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.
Worship Hours
Monday - Saturday 8:00AM Mass
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM
Reconciliation 3:45PM - 4:30PM
Sunday Mass 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 6:30PM
Holy Days 8:00AM and 7:00PM

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.

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, Ph.D. 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: mhrcatholicsf

Donate to MHR by text at Give+Text
- Text donation amount to 650-262-0965 and follow the prompts.

Our Parish Community Birthdays


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.

Stewardship

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Thank you for your generosity!

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

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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