

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

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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This Week at Our Parish

Monday, February 24

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

8am & 7pm Mass - Church

1pm - 7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, February 27

7pm Choir Rehearsal - Church

Saturday, February 29

11am - 1pm Gardening

Sunday, March 1

Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

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

Daily Readings: February 24 - March 1

- ◇ Monday: Jas. 3:13-18, Mk. 9:14-29
- ◇ Tuesday: Jas. 4:1-10, Mk. 9:30-37
- ◇ Wednesday: Jas. 2:12-16, 2Cor. 5:20-6:2, Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18
- ◇ Thursday: Dt. 30:15-20, Lk. 9:22-25
- ◇ Friday: Is. 58:1-9a, Mt. 9:14-16
- ◇ Saturday: Is. 58:9b-14, Lk. 5:27-32
- ◇ Sunday: Gn. 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom. 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19, Mt. 4:1-11

Fr. Matt's Message

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart (Joel 2:12).

NOW! It's an urgent word, a word that doesn't allow for delay. You can feel the urgency when the prophet Joel called God's people to return. You can also hear it in St. Paul's ardent plea, "Now is a very acceptable time. (2 Cor 6:2)

Both Paul and Joel are saying that God is always eager to pour out his grace. God is always ready to bless us. We have to be open to receiving God's blessings and to becoming the blessing that we have received. I believe this is a great place for us to begin these 40 days of Lent.

In a few days, we enter into the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The Church invites us once again to draw close to God in prayer, through penance and in keeping a fast. And as we make our Lenten pilgrimage through the Paschal Mystery, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, God's word is a light to guide us on our journey of faith. "Return to me with your whole heart. Return to the Lord your God." We are reminded that it is God who first desires our friendship. More than we can ever imagine. Why? because God is love. And we are loved beyond all imagining by our loving God. When we live in this love, our lives are better in countless ways.

All around us and even within us, are voices that may tell us that we are not loveable, not worthy of God's grace or God's gifts. But God's word is a word of hope. The voice of the Lord invites us into God's own love that is rich in kindness and mercy, and far beyond our limited human imagination. So when we turn to God, we are simply returning to the love and the joy and the peace that God intended for us when God created us.

We believe that we come from God and we return to God. The ashes on our foreheads this week remind us of this truth, that all of us participate in this circular movement of creation that begins in God and ends in God. What a great gift then it is on Ash Wednesday to hear God call us back to his love and mercy.

In the face of God's infinite love, let us leave behind doubts, fears and hesitations. And confidently return to the Lord who is alone rich in mercy and unconditional love. I write to you this weekend from the annual Religious Education Congress in Los Angeles. Know of my prayers and I will see you on Ash Wednesday!

Peace, love, blessings, and all good,
Fr. Matt



MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

Community Thrift: Please remember to bring your unwanted and usable clothing and household items to Community Thrift at 623 Valencia, between 17th & 18th Streets. Please mention that MHR AIDS Support Group is your charity: Charity # 242. Thank you.

MHR Ministry to the Homebound

This is a ministry of presence which can include sharing the Body of Christ. It is a chance to bring spiritual and emotional comfort to those who may be feeling depressed and isolated. If you feel called to this ministry, please call the rectory.

A Man near Dolores Park – a man in his 80's, a retired English teacher interested in poetry and art, would like a male friendly visitor.

Community Life

- **Ash Wednesday, February 26th** - Mass at 8am & 7pm.
- **Tuesday, March 3rd** - **Young Adults Meeting** - 7:30pm in the Church - email yag@mhr.org for info.

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**

Instagram: [mhrcatholicssf](https://www.instagram.com/mhrcatholicssf)

Donate to MHR by text at Give+Text

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

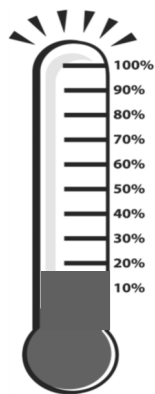
Our Parish Community Birthdays

Matts Christiansen, AJ Calalang-Boucher,
Fr. Mike Greenwell, Brandon Lee and Tess Sullivan.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us,

to shake us from our lethargy."

— Pope Francis



**Thank you to all who have
contributed so far to the 2020
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!**

We have collected \$9,910:
17% of our goal of \$57,996!

Thank you for your support!

Stewardship

February 15 & 16

Saturday 5pm -	\$956.00
Sunday 8am -	\$534.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,534.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$165.00
Outside Mass -	\$835.00
Online Giving -	\$302.26
Collection Total -	\$4,326.26
Budgeted -	\$4,800.00
Easter Flowers -	\$1,255.00

Next weekend there is a second collection
for the Wednesday Night Suppers.
Thank you for your continued support!

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.

Host A Monthly Birthday Party!

For residents of Leland House, a home for formerly homeless people who have HIV/AIDS. These men and women are alone or they have little contact with their family. Birthdays are a way to celebrate their new life in supportive permanent housing and build connections with other residents.

Church members as a group, will bring a cake, token small gifts and celebrate the birthdays of the month with the residents. Staff will support the group, providing names, dates and times.

If you are interested in starting a group, please contact Carol Laughlin with Catholic Charities at 415-973-1236 or visit Cloughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, February 22

5pm Jogie Lyn Maliksi (L)

Sunday, February 23

8am Gina Dempsey (L)

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm Timothy Cadigan †

Monday, February 24

8am Dorothy Weiss †

Tuesday, February 25

8am

Wednesday, February 26

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, February 27

8am

Friday, February 28

8am

Saturday, February 29

8am

5pm Gerald G. Soto †

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

Prayer Requests

Robyn Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Keri Barrett, Beatrix Bell, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Jim Cathcart, Regan Chapman, Daisey Coleman, Fr. Harry Cronin, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Maria Diamond, John DiQuattro, Tom Farmer, Mary Fay, Keith Fitzpatrick, Linda Glover, Susan Griffiths, Les Hribar, Jr., Janna Kennedy, Fr. Joe Klecha, Warren Lubich, Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Bill Mathews, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, David Miller, Roy Miller, Bill Osuna, Nancy Otchy, Luis Reyes, Richard Ryan, Tim Ryan, John Schwobeda, Michael Shriver, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Nala Vaughn, Kimberly Vigil, Joseph Vouglas, Ryan Zuniga, †Jack Bossard†, †Irene Desrosiers†, †Larry Speechierla†, †Rochelle SpierIng† and †Brian Tsait†.

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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8AM & 7PM MASS
FEBRUARY 26, 2020

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