

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 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!

**Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
San Francisco, California
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019**



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Reconciliation 3:45PM - 4:30PM

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This Week at Our Parish

Monday, August 26

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, August 28

1pm—7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

Saturday, August 31

Gardening 11am - 1pm

Sunday, September 1

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

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

Daily Readings: August 26 - September 1

- ◇ Monday: 1Thess. 1:1-5, 8b-10, Mt. 23:13-22
- ◇ Tuesday: 1Thess. 2:1-8, Mt. 23:23-26
- ◇ Wednesday: 1Thess. 2:9-13, Mt. 23:27-52
- ◇ Thursday: 1Thess. 3:7-13, Mk. 25:1-13
- ◇ Friday: 1Thess. 4:1-8, Mt. 25:14-30
- ◇ Saturday: 1Thess. 4:9-11, Mt. 25:14-30
- ◇ Sunday: Sir. 3:17-18, 20, 28-29, Heb. 12:18-19, 22-24a, Lk. 14:1, 7-14

Mark the 400th Anniversary of Arrival of First Slave Ship

Our own church bells will join bells tolling throughout the country at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 25th to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans to what is now the United States and to call for racial healing.

"Ring that bell for the liberation of our brothers and sisters too long denied human dignity and human rights," invites Sister Anne-Louis Nadeau, interim executive director for Pax Christi USA

Blueprint of Discipleship

Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. In the Gospel reading for the day (Luke 1: 39-56), Mary travels to the house of her cousin, Elizabeth, who cries out the words of the prayer so familiar to us, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Mary is recognized by Elizabeth for who she is – but more importantly – also for whose she is and for whom she lives. She is acknowledged for God's plan in her life. Meaning, Mary is special because Christ is special. This is God's plan for Mary, to be blessed because of her relationship with Christ. And this is exactly where she models for us, because each of us are also blessed through our relationship to Christ.

But what of that relationship? What is it all about? It is, in essence, about discipleship and Mary models it clearly for us. She says yes to being a true disciple, and her Magnificat and her *fiat* is a model, a blueprint of sorts, for us to follow.

So what does this blueprint of Mary outline for us for discipleship? One, to recognize our calling, our vocation, our responsibility. We must remain open – in order for our calling to meet our gifts. To be able to recognize both what God wills us to be, and the means by which we are to be and do.

Two, we must say yes, we need our own *fiat*. To stand in that balance of not always knowing what we are called to do (and even recognizing our fear) but still being able to live courageously. To have courage means to live out of our hearts, and that means saying yes to God.

Three, to understand that we cannot do this alone. We need accompaniment and support. We must have companions on this journey, who can not only mirror our calling back to us, but also can walk with us on the journey. For Mary, it was Elizabeth and Joseph. Who are your spiritual companions? What is your *fiat*? How will you answer the call to discipleship in your every day life?

—Eunice Park, Pastoral Associate

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

"Think about who you are and how your actions affect others around you. Do you want to foster anger and resentment or do you want to foster love and forgiveness? What you say about others, even small stuff in passing others, can cause a ripple effect of sadness, resentment and even hatred."

Thank you Mister Rogers for life's lessons!

MHR AIDS Support Group

Castro Street Fair: If you are available for a few hours on Castro Street Fair Day (Sunday, October 6th), we are looking for "greeting volunteers". Volunteers would greet guests at one of the entrances, accept free-will donations, and give out discount beverage stickers. Funds are Given to The Support Group based on the number of Volunteer Hours Worked. Shifts are: 10:00-1:30, 12:30 - 3:30, and 2:30 - 5:30. Please call the Support Group at 415-863-6259.

Visitors Needed: Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks.

There are currently 2 men 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.

A Client in the Fillmore – a bedbound man with a partner (also bedbound) would like someone with whom to watch old movies and possibly walk the dog on weekends

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



Annual Good Shepherd Gracenter

Annual Fundraiser

You are invited to the Gracenter's Annual Fundraiser, a gala luncheon benefiting the Gracenter's Mission of helping women without resources to break free of drug and alcohol addiction and create a hopeful future for themselves and others. **This fabulous event will be Sunday, September 15, 2019, noon to 3 pm**, at Patio Espanol and will include a wonderful lunch, DJ, photo booth, silent auction, raffle and live auction! The theme this year is **Stepping Stones to Success** as Gracenter will be honoring the board of Stepping Stone—San Francisco Women's Rehabilitation Foundation—for their amazing support.

For ticketing/sponsorship info, please go to <http://GSG19.givesmart.com> or contact Sr. Marguerite at sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org or call (628) 224-2050.

Stewardship

August 17 & 18

Saturday 5pm -	\$656.00
Sunday 8am -	\$622.00
Sunday 10am -	\$2,035.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$446.00
Outside Mass -	\$269.79
Online Giving -	<u>\$354.11</u>
Collection Total -	\$ 4,382.90
Budgeted -	\$4,800.00
Assumption -	\$363.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Next weekend there will be second collection for the MHR Wednesday Night Suppers.

Community Life

- **Tuesday, September 3rd - Young Adults Meeting - 7:30pm in the Church.** Email yag@mhr.org for info.
- **Sunday, September 8th - Annual MHR Back to School Picnic and BBQ** - After the 10am Mass
- **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

Isabella Alegria Donaher, Ian Alegria-Donaher, Jean Doyle, Dana Martinez Moles, JD Schramm, Claygwen Stewart, Maria Gonzalez, Rick Segovia, Richard Giardina, Lawrence Kelly, Rick Lubrano, Eva Szabo, Tony Espinoza, Dan Lucchesi, Kathleen Wesner, Ramon Espinoza, Eugene McMullan, Marisa Martinez-Lusinch, Todd May, Owen O'Neill-Rosales, Paul Saccone and Ramon Totanez.

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.

First Communion

Very soon we will be starting First Communion

Preparation here at MHR for children ages 7 or 8.

Please contact Eunice Park, our Pastoral Associate,
at eunice@mhr.org if you are interested!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Do you need to know more about Catholicism before making a commitment? Are you already Catholic but have not received all the sacraments? If you answered, YES, to at least one of these three questions, please inquire about our RCIA program. There is no set time frame for how long the RCIA process can take, it all depends on where you are in your faith journey and relationship with God. **RCIA begins with an information night on Wednesday, September 25th at 7pm in the MHR rectory.** You do not need to have already decided to become Catholic in order to attend. Please email us at rcia@mhr.org if you are interested.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, August 24

8am

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

Sunday, August 25

8am

10am Richard Fuselier †

6:30pm Elvio Santiago †

Monday, August 26

8am

Tuesday, August 27

8am Rita Balchikonis †

Wednesday, August 28

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, August 29

8am Lelia Callahan †

Friday, August 30

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Saturday, August 31

8am

5pm George & Cecile Hamil Hardy

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, Patricia Allen Jesusa Ayala, Blanca Cervantes, Christine Betz, Chuck Bold, "CJ" Charlene Bostic, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Joshua Daigle, Gustavo Diaz, John DiQuattro, 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, Bill Ryan, Sunder Sachdev, Josephine Schneider, Gabriela Schultz, Liz Schultz, John Schwobeda, Prem Shahani, Christopher Sumner, Christine Lane Tracy, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Joseph Vouglas, Rich Warren, Fr. Stuart Wilbur, Billy Wong, Ryan Zuniga, †Ken Heil† and †Elvio Santiago†.

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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