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OFFICE HOURS:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9AM –3PM
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WED.

First Friday
Confession 12:30pm
Mass 8:00 am
Mass 1:00pm

The Rosary is said every
2nd & 4th Tuesday.

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During Monday morning Mass

Most Holy Redeemer
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March 23, 2025
Weekend Masses: 4:00pm Saturday
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues,
Thurs, & Fri 8:00am



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

*"If you do not repent, you will all perish
as they did!" - Lk 13:3*

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Holy Rosary Cemetery
Huntington Rd.
Hadley, MA

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Jesus preaches a lesson on repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Most Holy Redeemer Church was created in 1998 with the merging of Holy Rosary Church (1917) and St. John's Church (1915), both of Hadley.

As the one Roman Catholic Church in the Town of Hadley, Massachusetts,

our Mission is:

—to be a welcoming place of worship for all.

—to proclaim the word of God and celebrate the sacraments.

—to attend to our ongoing formation in Christian living and support one another in spiritual growth.

—to dedicate our service to God.

—to recognize and support our responsibility for God's people, for spiritual and corporal works of mercy to the larger community, area, and world.

—to celebrate our belief in the message and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church and demonstrate our appreciation for the many gifts we have received.



3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,6-7,8,11

A prayer in praise of God's mercy

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

*The Sanctuary lamp this week
is in memory of David Zabawa,
requested by his loving wife.*



No Altar flower requests
during the Lenten season.

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00 pm: Frances & Alphonse Kosakowski;
requested by Paul.

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 am: Anniversary of Adolph Sadlowski;
requested by family.

10:30 am: Birthday Blessings for Dee Conway;
requested by Joe Sieracki, Jr. & family.

Monday, March 24, 2025

8:00 am: Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:00 am: Michael Waskiewicz;
requested by Agnas Banas

**Wednesday, March 26,
NO MASS**

Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:00 am: Richard Chmura; requested by Amy.

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:00 am: Arlene Paige; requested by sister.

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00 pm: (10 yr. Anniversary) Bill Tudry;
requested by family.

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00 am: John & Jennie Rup;
requested by Alvira & Gerald Balut.

10:30 am: James Smola;
requested by (family of) Michael Waskiewicz.

**To have the altar flowers in memory of a loved one,
the cost is \$50.00 per week.**

**You may also have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in
memory of a loved one for \$20.00 per week. This is a
wonderful opportunity, just in case a Mass is booked
for that particular week. These funds will be used to
defray the cost of these expenses.**

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

**For Our Military: Chris Ahlemeyer,
Troy Meyer, Austin Boisvert, Tyler Pratts**

For Victoria, Edward, & Theresa Banas, from Fr. Charles.
For John & Justina Kzcowski , from family.

For Philip, Catherine, Nancy, & Al Woodard,
from Wayne & Irene Woodard.

For the health of Claire, from the O'Donnell family.

For Edward Machno & Frances (Machno) Slattery,
from Fr. Charles.

For Patricia M. and Joseph J. Bye, Sr., from family.

For Adams, Asselin, Daughdrill & Muraski families,
from Nancy & Stan Adams.

For Clara & "Duff" Pipczynski, from family.

For David and Rich Chmura, from Leona (Mom)

For Ann Marie Jette; requested by Janie Szelewski.

For the health of Joanne Wanczyk;
requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

For the health of Beverly Mokrzecky;
requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

In memory of Connie; requested by Richie.

For the health & well-being of Robin Smolen;
requested by Ed & Joan Smola.

Baptism, Confirmation, & Wedding Information

Baptism is available for infants, children, and adults. To sign up for classes, call the Faith Formation Office:

413-584-1326. For the Sacrament of **Confirmation for Adults**, please call the office: 413-584-1326 or pick up a brochure at either church entrance.

Wedding dates cannot be set until after a meeting with the parish priest, at least 1 year before the desired date. Please call the office for an appointment.

Weekly & Year to Date Collection

March 15-16, 2025	\$2,592.15	This Year: \$123,720.54
Easter Flowers:	\$101.00	
March on-line Contributions:	\$1,335.00	Budget YTD: \$135,050.00
Ash Wed. (on-line)	\$55	Differential: -\$11,329.46
Easter Flowers: (online)	\$147.00	
Grand Total:	\$4,230.15	



Thank you for your continued
& generous support
of our parish community!

Hadley Food Pantry

A project of MHR and First Congregational Church

If you, or someone you know, are struggling to buy enough food, the Food Pantry can help by providing a variety of nonperishable items and personal care products to supplement purchased items. The Hadley Food Pantry is open every Sunday from noon to 1:00 pm. Please tell your family and friends who are needy.



Items needed this week:

Vegetable Oil, Black or Red Dried Beans, Eggs, & Rice

THANK YOU TO PANERA BREAD FOR PROVIDING BREADS AND PASTRIES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY EACH WEEK!!

Monetary donations are always welcomed to help cover the cost of replenishing the shelves. You may drop off donations at the office during regular hours or put them in an envelope marked "food pantry" and place in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to MHR Church with "food pantry" written in the memo line. Your continued support is appreciated by those who rely on the pantry.

Lent and Holy Week 2025

Lent for the year 2025 starts on Wednesday, March 05 and ends on Thursday, April 17 with evening mass on Holy Thursday.

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 05

PALM SUNDAY
April 13

HOLY THURSDAY OF
THE LORD'S SUPPER
April 17

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE
LORD'S PASSION
April 18

HOLY SATURDAY
April 19

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
LORD'S RESURRECTION
April 20

MARCH 09
1st Sunday of Lent

MARCH 16
2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 23
3rd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 30
4th Sunday of Lent
(Laetare)

APRIL 06
5th Sunday of Lent



Please join us for coffee after 10:30 Mass on Sunday at the Parish Hall.

The Rosary will be said on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6pm. Please come & join us. All are welcome!

Funeral servers are needed. Fr. Doug will train. If interested, please call the office.

Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting applications for scholarships for college students of Polish heritage. Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleagueuma.org/applications. Deadline for receipt of application materials is May 1st.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 6:30pm during Lent.

The High School faith formation class annually heads a project during Lent. At both entrances to the church is a trash bag with instructions so you and your family can participate in this service project. We thank you for your help!

A big shout out goes out to Rene Cote & Sons, Inc. We had a scheduled maintenance appointment with them to rebuild a blower section in the boiler room. They arrived in a timely manner and were very pleasant to work with.

Many thanks to "Digger" Benbem for the generous donations made to the Food Pantry, Take & Eat, Church Freezer Fund, & the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Digger has also donated beautiful green carnations in memory of Mark Glowatsky.

People are needed to bring Holy Communion to Parishioners that are unable to attend Mass. Fr. Doug will train. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Thank you for the generous donation to offset the cost of snow plowing and sanding which was so high this winter.



YOUNG AND CATHOLIC
PRESENTS

2025 Lenten Retreat



Silence and Simplicity: A Catholic Perspective on Minimalism



Featuring
Fr. Andrew
Beauregard, FPC

Young and Catholic invites all young adults ages 18-40 to attend the fifth annual YC Lenten day of reflection on **Saturday, March 29 from 9 am to 3 pm** at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Westfield, MA. Featuring talks by Fr. Andrew Beauregard, FPC, the retreat will include Mass, Adoration, lunch, small group discussion and much more. The first 40 to register get a free copy of Bishop Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections book. Discounts available for college students. Details / Register:

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