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.
**Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church**  
San Francisco, California  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
February 23, 2020

## 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, 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.

“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

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

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](http://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.

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 Claughlin@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
†Irene Desrosiers†, †Larry Speechierla†,
†Rochelle Spiering† and †Brian Tsai†.

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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**MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group**

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FEBRUARY 26, 2020
ASH WEDNESDAY