



**Third Sunday in Lent
Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church**

**March 12, 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 13

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 15

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Lent Evening Prayer - 7pm

Saturday, March 18

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday March 19

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/mhrsrf



MARCH 13 - 19

Monday: 2Kgs. 5:1-15ab, Lk. 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn. 3:25,34-43, Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt. 4:1,5-9, Mt. 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer. 7:23-28, Lk. 11:14-23

Friday: Hos. 14:2-10, Mk. 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos. 6:1-6, Lk. 18:9-14

**Sunday: 1Sm. 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Eph. 5:8-14,
Jn. 9:1-41**

Collection Weekend of March 5

5pm -	\$201.00
8am -	\$304.00
10am -	\$2,366.00
6:30pm -	\$197.00
Misc. -	\$814.00
Online Giving -	\$1,147.00
Total -	\$5,029.00
Budgeted -	\$4500.00
Easter Flowers -	\$1,426.00

Thank you for your amazing support!

Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Liturgy of the Word starts us out with the Israelites and Moses in the desert. After accepting God's invitation to abandon slavery for freedom, the people quickly started complaining: They missed the food the Egyptians let them have, they feared they would die of thirst ... and on and on.

Acting as if God had made no plans and was incapable of providing for them, they groused so much that Moses expected a mutiny. (See Numbers 11 where Moses accuses God of being a negligent mother and complains that his task is more than he can handle.) In response, and to show how shortsighted they were, the creator of snow and rain brought water from stone, demonstrating that for God, nothing is impossible. (See Job 38.)

The desert wanderers really did have legitimate cause for worry. Like so many people today, they had no idea where their next meal would come from and clean water had become a luxury they could only remember. When we consider how little time they had spent in freedom, we can appreciate that they were like dependent children, frightened because the situation was entirely out of their control.

Israel's thirst sets up John's account of the woman at the well. Although we rarely note it, a key aspect of this story is that Jesus was the one who was thirsty. This gives us a pretty iconoclastic image of God! Then, along comes a feisty Samaritan woman. The Savior of the world makes a request: "Give me a drink."

Water is a precious commodity in the desert. Sharing water symbolizes hospitality, openness to the stranger and respect for life. In an inside out image of the God who draws water from stone, the vulnerable Jesus must ask for life-giving water and acceptance, and he does it at the well that symbolizes her heritage of faith in the God of Abraham. Once they have begun their conversation, the tables turn again and Jesus reveals that the divine thirst is not for water, but for a life-giving relationship with humanity.

What happened in the interchange between Jesus and Photina (the name the Orthodox give the Samaritan) should have been more threatening to the guardians of Jewish and Samaritan religion than anything else Jesus preached. When Photina tried to pit the Jewish and Samaritan approaches to God against one another, Jesus led her beyond every expression of denominationalism and dependence on ritual. All that mattered to Jesus was that Photina (and by extension all people) would know God as he did; he thirsted for her to be moved by God's own Spirit and to abide in the truth-generating relationships that flow from that.

This is exactly what happened. As Photina began to comprehend what Jesus was saying, her feistiness turned to curiosity and then to faith. As the representative of a people who had sought God through a series of shallow affiliations (five husbands), she found a truth and love worthy of her and was impelled to share it.

Too often, we focus on Photina's "five husbands," as if this story were about the conversion of a loose woman. That overlooks the astounding theology and universality of this Gospel message. Theologically, this Gospel story reminds us that our creator invites humanity into relationship, but never imposes. This paints a picture of God as both vulnerable and thirsty, ever waiting near some well to offer life to those who can listen, wonder and respond. The universality of today's message comes through Jesus' proclamation that real worship and relationship with God does not depend on place or ritual, but on how the people become vulnerable to the Spirit's action in their lives.

Paul preaches this very same message in the Letter to the Romans when he assures us that our "justification" is based on faith. If we were to put Paul's idea in the context of the interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, we would say that salvation springs from relationship with God; it is never bound by any particular deed, creed or ritual. Salvation happens when we attend to God's thirst and respond with personal hospitality. Once we have been affected by a relationship with God, it automatically begins to flow into all our other relationships, making us not just believers, but almost irresistible evangelizers.

Today, Photina may appear to us in many guises. We will recognize her not by her name, geography or appearance, but rather by her enthusiastic love and the way she invites us to respond to God's thirst and enjoy living water forever. Like her, all we need do is respond. As a result, the world's thirst will begin to be quenched. —*Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, March 11

5pm Hugh Bassett †

Sunday, March 12

8am Benefactors, Volunteers and Clients of the
MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

10am Carl V. Miller †

6:30pm Jo Elaine Divinagracia (L)

Monday, March 13

8am

Tuesday, March 14

8am

Wednesday, March 15

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, March 16

8am Fred Douvette †

Friday, March 17

8am Bill Mathews †

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.

Prayer Requests

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.



COMMUNITY LIFE

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On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

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

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.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Warren Pederson, Patrick Mackin, Wallace Greene,

Curtis Murray, Rob Hopcke, Ray Queheillalt,

Mark Agtane, Cris Rosales & Bruce Chatfiled.

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
Imogen Cunningham

Imogen Cunningham occupies a singular position in the history of American art of the twentieth century.

For seventy years Imogen's camera explored, with innovation and a unique perspective, all the major traditions associated with the medium of photography as a art form.

She joined the art movements of pictorialism and surrealism with her own style and was a founding member of the f.64 Group, a progressive photo group pursuing sharp focus and fine details within photography.

Imogen created artistic portraits and photographs of botanical imagery, recorded her family with her camera and pursued street photography, nude studies, still-lifes and self- portraits. There was little in her seven-decade career that escaped her eye!



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

Lenten

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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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