



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**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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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, March 6

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 8

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Lent Evening Prayer - 7pm

Saturday, March 11

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday March 12

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



MARCH 6 - 12

Monday: Dn. 9:4b-10, Lk. 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is. 1:10, 16-20, Mt. 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer. 18:18-20, Mt. 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer. 17:5-10, Lk. 16:19-31

**Friday: Gn. 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt. 21:33-43,
45-46**

Saturday: Mi. 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex. 17:3-7, Rom. 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn. 4:5-42

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On our worst days, we might say that we feel as bad as we look on our driver's license. At the other end of the spectrum, wealthy people can commission their portraits that erase blemishes and make even the plainest appear stately.

Somewhere in between lies the reality of who we are — a matter far more complex than can be captured visually or verbally. Today's Liturgy of the Word focuses on the question of how the disciples grew in knowing Jesus and how that affected them.

Rather surprisingly, the people who put together our lectionary chose Abram's relationship with God to shed light on the mystery of Jesus' transfiguration. Our selection from Genesis tells a story about changing identity. God invited Abram to leave behind everything that had defined him — his land and his kin — so that God could make something new of him.

God made five promises to Abram, each of which urged him to look beyond all he had and knew, so that he could embrace a much larger identity that would be as good for the whole world as it was for him personally.

The reading ends with the wonderful summary of a well-lived life: "Abram went as the Lord directed him."

We hear today's Gospel, mindful that this scene takes place after the events of Matthew 16. Those events included a dispute with Pharisees who asked for signs, Jesus' disappointment in the disciples' inability to understand his works and that most direct, intimate and intimidating question: "Who do *you* say that I am?" That interaction ended with Jesus telling them that his vocation (and theirs) would include suffering.

Matthew sets up the incident on the mountain six days after those events. That seemingly strange calendar note subtly places this incident in the context of the creation story: Jesus went up the mountain with his friends on the seventh day, the day of completion. After having shared hard teachings about his suffering and disfiguration, Jesus allowed them a glimpse of the future of all of creation in the Transfiguration.

Matthew, Mark and Luke give us remarkably similar accounts of this incident. When Matthew tells us that Jesus was "transfigured" before them, he uses the word that comes to English as metamorphosis. In Greek mythology, metamorphosis was what happened when the gods took on human form.

In contrast to that, Jesus, the fully human one, became permeated with divine splendor. This absolutely overwhelmed the very disciples who had so easily proclaimed that Jesus was the Christ, the anointed son of God. It's one thing to make a great statement about what we believe, it's another thing entirely to begin to perceive even a tiny part of what might be implied in titles like Christ or God.

Obviously, the disciples realized that they had seen more than they could comprehend. Whatever they had thought about Jesus or the glory of God, their moment on the mountain showed them how paltry their imaginations had been. Jesus told them not to talk about it because any words they might try to use would be so inadequate as to be almost sacrilegious.

The experience on the mountain must have been the high point of discipleship for the ones who accompanied Jesus that day. Because of that, it was something they could never adequately describe.

The same is true for us. There are moments in our deepest relationships when we really know love and intimacy, when we glimpse the depth of another in ways that cannot be put into words. In those times, we realize that the truth of love is timeless, deeper and broader than can ever be described.

Being caught up in such experiences is transformative. Not only do we see and fall in love again, but we ourselves become transformed in the process.

The mystery of the Transfiguration, Jesus' self-revelation as God's beloved, offers us more than just a glimpse of his divine vocation. Jesus' appearance as God's beloved, his revelation of divinity in humanity, gives us a preview of our own destiny. It reminds us of the truth of Genesis' teaching that human beings are oriented to become ever and ever greater images of God.

This is what Paul tells Timothy when he quotes a hymn that sings about how God saves us, not because of what we do but through what happens to and among us when we love. Today's liturgy tells us that transfiguration is the destiny we all share with Christ, if only we will allow ourselves to be loved like him.

That's the road to a life well lived. —*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter Contributor*





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

Saturday, March 4

5pm Maria Brann †

Sunday, March 5

8am Pauline Thomas †

10am Angie, Joe & Joseph Tambone †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, March 6

8am Roma Schramm †

Tuesday, March 7

8am Elizabeth & Peter Toms †

Wednesday, March 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Thursday, March 9

8am Beatrice Rak †

Friday, March 10

8am Barbara Colelli †

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.



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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

**Maureen Flaherty, Tomas Hassan, Brian Vouglas,
Alberta Montero, Alley Kane-McDowell, Tom O'Keefe,
Johanna Buckels, Mike Gorman, Jim Hargadon,
Janey Haire, Alejandro Marroquin and Meg Hennessey.**

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.

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

We celebrate Women's History Month

Photos of historic women's suffrage moments.



Wednesdays at 7:00pm during Lent
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Lent

EVENING PRAYER

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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