



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MOST HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
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**MOST HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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San Francisco, California
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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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, February 27

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 1

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Lent Evening Prayer - 7pm

Saturday, March 4

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday March 5

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

Join us for Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

FACE COVERINGS ARE RECOMMENDED.

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

on our MHR Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf



Collection - Weekend of February 19

5pm -	\$255.00
8am -	\$360.00
10am -	\$892.00
6:30pm -	\$441.00
Misc. -	\$555.00
Online Giving -	\$3,648.00
Total -	\$6,151.00
Budgeted -	\$4,500.00
AAA -	\$2500.00

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Easter Flowers.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 5

Monday: Lv. 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt. 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is. 55:10-11, Mt. 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon. 3:1-10, Lk. 11:29-32

Thursday: Est. c:12, 14-16, 23-25, Mt. 7:7-12

Friday: Ez. 18:21-28 Mt. 5:2-26

Saturday: Dt. 16-19, Mt. 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn. 12:1-4a, 2Tm. 1:8b-10, Mt. 17:1-9

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Now that's a mind-blowing sentence!

Was Jesus really tempted? Doesn't temptation imply a confusion or indecisiveness that seems uncharacteristic of Jesus? Was he really that human? Another question: Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to temptation? Didn't Jesus teach us to beg God not to do that?

In response to the first question, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all clearly say that Jesus experienced temptation in the desert. These three Gospels, called synoptic because they follow a similar pattern, paint a very human portrait of Jesus. John, in contrast, portrays Jesus as keenly aware of his divine origin and destiny.

In addition, the word tempt has two related meanings: to put one to the test, or to manipulate someone in an effort to coach them into wrongdoing. Our opening line includes both definitions: The Spirit led Jesus to test his identity; the devil attempted to manipulate him to be untrue to it.

What is at play here — and in the whole of the Gospels — is Jesus' identity as son of God. Matthew began his Gospel with the genealogy, a description of Jesus' origins in the people of God. Now diabolos (the proper name of the chief of the demons) comes to direct him about how to fulfill his vocation among them. We should note that this scene comes immediately after Jesus rose from baptism and heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." It seems that, following his choice to be baptized, Jesus' experience of the Spirit impelled him to explore and clarify what it meant to be son of God. Baptism led him to confront everything implied in the word temptation.

The temptations are archetypal with a great variety of interpretations and applications. For today, we might see them as tapping into the same confusing desires the snake used to snag Eve and Adam.

In the Genesis story, the snake told Eve that eating the forbidden fruit would make her/them like gods. The serpent mastered them, not because they were proud, but because they failed to recognize that they were already like the God who had breathed life into them and created them in the divine image. They got caught in a frenzy of trying to achieve for themselves what they had already been given for free.

Diabolos, a one-hit wonder, tried the same trick on Jesus. The first two temptations begin with the phrase, "If you are son of God," with the implication that the tempter could define what that meant. The third temptation drops all pretense of faithfulness and offers an alternative life. We might think of them this way:

Diabolos: "If you are son of God, get the rocks out of your head! Hunger, thirst, and dependence on others are beneath you!"

Jesus: "A son of God revels in relationship. Both sides feed on the risk of being vulnerable to want and thus find greater fulfillment."

Diabolos: "If you are the true son, God should keep you safe, even from your own pretentious foolishness."

Jesus: "A son of God seeks God's will — and that's worth dying for."

Diabolos: "Forget this God business! Look around and admit it. Mine is the only power that runs the world."

Jesus: "Stay in your own hell if you wish. I have no power to stop you."

Jesus' temptations were not a one-time event, nor simply an experience in the desert and then the Garden of Gethsemane. In some form, they summarize all the ways he and any of us can distort our vocation to be images of God.

Diabolos' insistence that we need to assure our own bread and security diverts our attention from the truth that when anyone is hungry or in danger, not only are all in need, but all have the ability to respond in a way that privileges solidarity over selfishness.

Diabolos' suggestion that religion is meant to be our safety net perverts Christianity, prioritizing self-preservation over self-giving. The appeal to raw power promotes the sham of fear-induced unity and control; it betrays and rejects the ways of the God of love. Most of all, it cannot endure.

As we begin this Lenten season, let us pray that we may recognize and reject the ways we, our church and our society, are continually tempted to betray our vocation to be images of God. Lent is our time to reappropriate our own baptismal commitment and to confront and expose Diabolos' machinations. In the end, we hope to join Jesus in telling Diabolos, "Dwell in your hell. We've got a better option."

—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter Contributor*



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

Saturday, February 25

5pm Carlo Mazzaferro †

Sunday, February 26

8am MHR Parishioners

10am

6:30pm Gary Douglas Peal, Sr. †

Monday, February 27

8am

Tuesday, February 28

8am Thomas Foley †

Wednesday, March 1

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

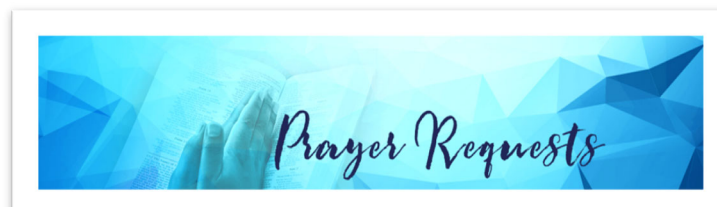
Thursday, March 2

8am

Friday, March 3

8am

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, Ino Austria, Emmerson Chin, Rodolfo Cruz Baclig, Bob Barcewski, Joseph Bielanski, Christine Burns, Anna Bycholski, Earl Chan, Rodolfo Degala, Joseph D'Amato, Joy Chase Dickey, Paul Erickson, Carol Furtado, Eileen Gayton, Mary Geracimos, Stella Grivas, Wallace Greene, Marcia Gruskin, Michael Hardy, Serge Hubert, Donald Jones, Kenny Kehoe, Pete Kondrashoff, Liz Kovack, David Kossman, Jack & Louise Lamdin, Doug Lawrence, Jill Laufenberg, Al Leftcourt, Michael Leonard, Joseph Lona, David Magna, Christine Maierhofer, Phil Martin, Rodrigo Quintanilla, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Edgar Matthews, Michael Mitchell, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Michael Motherway, Doris Nassal, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Jeremy Nickel, Modesta Orque, Maureen O'Sullivan, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Rodrigo Quintanilla, Lorena Santos, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Jim Stockholm, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Ryan Zuniga and †Bishop David O'Connell†.



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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 Group: Meetings are on hiatus. Email yag@mhr.org for info.

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.



Most Holy Redeemer HIV/AIDS Support Group

Volunteers Needed: If you have 1-2 hours a week and can help with one of these needs, please call the Support Group office for more information (863-6259 xt10) or email: asg@mhr.org.

A man who uses a wheelchair and lives in ParkMerced (near Stonestown & SF State) is looking for someone to visit and occasionally go to movies.

A man in his 60s, living on Fillmore near McAllister, is looking for company. He is interested in watching movies, science-fiction, and Buddhism. Good listening skills are required.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

**Matts Christiansen, Tess Sullivan, Brandon Lee,
AJ Calalang-Boucher, Julia Crandon, Amy Cancelmo,
Mark Crandon, Nanette Miller, Ernest Camisa,
and Mark Andrews.**

GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-2024

MHR is currently working on next years giving envelopes for Jul 2023 – Jun 2024. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please email Mike Poma at mpoma@mhr.org.

If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let Mike know as well.

Some give via our on-line giving portal VANCO. If you give using this method and would like to receive envelopes to remind you of upcoming second collections, please, let Mike know.

In any case, THANK YOU for your generosity and continued support of Most Holy Redeemer and its many ministries.

Wednesday Suppers

At the Wednesday Suppers, we know that we cannot solve the problem of homelessness nor can we fix everyone's problems. We merely try to give our guests one night a week where they can be treated with dignity, receive a good meal, and get away from some of the difficulties of their lives. We often do not know whether we are accomplishing our goals. Every once in a while we hear from a former guest and we would like to share this with you:

"I used to attend the Wednesday night dinners and loved all the delicious food and the wonderful volunteers. I haven't attended in while because I've been working full time and have an apartment. All the support and encouragement I received got me back on my feet and the Wednesday night dinners was one of the stable pieces in my life that helped me. Thank you."

As we begin our 22nd year of operations, we thank you, our supporters, who have allowed us to continue to provide a night of dignity and hope on Wednesdays.

Dorothy Day One-woman show returns to Bay Area

Haunted by God, performed at MHR in 2014, will be presented again at Mercy Center on Saturday March 4 at 4 pm, followed by *a community meal*. *Haunted by God* is an acclaimed play about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, Dorothy Day (1897-1980), who spent 47 years caring for the poor and leading the Catholic Church to a more active concern for the needy in U.S. society. The Catholic Worker became a living movement that has been responsible for feeding and housing the homeless; and today, there are over 200 Catholic Worker houses around the world. *Reserve space today at <https://tinyurl.com/HauntedByGodtickets>*

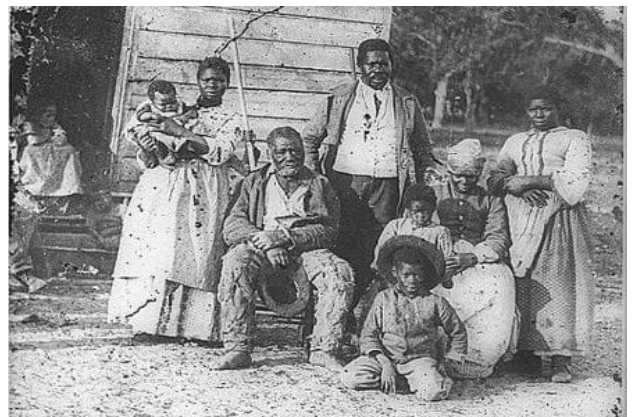
MHR PEACE AND JUSTICE CORNER

The 1619 Project

The 1619 Project is an ongoing initiative from the New York times that began in August 2019, the 400th Anniversary of the beginning of American Slavery. It aims to re-frame the country's history by placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of our national narrative.

In August of 1619, a ship appeared on the horizon, near Point Comfort, a coastal port in the English colony of Virginia. It carried more than 20 enslaved Africans, who were sold to the colonists. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the years of slavery that followed. On the 400th anniversary of this fateful moment, it is finally time to tell our story truthfully.

—*The 1619 Project*



Lent 2023

Lenten Drive to Help a School in Need



Most Holy Redeemer Parish is committed to supporting St. James Catholic Elementary School in the Mission district of our city. Throughout the Sundays of Lent, MHR will be collecting school supplies for our education partner. If you prefer, cash donations will also be accepted and will be used to buy additional supplies for St. James. You may place your contributions of supplies or cash in the baskets in the church.

Thank you for your generosity for this great ministry of our parish!

February 26 & March 5 - Copy Paper.

March 12 - Art Supplies: Construction paper, Crayons, Colored pencils, pens & pastels.

March 19- Teacher supplies: White and colored card stock, Standard staples, Mechanical pencils, Blue painter's tape, Post-its, Expo dry erase markers.

March 26 - Student supplies: Binder paper, Pens and Pencils, Spiral college-ruled notebooks, Composition notebooks and Graph paper.

April 2 - Anything Sunday (any of the above items).

God's inclusive love proclaimed here!
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Wednesdays at 7:00pm during Lent
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Lent

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