



# Faith

The MHR Parish family is a faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition. The Worship Committee reflects and fosters this religious experience in an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion.

## THIS WEEK AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER

### Monday, September 8

7 pm Centering Prayer in the Church  
7 pm Administration Committee in the Rectory

### Tuesday, September 9

10 am Gardening  
7 pm Lectors' Meeting in the Children's Room

### Wednesday, September 10

5 pm Wednesday Night Suppers in Ellard Hall

### Thursday, September 11

10 am Gardening

### Friday, September 12

2:30 pm Thomas Aquinas Seminar in the Rectory

### Saturday, September 13

10 am Gardening

### Sunday, September 14

9:30 am Weekly Rosary by Our Lady's Statue near the stairs going to the Church  
After the 10 am Mass - Parish Picnic in the Garden  
2 pm Recital in the Church

## Recital at MHR

Come hear your own MHR cantors: **Amy Bouchard**, mezzo-soprano and **Brett Ruona**, soprano in Recital with *Kristin Pankonin*, pianist. An afternoon of songs, arias and duets, the Recital starts at 2 pm on Sunday, September 14 in the Church. \$15 suggested donation.

## Cathedral Festival of Flowers

Acclaimed flower designers and arrangers from throughout the Bay Area will come together at St. Mary's Cathedral this upcoming October 3-5 to create a breathtaking feast of color and scent. Come also for the Little Flower Festival, a showing of floral arrangements in the Cathedral Event Center (lower level) by parish liturgical art & environment ministers from throughout the Archdiocese. Festival hours are: Friday, October 3, 6-9 pm (Opening Gala); Saturday, October 4, 9 am-7 pm; Sunday, October 5, 8:30 am-5 pm. FREE admission on Saturday & Sunday. For more information on Opening Gala tickets and Mass times, when the exhibit will not be accessible, please call 415-567-2020. For more details and to register, visit [www.cathedralflowers.org](http://www.cathedralflowers.org).

## Widowed, Separated, and Divorced Weekend

This special weekend is scheduled for October 24 – 26, at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. For information and a brochure contact La Verne at 650-355-3978, Helen at 415-388-9651, Ward at 415-821-3390 or Ana at 408-230-1675 or email us at [SJBeginExp@aol.com](mailto:SJBeginExp@aol.com) or see our website: <http://www.geocities.com/sanjosebe/>

## In Memoriam

If you would like a loved one who was a member of MHR memorialized on our web site, please send a statement of that person's life and other information that you would like included to [mhr-webadmin@mhr.org](mailto:mhr-webadmin@mhr.org) or to the Parish Office, attn: MHR Web Admin.

## Tree Planting in the Castro and Eureka Valley

Interested in having a tree and/or to volunteer in planting a tree in the neighborhood? Contact Doug Burch, evenings at 415-652-3234 or email: [burchd@mindspring.com](mailto:burchd@mindspring.com). An application is needed to have a tree planted. Forms available at [www.fuf.net](http://www.fuf.net). The parish applied for the replanting two trees on the sidewalk in front of our parking lot. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Urban Forest.

## Young Adults Group Calendar of Activities

Sep 20: Day Hike  
Oct 5: Castro Street Fair  
Oct 19, Ellard Hall Kitchen: Sandwiches for the Hungry  
Nov 1, Ellard Hall: Halloween Bingo  
Nov 14, 7:30 pm, Church: Faith Sharing  
Nov 28, Fremont: Pot Luck  
Dec 12: Christmas Party  
Dec 26: Christmas Holiday  
Jan 9-11: Winter Retreat  
Jan 23, 7:30 pm, Rectory: Planning Meeting  
Feb 27-Mar 1, Anaheim: R.E. Congress 2009

Young adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are invited to participate. To learn more about MHR's Young Adult Group, contact Ina Acuña or Tony Vela or email them at [yag@mhr.org](mailto:yag@mhr.org). Visit them at [www.mhr.org/yag.html](http://www.mhr.org/yag.html).

## Parish Picnic

Next Sunday, September 14 is our Parish Picnic. Everyone is invited. Volunteers are needed as well. Please contact Nick Andrade for more information.





# Family

The MHR Parish family provides a caring environment where a sense of community is nurtured and grows. This takes place through the many ministries and programs of the Administration, and Community Life Committee.

## MHR AIDS Support Group

- **Faith Sharing Opportunity:** Anyone interested in participating in a scheduled HIV/AIDS Faith Sharing Group is encouraged to contact our office. This opportunity is open to all with HIV/AIDS regardless of their specific faith, and will be developed around their needs and interests. Please tell others of this opportunity and invite them to contact us at 415-863-1581.
- Another reminder that registration fills up fast for **HIV/AIDS Retreat and Respite opportunities at Catherine's House** in the Sierra Foothills. Dates are: September 15 - 18, September 29 - October 2, October 13 - 16, October 27-30, November 3 - 6, Nov. 17 - 20, December 1 - 4 and December 8 - 11. Call toll free 1- 888-644-4584 for reservations. Transportation is provided. A small donation is requested by Catherine's House but scholarships are available through our Support Group for those in need.
- **Many Support Group Events in Fall:** Macy's Passport In-Store Sale - Saturday, October 4; Castro Street Fair - Sunday, October 5; Oktoberfest 2008 - Sunday, October 19; Emmanuel Christmas Gift Project begins November 29; World AIDS Day - December 1; HIV/AIDS Christmas Retreat - December 19 - 21. Give us a call for more information or details. **Save the dates!**



## Since My Last Confession

Federal prosecutor and writer Scott D. Pomfret takes on the Roman Catholic Church in his funny-but-faithful new book, *Since My Last Confession: A Gay Catholic Memoir*, at A Different Light bookstore, 489 Castro Street, San Francisco, at 7:30 pm on September 24. More information at [www.sincemylastconfession.com](http://www.sincemylastconfession.com).

## MHR Community Corner

- We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to those celebrating their birthdays this week: *Jon Valencia, Dennis Kennedy, James F. Scott, Claire Prestel, Michael Hackett, Mario N. Donoso, Charles C. Wright, Sarah Murray, Enrique Sanchez and Tom Stone.*
- *Did we miss your birthday? Let us know when your birthday was, by updating your information with the Parish Office at [www.mhr.org/parish-reg.2008.html](http://www.mhr.org/parish-reg.2008.html)*
- We also **welcome our newly registered parishioner:** *Mark Venegas and Albert C. Santos.*

## Treasury Notes

### • **Archbishop's Annual Appeal (2008):**

Assessed:	\$59,900.00
<u>Paid Up:</u>	<u>\$11,785.00</u>
Remaining:	\$48,115.00

*(Please use brochures in the pews to donate.)*

- Today is **Mortgage Sunday**. There will be a separate collection for *Bridging the Gap/Second Century Campaign*. Please use the envelopes in the pews or by the entrance of the Church and help retire our renovation debt.
- The *Mortgage Sunday Collection* for the whole month of *August* was **\$10,452.25**. This amount includes payments towards *Second Century Campaign/Bridging the Gap* pledges made in that month.
- One of the ways to contribute financially to MHR is through **automated electronic contributions**. Kindly call the Parish Office if you would like to start contributing electronically.
- Remember to plan your estate. You can include MHR in your will or trust through bequests or memorial gifts. Call the Parish Office for more information.

### Collection for August 30-31:

5 pm Mass	\$685.00
8 am Mass	\$829.00
10 am Mass	\$3,218.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>\$290.00</u>
<b>Total Last Week:</b>	<b>\$5,022.00</b>

***Thank you very much !***

We need each other to *Bridge the Gap*.  
Please complete your pledge card  
and put it in the basket or drop it off at the Rectory.

# **RECONNECTING**

## **† A REPORT TO THE PARISH † A CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE**

Over the next several weeks you'll see announcements in the bulletin and flyers in the pews about our next Reconnecting group, #9. It starts Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, runs for six Saturday mornings. 10:00AM to Noon in the rectory. Not everyone who has participated in a group has returned to an active faith life in the Church. For some it's not the right time, for others it's not the right path, but for about sixty percent of the participants Reconnecting has been an important part of their trip home to their Church.

Reconnecting is a program developed here at MHR for those who've been away from the church for a while and are thinking about coming back. It's for those wondering: "What happened while I was away?" "Where's the confessional?" "Is it still communion if I don't get it from the priest?" "Is every pronouncement from Rome infallible?" "Do they really want me - - just as I am? It's also for those who've been back for a while and would like to participate in a group to get a bit more up to date and maybe work on some issues. It's especially for those who left angry with the Church as well as those who just became busy, got sidetracked by other things in life and simply drifted away. If you think Reconnecting would be helpful to you or someone you know please call the rectory: **415-863-6259** or e-mail: **reconnecting@mhr.org** . We'll have a volunteer contact you.

From time to time the Reconnecting participants ask for more - one calls more "The Post Graduate Course". The team has heard this so many times that we thought we ought to begin exploring just what that might mean. At a recent meeting we started tossing out ideas and quickly saw that the "more" our folks were talking about was really continuing adult education, something many in the parish have been talking about for quite a while.

We spoke with Father Steve about it, offered to share the experience and methods we used to create Reconnecting and facilitate the meetings. He gave us the green light. Here's our thinking.

- Adult education should not be a branch of Reconnecting. Its focus is different and the Reconnecting team already has its hands full. It's a great opportunity for new people (read: you) to get involved.
- An adult education program will stand a better chance of succeeding long term if it comes from the people of the parish, reflects their thinking, serves their needs and interests and is parishioner run.
- We can study and re-study what to do and how to do it from now till the second coming and still not have the "perfect" program. In creating Reconnecting we met frequently over a short time with the goal of rolling out a program in three, no more than four, months. Starting off we didn't have the "perfect" program (still don't) so we've made corrections as we've learned. We'd recommend this approach in crafting the adult education program.
- The parishioners who created Reconnecting answered an invitation in the bulletin calling all those who were interested in the question to just show up to talk about it.

### **INTERESTED IN THE QUESTION OF ADULT EDUCATION?**

**SHOW UP -- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00PM, ELLARD HALL.**

**BRING -- AN OPEN MIND, A WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN AND A DESIRE TO WORK.**

**THE HOLY GHOST WILL TAKE IT FROM THERE!**

‡ MASS INTENTIONS ‡

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

Saturday, September 6

8 am Dr. Joseph Owen Lackey †  
5 pm Rafael and Carmella Quarto

Sunday, September 7

8 am John Venegas  
10 am Most Holy Redeemer Parishioners

Monday, September 8

8 am Angelina Fazio †

Tuesday, September 9

8 am Paulina Balaba †

Wednesday, September 10

8 am Peter J. McGee  
and Claire Marie McGee †

Thursday, September 11

8 am Frances Louise Rodriguez †

Friday, September 12

8 am Dr. Romeo M. Vergara Jr. †

Saturday, September 13

8 am Antonia Marie Riga †  
5 pm Clients, Volunteers and Benefactors of  
the AIDS Support Group

Sunday, September 14

8 am Eva Pires Santos  
and Vincent Alves Gos Santos †  
10 am Most Holy Redeemer Parishioners

*Contact the Parish Office at 415-863-6259 to  
have a Mass celebrated for a special intention.*

*We pray for parishioners, relatives & friends who are ill:*

John Ascher, Paul Astabie, Priscila Austria, David Barbour,  
Taylor Betz, Jose Chanco, Fr. John Coghlan, Bob Douglas,  
Alice Fedawa, Mary Felicetti, Jenny Firth, Expedito Flores,  
Marie La France, Mike Gelpi, Charlie Greene, Pat Groves,  
Lucy Guastella, George Hawxhurst, Fr. Joe Healy,  
Norma Khandke, Henry Kice, Natalie Kosche, Julian Kwan,  
Shyam Andrade Lesautl, Madeline Leykamm, Betty Little,  
Patsy Littrell, Tom Lucas, Emily McCann, Mark McClelland,  
Holmes McGeory, Sr. Nancy McLaughlin PBVM,  
Juanita Mills, Frank Oliva, Bill Osuna, Fran Patrick,  
George Prytz, Lois Boland Quinn, Mary Gallo Roduner,  
Warren Ryan, Valentina, Jena Williams, Tim Wilson,  
Vernon Young, Sharron Zakus

*Please note, unless specified by the requesting person, names  
placed in the list are kept for at least three months. To update  
the list, kindly call the Parish Office at 415-863-6259.*

*Thank you very much.*