

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2019

Worship Hours

Monday-Saturday 8:00am Mass

Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass

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

Holy Days 8:00am and 7:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45-4:30pm

or by Appointment

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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San Francisco, California
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This Week at Our Parish

Monday, August 19

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, August 21

1pm—7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

Saturday, August 24

Gardening 11am - 1pm

Sunday, August 25

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

MHR Library is open after the 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings: August 19 - 25

- ◇ Monday: Jgs. 2:11-19, Mt. 19:16-22
- ◇ Tuesday: Jgs. 6:11-24a, Mt. 19:23-30
- ◇ Wednesday: Jgs. 9:6-15, Mt. 20:10-6
- ◇ Thursday: Jgs. 11:29-39a, Mt. 22:1-4
- ◇ Friday: Rv. 1:1, 3-6, 14b-15, 22, Mt. 22:34-40
- ◇ Saturday: Rv. 21:9b-14, Jn. 1:45-51
- ◇ Sunday: Is. 66:18-21, Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13, Lk. 13:22-30

The flowers for altar are dedicated in
celebration of Finely Marie,
the newest baptized member
of our Most Holy Redeemer Family!



Fr. Matt's Message

We all draw strength from companionship. This is true, both in our lives and in our parish. In fact, we name this truth in our Mission Statement: "The parish (of Most Holy Redeemer) draws people from isolation to community, from searching to awakening ..." In Paul's letter to the Hebrews (chapter 12) on this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are encouraged to persevere in our faith, to run the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. Our faith encourages us to not look back, because that only distracts us and slows us down.

Draw strength from your fellow runners, your companions on this earthly journey, and draw strength from the cloud of witnesses, all those named and unnamed, who have gone before us as a holy parade of witnesses, stretching back all the way to the apostles. When we experience weariness and a sense of failure, they always remind us, "We are with you. Don't give up." For me, the message is clear: Like Jesus, we must be ready to struggle against all obstacles on our road to God. But ours is not a solitary journey, but one we make together.

With summer's end, your parish staff and faithful volunteers and ministers are gearing up for the activities and programs ahead for the fall and beyond. Our RCIA Team is preparing for a new season, we are busily preparing for our annual Parish Picnic on the second weekend of September, the young adults are finalizing details for their annual retreat in November, and the liturgical team is thinking ahead to the season of Advent.

Some people have been asking me about my own path as your pastor. It is fairly common knowledge in our Archdiocese that a Pastor's term is six years. Yes, I am entering into my sixth year at MHR, but only my fifth year as your pastor. Some will receive this as good news, while others might be more interested that my first term as your pastor comes to its conclusion on June 30, 2021. As for after that, only God really knows what the future holds, but I can confirm that I plan to complete my term through that date.

I am especially grateful to be given the opportunity and privilege to be your pastor. I will be the first to admit that we have all experienced growing pains along the way. But we have grown together, and because of your goodness, support, and faithful love, I will never be the same. You have left your mark on me, and I feel that I am a better priest because of you, the faith family of Most Holy Redeemer. Let us continue, as St. Paul reminds us, to persevere in running the race that lies before us, the greatest race of all.

Fr. Matt

MHR AIDS Support Group

Visitors Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks. **There is currently 1 man in need of a visiting volunteer: A Client in Park Merced** – a man who is looking for someone with whom to play chess and occasionally go to movies. For more information on these clients and their needs, please call the Support Group at 415-863-6259 or email to pete-asg@mhr.org



Facilitated Support Group: A professionally facilitated support group for people with HIV/AIDS meets Thursdays from 1:30 to 3PM weekly here at MHR. There are currently openings for new members. If you are looking for a safe space to talk about what is going on in your life and make new friends, this may be the group for you. For more information or to register, please call 415-863-6259 XT10 or email pete-asg@mhr.org.

Ministry to the Homebound

Woman Parishioner at Buena Vista retirement Home: A woman, living across from Buena Vista Park, would enjoy being taken out occasionally for rides around the city. For more information, please call the rectory.

Parish Library: A reminder that you can see what's in our library at any time by going to the Online Library at the parish website (MHR.ORG). You can also reserve a book that has already been checked out.

*"The value of life does not
depend upon the place we occupy.
It depends upon how we occupy that place."*

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

A Big SVDP Thank You!

Sandwich Sunday report out: Last Sunday, 22 volunteers came together in Ellard Hall to make 200 sandwiches for the needy. Thank you for making it possible with your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul conference here at MHR.

Stewardship

August 10 & 11

Saturday 5pm -	\$639.00
Sunday 8am -	\$558.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,218.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$298.00
Outside Mass -	\$909.79
Online Giving -	\$609.32
Collection Total -	\$ 4,232.32
Budgeted -	\$4,800.00
Archdiocese for the Military -	\$756.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Community Life

- **Sunday, August 18th after the 10am Mass in Ellard Hall:** Help us pack essential supplies and toiletries for asylum –seeking refugees that will be shipped to the border. Please contact Marilee Hearn at 415-676-1918 for more information.
- **Tuesday, August 20th - Young Adults Meeting - 7:30pm in the Church.** Email yag@mhr.org for info.
- **Saturday, September 21st – Centering Prayer Speaker Bill Dohar, PhD. Topic is *Bringing The Mystics Down to Earth*** - Ellard Hall 10:00am-12:00pm with refreshments starting at 9:30am.

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**

Instagram: **mhr Catholics**

Donate to MHR by text at Give+Text

Text donation amount to 650-262-0965
and follow the prompts.

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Marc Contreras, Douglass Cook, Cliff Morrison, Marissa Sarets, Bianca Castro, Veronica Lopez, Helen Papoulis, Mark Pettis, Mark Silva, Charles Shannon, Ivan Vargas, Sr. Marilyn Morgan, Joe Miller, Michael Campos, Ish Ruiz, Tommy Torstenson and Natasha Coyle.

Mass Intentions

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 please call the parish office or email secretary@mhr.org.

Free Property Tax Savings Workshop

Please join the Office of Assessor Carmen Chu and the SF Public Library for a free educational workshop that they will be presenting at the Eureka Valley Branch Library soon. The topic is Property Tax Savings for Families and Seniors. We will cover how your property taxes are calculated and share tax savings that folks may be eligible for as homeowners in California. Join us on Tuesday, August 27 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Eureka Valley Branch, 1 Jose Sarria Court. Visit this link to register today: tinyurl.com/TaxSavingsCastro

MHR Parking Lot Maintenance

The Most Holy Redeemer Parking Lot will be closed on Tuesday, August 20th for re-striping and will reopen on Wednesday August 21st. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 17

8am Eric Schleicher †

5pm Walt McCann †

Gail Elizabeth Daniels †

Sunday, August 18

8am

10am Fr. James Sloan, C.P.P.S.

6:30pm

Monday, August 19

8am

Tuesday, August 20

8am

Wednesday, August 21

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, August 22

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, August 23

8am

Saturday, August 24

8am

5pm Benefactors, Volunteers and Clients
of the MHR AIDS Support Group

*Contact the Parish Office at 415-863-6259 to
have Mass celebrated for a special intention or
sponsor the weekend altar flowers.*

Prayer Requests

Frances Alvarez, AJ Anderson, Bill Anderson, George Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Blanca Cervantes, Christine Betz, Chuck Bold, "CJ" Charlene Bostic, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Joshua Daigle, Gustavo Diaz, Antonia Divinagracia, Marilyn Faulk, Zane Fisher-Paulson, Barbara Frey, Mary Geracimos, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, John Gutierrez, Steve Hatton, Joseph Hargadon, Sr. Nadine Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Ikuko Hotta, Maya Kini, Rick Levy, Jim Lonergan, Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie Maddox, Marshall Mah, Sebastian MacLean, Ted Mazurski, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, David Miller, Lottie Olszewski, Nancy Otchy, Nancy Paun, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Patti Plantz, Kevin Robertson, Sunder Sachdev, Josephine Schneider, Gabriela Schultz, Liz Schultz, John Schwobeda, Prem Shahani, Christine Lane Tracy, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Joseph Vouglas, Rich Warren, Billy Wong, Ryan Zuniga, †Pat Christie†, †Augusto Pereyra††Jacqueline Shepard† and †Riley Sitner†

MHR Parish Registration

- New parishioner?
- Birthday, Anniversary, sacraments, milestones?
- Notices and announcements?
- Have you moved?
- *Did we miss your birthday? We are sorry if we did. Let us know when your birthday was, by updating your information with the Parish Office*

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