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Collection - Week of December 10, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$222.00
Sunday 8am -	\$260.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,051.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$239.00
Misc. -	\$75.00
VANCO -	\$1,535.00
Total -	\$3,382.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Retirement for Religious -	\$983.00

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MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 8am (Mon ~ Fri)
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm
Holy Days: 8am & 7pm
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm
(or by appointment)

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

DEC 18— DEC 24

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday

Taize Reconciliation 7pm

Wednesday Night Suppers

Saturday

Vigil Mass - 5pm

Sunday

Masses: 8am, 10am & 10pm

Join us for Coffee Hour after the

8am & 10am Masses

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

@ MHR.org

www.mhr.org/livestream



DEC18 — DEC 24

Mon: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Tue: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Wed: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Thu: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
Fri: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Sat: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



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

Saturday, December 16

5pm Bill Matthews†

Sunday, December 17

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Leo LaRocca †

Monday, December 18

8am Nick Vucurovich †

Tuesday, December 19

8am Bernie Banonis †

Wednesday, December 20

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, December 21

8am Barbara Basso †

Friday, December 22

8am Michael Wicks †

Saturday, December 23

5pm Theresa Adams †

**To schedule a Mass Intention
or sponsor the weekend altar flowers,
please call the parish office at 415-863-6259
or email office@mhr.org.**



**Ryan Zuniga, Maria Palma, Christian Irizary , Joshua
Filho, Leigh Thorup-Murray and John Johnson**

December 17, 2023 : Third Sunday of Advent



In Jesuit Fr. Bill Cain's rendition of The Diary of Jesus Christ, we hear Jesus talk about listening to his mother sing her favorite song, the "Magnificat." (We pray it today as our responsorial psalm.) Jesus challenges Mary, saying that the promises of the song may have been true, "once, a long time ago."

When she challenges him to do his part, he learns how very subversive it is to sing that the hungry will be filled and the rich sent away empty. The Magnificat isn't a lullaby, but a prophetic proclamation.

Between Isaiah, Mary's song, Paul's message to the Thessalonians and the evangelist John's description of John the Baptist, we get more than enough calls to prophecy in this last week before Christmas.

For ages, scholars have debated about the identity of the Servant of Isaiah's songs (see Isaiah 42, 49, 50 and 51). The early Christians felt the servant described Jesus, the long-awaited, surprising, Messiah. Others suggest that the servant depicts Israel herself as God's chosen.

Today, especially in light of praying the Magnificat with Mary, we might look at how she and John the Baptist invite us to become servants of the Lord with them.

The first attitude we learn from Isaiah, Mary and John is that they focus on God. Isaiah says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Mary sings, "My soul rejoices in God, my savior," and the baptizer proclaims, "I am not the Christ ... whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

What would change in our lives if we would say with conviction, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me"?

Sometimes we may proclaim something like that by our conviction that our opinion is infallible. (The mother of one of my closest friends used to say, "I've thought about it, and I'm right!" Of course, her tongue was blatantly planted in her cheek as she said it.)

Supposing that we've got it absolutely right ends up being the polar opposite of prophecy. Mary and John, our guides, remind us that prophets don't proclaim their opinions. They invite others into an awareness of God's love, of the gift of God's Spirit; they proclaim that grace that awaits us just around the bend if only we will be open to it.

Secondly, as Mary in Cain's book challenged the boy Jesus, the prophet calls us into an ever-greater awareness of the needs of others and our potential to respond.

Isaiah's servant, like Jesus, recognized that being anointed was a job description. They were to bear genuinely good news, to listen attentively to the sorrowful and to help free others from whatever might bind them.

Mary sings of what God is working in our midst, Isaiah describes it, John announces that it's coming and Paul reminds us that God does great things, not just "once a long time ago," but today, among and through us. That's divinely subversive!



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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.

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



MOST HOLY REDEEMER HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

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.



Taize Prayer & Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 20th

7:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 24th

8:00am, 10:00am

Christmas Eve Mass

Sunday, December 24th

10:00pm

(Carols at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day Mass

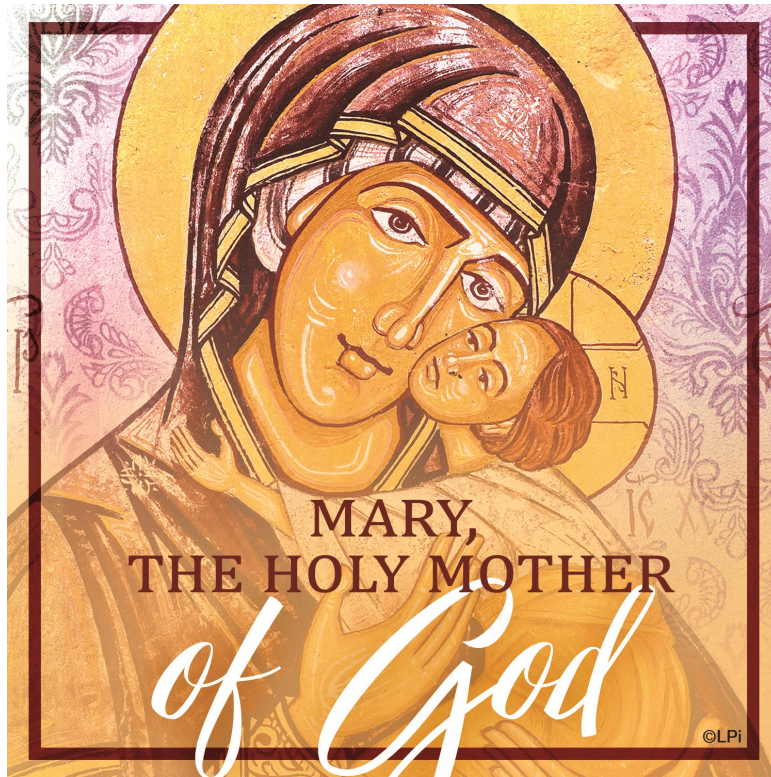
Monday, December 25th

10:00am

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

December 2023

How Different Cultures Honor Mary



Our Lady of Africa (French: **Notre-Dame D'Afrique**; Arabic: السيدة الإفريقية), also known as **Our Mother of Africa**, is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a statue of her as a Black woman, located in the major shrine of Notre-Dame d'Afrique in Algiers, Algeria. The devotion was spearheaded by Bishop Louis-Antoine-Augustin Pavy of Algiers, who established the basilica under that title in 1856.^[1] The devotion has since gained traction across the African continent, as well as in the African diaspora. Churches under the title have been established around the world, including in the United States.

The feast of Our Lady of Africa is celebrated on April 30 and is celebrated as a solemnity in Northern Africa, occasioning obligatory attendance of Mass. It is also included in the liturgical calendars of the Catholic Church in Nigeria, Kenya, and Southern Africa. The White Fathers also treat the day as a major feast and have provided liturgical texts for the celebration outside of Africa.^[7]

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As the devotion has spread across the world, the original statue in Algiers has not been the exclusive representation of the Marian title. As such, it has become associated with various Black representations of the Virgin Mary.

Come Home for CHRISTMAS



Christmas Eve at 9:30pm
Carols & Mass
Christmas Day 10 AM

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