



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MOST HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2023  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



**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, March 20

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Lent Evening Prayer - 7pm

Saturday, March 25

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday March 26

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](http://www.facebook.com/mhrsf)



**MARCH 20 - 26**

Monday: 2Sm. 7:4-5a, 12014a, 16, Rom. 4:13,  
16-18, 22, Mt. 4:13, 16-18, 22

Tuesday: Ez. 47:1-9, 12, Jn. 5:1-18

Wednesday: Is. 49:8-15, Jn. 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex. 32:7-14, Jn. 5:31-47

Friday: Wis, 2:1a, 12-22, Jn. 5:31-47

Saturday: Is. 7:10-14;8:10, Heb. 10:4-10,  
Lk. 1:26-38

Sunday: Ez. 37:12-14, Rom. 8:8-11, Jn. 11:1-45



**Collection - Weekend of March 12**

5pm -	\$161.00
8am -	\$249.00
10am -	\$1,036.00
6:30pm -	\$144.00
Misc. -	\$755.00
<b>Online Giving -</b>	<b>\$1,042.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$6,151.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Relief Services.

**Thank you for you continued generosity!**

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent parishes preparing people for baptism will celebrate the second of three "scrutinies." The word "scrutiny" comes from Latin and French and refers to what we might call dumpster diving, the work of folks who look for valuables in what others have thrown away. This call to learn what to save and what to let go, how to distinguish treasure from trash, frames today's Liturgy of the Word.

We begin about 1,000 years before the time of Christ with God's surprising choice of the boy David to be Israel's king. In a society that prized the firstborn, warriors and wise men, Samuel had to accept and defend God's "scrutinizing" choice of a mere kid to be secretly anointed as successor to Saul. About the only thing more unexpected would have been for Samuel to anoint a woman — but would have been too much for a people who believed that military victories proved God's favor. (Joan of Arc would not appear for another 2,400 years.)

The choice of David and the statement that God sees differently than we do is the setup for the story of the healing of the man born blind. Now the core question is, "What are we supposed to see?" Unlike the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus says little and does much, John's Gospel offers lots more talk than action, and even the action stories have so many layers of meaning that they read like discourses.

This story opens with the statement that Jesus saw a man who had been blind from birth, a malady the disciples understood as a punishment meted out on either the man or his parents. Jesus adjusted their perspective, explaining that God doesn't see things as human beings do. With a statement that Paul repeated by saying that for those who love God, all things work for good (Romans 8:28), Jesus said that the man's condition would show forth the works of God.

That was Jesus' subtle foreshadowing of all that was about to follow: He was continuing God's work of creation. To illustrate that, mimicking the creation of Adam from the river-watered dust (Genesis 2:6), Jesus made clay to use like chrism on the man's eyes. Jesus then told him to wash, and that washing opened the man's eyes.

It's hard to imagine this fellow's experience of new sight. Years ago, the movie "At First Sight" depicted the agonizing experience of a young man, blind from the age of 3, whose sight was surgically restored. Although he could see, his brain could not decode the images before him. He couldn't make sense of the world he had learned to navigate by touch and sound. That's the extreme experience John describes here. It's a wonderful thing to see, but our newly sighted friend had to totally reorient himself to "live in the light."

Even as he was reestablishing his identity, the people around him were annoyed. Religious leaders debunked Jesus, asserting that God would never sanction work on the Sabbath. The fellow's parents were too afraid of repercussions to take a stand on what had happened. In the end, only the fellow himself gave testimony, realizing in the process that nobody wanted to believe that Jesus had done him good. But the man saw one thing clearly: Jesus could not have healed him "if he were not of God."

This fellow, nameless so that everyone can recognize themselves in him, knew nothing about Jesus, except that he did him good. As he went through the process of gaining a new perspective and being persecuted for it, he understood ever more clearly that the one who had healed him on the Sabbath was doing the work of God. Jesus had opened his eyes to new dimensions of God's goodness — and that was what got him into trouble.

After the poor fellow had been questioned, abandoned by his parents, and excommunicated, Jesus found him again. This time, Jesus explained that, unlike the others, the fellow was a successful scrutinizer. When Jesus assured him that he had encountered the "Son of Man," the man bowed down in worship.

What about us? Baptism (washing), symbolic of death and rising, is our sacrament of reorientation. Unfortunately, many of us who were baptized as infants have learned to protect our inherited perspectives, resisting even miracles if they challenge our comfortable patterns of thinking and acting.

This Sunday, we can't help but hear this Gospel as an invitation to scrutinize our perspectives, sort through our presuppositions and see what should be discarded and what new insights might be hidden in unexpected, even unwanted places. True, choosing to try to learn God's perspective will cause great disorientation, but the option is to choose self-imposed blindness.—Sr. Mary M. McGlone, NCR



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

**Saturday, March 18**

5pm

**Sunday, March 19**

8am Bernie Banonis †

10am Emerita Deza †

Larry E. Clark †

Alfredo Guerrero †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

**Monday, March 20**

8am

**Tuesday, March 21**

8am Frank Surge †

**Wednesday, March 22**

8am Melva Monzon (L)

**Thursday, March 23**

8am Steve Louis †

**Friday, March 24**

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](mailto:secretary@mhr.org).



Jerry Anderson, Ino Austria, Rodolfo Cruz Baclig, Bob Barcewski, Laura Barrera, 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, Trudy Miller, Michael Mitchell, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Doris Nassal, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Jeremy Nickel, Modesta Orque, Meme Riordan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Pamela Pope, 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, †Rodrigo Quintanilla† and †Susan Schatz†.



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Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.  
Email [centering@mhr.org](mailto: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](mailto:biblestudy@mhr.org) for login and for more information.

Young Adults Group: Meetings are on hiatus. Email [yag@mhr.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**Les Young, Jim Stockholm, Myles Orndorff,  
Michael Daly, Owen Baker-Flynn, Joe Flores, Ed Mah,  
Maddy Dwyer and Armando Molina.**

## MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

We celebrate Women's History Month

### Sr. Raffaella Petrini

On 4 November 2021, Pope Francis appointed her to be the first woman to hold the office of Secretary General of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State. He noted that since she held the number two position in the governorship of Vatican City, Petrini had become the highest-ranking woman in the world's smallest state.





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS AND BAKERS!

# Easter Sunday

APRIL 8 & 9 | 8PM VIGIL & 8AM & 10AM MASS

"We are looking for volunteers to **serve**  
and **bring deserts** (for about 20 people)  
for Easter reception Saturday evening and  
Sunday Morning.

If you like to bring a dish or volunteer to help please contact:  
Carter Widlund 415-385-8379  
carter.widlund1@gmail.com



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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