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 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.
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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, September 2
   Labor Day
   Parish office closed
   7pm Centering Prayer - Church
Wednesday, September 4
   1pm—7pm Wednesday Night Suppers
Friday, September 5
   First Friday
   8am Anointing of the Sick - Church
Sunday, September 8
   Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses
   MHR Library is open after the 8am & 10am Masses

Daily Readings: September 2 - 8
◇ Monday: 1Thess. 4:13-18, Lk. 4:16-30
◇ Tuesday: 1Thess. 5:1-6, 9-4, Lk. 4:31-37
◇ Wednesday: Col. 1:1-8, Lk. 4:38-44
◇ Thursday: Col. 1:9-14, Lk. 5:1-11
◇ Friday: Col. 1:15-20, Lk. 5:33-39
◇ Saturday: Col. 1:21-23, Lk. 6:1-5
◇ Sunday: Wis. 9:13-18b, Phmn. 9-10, 12-17, Lk. 14:25-33

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!

Walk Humbly
“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God” (Sirach Chapter 3).

“When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous” (Luke 14 7-14).

Humility is at the heart of this week’s readings both in Sirach Chapter 3 and Luke 14 7-14. Humility defined from Merriam Webster is “freedom from pride or arrogances ... humble has its origin in the Latin word humilis, meaning “low.”

Father Andy Alexander defines it beautifully, “humility rarely just comes naturally. It is often born and nurtured in an environment of faith and respect for others, and, quite often, it has come from some suffering.”

Humility can come from experiences in life in which suffering has occurred. Processing and reflecting on the losses and failures in life can provide rich, humbling learning experiences and major opportunities for personal and professional growth and change. I continue to be grateful for the gift of faith and the opportunity to work and grow together as a faith community. No one of us has all the answers, but together we can do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. But it doesn’t work if we cannot have an open, honest and respectful conversation, walking humbly with each other.

Thank you to those who assisted in creating the travel bags for those at the border seeking refuge and asylum. As individuals and even as a parish, it is hard to know how to even begin to tackle the crisis at the borders and the need for a just and fair immigration policy. But your actions and generosity are making a difference one family, one person at a time. I am praying that we may find a way as a parish to bring our Parish Peace and Justice Committee back to life. If you have some ideas or are interested in being a part of such a committee, please reach out to me.

Looking forward to our annual Back-to-School Barbecue next Sunday at 11:15 in the Garden. Come to the Feast!

God’s blessings on you and all those you love,

Fr. Matt
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 3 needs for volunteers:

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

Dog Walker – a client in the Fillmore, having undergone surgery, needs someone to walk his small, friendly dog twice a day for a month

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

Ministry to the Homebound

Woman Parishioner at Buena Vista Manor 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.

Library Corner

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.

Stewardship

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Thank you for your Amazing support!

This week there is a 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.
- Saturday, September 7th - Annual Women’s Ministry Ice Cream Social in the MHR Garden: 1pm to 4pm- All Ladies are invited!
- Sunday, September 8th - Annual MHR Back to School Picnic and BBQ - After the 10am Mass
- Sunday, September 15th - St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Sunday after the 10am Mass in Ellard Hall.
- Tuesday, September 17th - 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.

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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

John Marquez, Dave Heighington, Bill Moniz, John Moore, Jason Bloom, Will Ives, Chuck Brewster, Kit Godsey, Frankie Oakley, Cathleen Carden, James Carillo, Johnny Corona, Dennis Kennedy, Pam Mardo, Jonathan May, Jamie Scott, Alexandra Gariel, and Michael Hackett.

Annual Women’s Ministry Ice Cream Social

All ladies are invited to the 3rd annual garden ice cream social on Saturday Sept 7th from 1pm – 4pm in the MHR garden. Ice cream and tableware will be provided. Please bring your own bag lunch and – if possible – some finger food or ice cream toppers to share. The most important thing is to bring yourself and connect with each other!

Contact women.girls@mhr.org with any questions.

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 31
8am
5pm George & Cecile Hamil Hardy

Sunday, September 1
8am
10am MHR Parishioners
6:30pm Elvio Santiago †

Monday, September 2
8am

Tuesday, September 3
8am

Wednesday, September 4
8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, September 5
8am Dorothy Weiss †

Friday, September 6
8am

Saturday, September 7
8am Ramon Asuncion †
5pm Carmela & Ralph Quarto †

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

Prayer Requests
†Edwin Francis †, †Robert Leach †, †Betty Nace †,
†James Savarino † and †Shirley Drake †.

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
MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL TEAM

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