattrocchi †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, December 5

8am

Tuesday, December 6

8am

Wednesday, December 7

8am Julius Benedict Villena (L)

Thursday, December 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

7pm

Friday, December 9

8am Paul S. Thomas †

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.



Ted Alden, Jerry Anderson, Anna Consuelo Avila, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Anna Bycholski, Becky Caylor, Earl Chan, Dean Curtis, Jay D'Amato, Monica Grace, Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Serge Hubert, Kris Johnson, Florence Kaloquin, Larry Kolton, Amelia Marcin, Liz Kovack, David Kossman, Fr. Piers Lahey, David Lamdin, Doug Lawrence, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Nancy McCann, Ben Montoya, Lou Montoya, Doris Nassal, Nadia O'Donnell, Lloyd Oksen, Paul Pelosi, Carlos Rodriguez, Maureen O'Sullivan, Richard Savelec, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Mary Stevens, Jim Stockholm, Ruth Varela, Brian Vouglas, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Stephen Wakefield, Dan Wandres, David Washington, Louis Washington and Ryan Zuniga, †Leilani Allent†, †Cheryl Beck†, †Katy Parsley† and †Fr. Harry Schlitt†.



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

Bible Study on upcoming Sunday readings meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.
Email biblestudy@mhr.org for login and for more information.

Young Adults Meetings on hiatus for Advent. Email yag@mhr.org for information.

Christian Healing Prayer Group: Please join us on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the Church. Email markwbass@yahoo.com for information.

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



Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to call, visit and/or help our people. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

Community Thrift: Community Thrift returns to the Support Group a portion of the sales of items donated in our name which allows us to purchase food vouchers for the needy in our HIV community. Please bring your unwanted and usable clothing and household items to Community Thrift at 623 Valencia, between 17th & 18th Streets Be sure to mention that MHR AIDS Support Group is your charity.
---Charity # 242. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

**Renee Espinoza, Jy Guevara, Peter Wise,
Jason Kreuziger, John Ferrara, Mark Molina,
Jim Anderson and Thor Bucher.**

Join the MHR Acolyte Ministry!

We are in need of additional acolytes (altar servers) for all of our Masses. We will provide you with individual training and an experienced mentor, and you won't be asked to serve until you feel ready. If you'd like to learn more about this important and meaningful ministry, please reach out. Women and young people are especially encouraged, but all are welcome!

Email acolytes@mhr.org if you are interested.



Join us for

Advent Evening Prayer
Wednesdays at 7pm



Holiday Show and Sale

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
1PM - 4:00PM
ELLARD HALL

100% of the proceeds from Thailand items sold benefit the Children's Medi Fund in Thailand.

Students from St. James Catholic School will have their own table as well and 100% of the proceeds from items they sell will benefit St. James.

25% of all other items sold benefit the MHR Speakers Fund.

FEATURED ARTISTS INCLUDE:

Diane Burns Haussler, Christine Burns, Gracie Mulcrevy & Mary Harden

SALE ITEMS INCLUDE:

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