

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022

Current Worship Hours

Monday - Friday Daily Mass: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am & 6:30pm

Holy Days: 8:00am and 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Day: 10:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45pm to 4:30pm

Baptism & Marriages

Please contact the Parish Office.

For marriages please call the parish
office six months in advance.

Our Mission at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Most Holy Redeemer Parish is a Roman Catholic Christian Community. The parish draws people from isolation to community, from searching to awakening, from indifference to concern, from selfishness to meaningful service, from fear in the midst of adversity to faith and hope in God.

The community of Most Holy Redeemer shares God's compassionate love with all people. The parish offers a spiritual home for senior citizens and youth; single people and families; those who are straight, gay, lesbian, and transgender; the healthy and the sick, particularly persons with HIV.

As a parish community, we celebrate God's loving presence in our lives. In worship and sacrament, especially the Eucharist, we are nurtured and challenged to extend God's kingdom of justice, truth, love and peace by growing in the spirit of Jesus, the Most Holy Redeemer.

God's Inclusive Love Proclaimed Here!



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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, September 12

Centering Prayer 7pm (Church & Zoom)

Wednesday, September 14

Wednesday Night Supper: 5pm - 7pm

RCIA 7pm in the Rectory

Saturday, September 17

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday, September 18

Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

FACE COVERINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

on our MHR Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/mhrs



Collection - Week of September 4

5pm -	\$369.00
8am -	\$367.00
10am -	\$1,673.00
6:30pm -	\$161.00
Misc. -	\$146.00
Online Giving -	\$857.43
Total -	\$3,573.43
Budgeted -	\$4,500.00
Archdiocese for the Military -	\$589.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SEPTEMBER 12 - 18

Monday: 1Cor. 11:17-26, 33, Lk. 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1Cor. 12:12-14, 27-36, Lk. 7:11-17

**Wednesday: Nm. 21:4b-9, Phil. 2:6-11,
Jn. 3:13-17**

Thursday: 1Cor. 15:1-11, Jn. 19:25-27

Friday: 1Cor. 15:12-20, Lk. 8:1-3

Saturday: 1Cor. 15:12-20, Lk. 8:1-3

Sunday: Am. 8:4-7, 1Tm. 2:1-8, Lk. 16:1-13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We call the story "The Prodigal Son." Some refer to it as "The Prodigal Father." Whatever the title, Jesus' Jewish companions knew that tales about siblings were classics — think of Cain and Abel, Esau and Jacob, Moses and Aaron, or Mary and Martha. Their stories all depict a divine up-ending of "how it's supposed to be."

Today's scene opens with some goodie-two-shoes complaining that Jesus ate with unworthy people. It probably wouldn't have bothered them had they not also eaten with him. In their religious culture, eating with someone was a sign of spiritual union. Thus, if one night Jesus ate with the local clergy and the next night with the riffraff, he was equating the two.

While both crowds might have taken that as an insult, the religious types got vocal about their disapproval. In reply, Jesus prepped the crowd for one of his most famous stories with a couple of outlandish prequels. First, he suggested that a shepherd might leave a flock of 99 sheep to wander off the nearest cliff while he went chasing after one that had wandered away from the crowd. Then he tells the story of a woman so distraught about losing one coin that she wore down a broom and used up the oil in her lamp to search for it — and then, threw a party that surely cost more than the lost-and-found drachma. (Let yourself imagine those two scenes before you think about the next story.)

With the audience well warmed up for the clincher, Jesus opened with the line, "A man had two sons." From there, we know the story. It's hard to imagine how the bad boy could have been worse. First, he liquidated the inheritance that was meant to allow him to raise a family and care for his father in his old age. Then, once he had squandered his future, he lowered himself to work as a farmhand — and that, not as a merely disreputable shepherd, but in the most disgusting occupation conceivable, a hog herder so hungry that he hankered to dine with the pigs.

While Luke says that he "came to his senses," big brother would probably have explained it like this: "He couldn't possibly have gone any lower, unless it was by manipulating our overly sentimental father — so, that's what he did." We might ask ourselves why Jesus told this story to his critics. Did he think it might move them to greater understanding? Was he defending or explaining his actions? Most likely, Jesus was doing narrative theology; his story offered a counterpoint to biblical accounts depicting a God who punishes out of wrath or as discipline.

Today's reading from Exodus describes Moses as the one who acts merciful when God is ready to destroy the people. Even Hosea, who depicted God as a rejected but faithful lover, portrays God luring sinful Israel into the desert to learn from deprivation.

In contrast to that tradition, the father in Jesus' story expressed no wrath and imposed no disciplinary measures. He did nothing except throw a feast to celebrate his reprehensible son's return.

Jesus' life and teaching are absolutely consistent with this story. Instead of promoting penitence and sorrow as preludes to experiencing God's presence, Jesus inevitably started with celebration. When it comes to enticing people into joy with God, Jesus sees no limits. Unlike people who carefully measure out their fortunes and hold something back for a rainy day, Jesus acts as if there's no end to his treasure and rain makes it sprout all the more.

What of the recipients of such largess? They are like Paul, who we hear today telling Timothy that God approaches sinners with grace in abundance. Like the penitent woman of Luke 7:36-50, the returned son's ventures and misadventures hallowed out hitherto unexplored space in his soul that could now be filled with the love he and his father had for each other.

The son who came home really came home. In coming home, he learned that his father loved him for no good reason, and thus he could neither earn nor lose that love.

What are we to take away here? Jesus used all his storytelling arts to redraw people's image of God. Jesus' lifestyle illustrated his preaching and his table communion with any and every one faithfully reflected how God longs to relate to humanity. Jesus gives us the motley picture of the reign of God as a banquet hall populated by male and female, clergy and riffraff, ins and outs, all equally beloved. Ultimately, that summarizes our challenge. Whichever group we belong to, Jesus tells us that God loves us and them so much that, if we believe it, we'll lose touch with the differences between us. That, according to Jesus, is how it's supposed to be.

—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.*



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

Saturday, September 10

5pm

Sunday, September 11

8am

10am Bert D. Thomas †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, September 12

8am

Tuesday, September 13

8am Francis & Victorina (L)

Wednesday, September 14

8am John Ludwick †

Thursday, September 15

8am Jesse Madden-Fong †, Phil Almonte †
and Carter Pagan †

Friday September 16

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.



Ted Alden, Jerry Anderson, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Joseph Bielanski, Sr. Juliana Casey, Tom Farmer, Carol Fertudo Editha Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Deborah Hardy, Serge Hubert, Kris Johnson, Florence Kaloquin, Kenny Kehoe, Joanna Kennedy, Jim & Lisa Kunzer, David Kossman, Fr. Piers Lahey, David Lamdon, Fr. Tony LaTorre, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Nancy McCann, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, Ramona Michaels, Doris Nassal, Nadia O'Donnell, Lloyd Oksen, Maureen O'Sullivan, Bruce Pray, Laura Records, Rose Rodenberger, Nicolas Rolon, Richard Savelec, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Mary Stevens, Michael Nicholas, Taylor, Jim Teddar, Ruth Varela, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, David Washington, Louis Washington, Anna Weekly, Larry Wysocki, Fr. William Young, Ryan Zuniga and †Gloria Marquez†.



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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 Meeting: New Time! 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Email yag@mhr.org for info.

An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the Ellard Hall women's restroom.



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.

A Couple in the Fillmore: Two men, one of whom is bedbound, would like someone to visit for conversation and watching movies on TV.

Drivers: Frequently people need to be driven to/from doctor's visits, or just to take a brief outing. We are looking to set up a pool of drivers. If you would be available occasionally and would like to be added to the pool, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

Community Thrift: Community Thrift returns to the Support Group a portion of the sales of items donated in our name which allows us to purchase food vouchers for the needy in our HIV community. Please bring your unwanted and usable clothing and household items to Community Thrift at 623 Valencia, between 17th & 18th Streets Be sure to mention that MHR AIDS Support Group is your charity ---Charity # 242. Thank you.

Library Corner

The parish library can be accessed online through the parish website www.mhr.org. The "MHR Community" tab will lead to the Online Library. Select "Go to the Online Library" which will take you to the catalog search. If you wish to reserve a book, an email will be sent to the librarian, who will contact you when it is available.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Deb Enriquez, Jasmine Sandoval, Eddie Vega, Ed Ludeman, Steve Foster, John Crandon, Marilee Hearn, Christinne Van Aken, Barbara Applegate, Sash Dekelaita, Michael Nava, Gloria Stansbury, Sean Gallegos, Ted De Saulnier and JC Cadiz.



A History of the Cathedral complete with vintage black and white photos of its groundbreaking and construction

Several congratulatory notes from parishes and Catholic ministries from across the archdiocese

The Second Vatican Council's influence on the architecture

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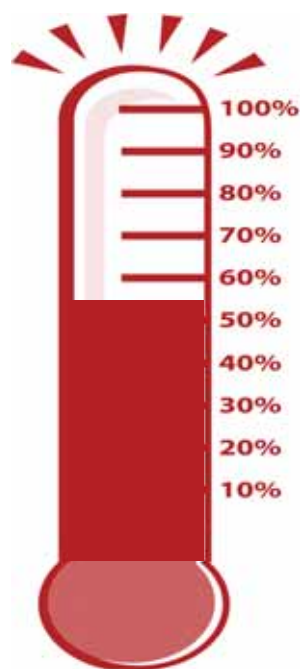
The magazine is released seven to eight times per year and regularly features all the great happenings at the local parishes, schools, and other ministries.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friendship Line, the warmline devoted to those 60+ years of age, is looking for volunteers. If you're interested, contact **Jaime Iñiguez** at 415-748-9409 or jiniguez@ioaging.org.



Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

We have collected \$27,993:

55% of our goal of \$50,461!

You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations at www.mhr.org by clicking on the donation button or by using the pamphlets located in the pews or the church entrance.

Thank you for your amazing support!

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The Sisters' program, **Good Shepherd Gracenter**, is a residential program offering transitional housing and support to women without resources, who are determined to break free of drug and alcohol addiction. 95% of our graduates remain in recovery, stable housing and employment. Come and celebrate with us!

Just register at GSG2022.givesmart.com
to see videos, auction items and more!
between Sept. 4 - 18, 2022. Bidding begins on Sept. 11th

For more info: www.gsgracenter.org

Or contact: sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org (628) 224-2050

**We will be selling raffle tickets to benefit Gracenter
after the 10am Mass on Sunday.**

1st prize is \$500 and 2nd prize is \$250

Tickets are 1 for \$5, 6 for \$12 and 12 for \$50



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