

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 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

New Years and Thanksgiving Day 10:00am

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 23, 2020**



Worship Hours

Monday - Friday: Daily Mass 8:00AM
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
New Years & Thanksgiving Day: 10AM

Per directive from our Archbishop and the City of San Francisco, we will celebrate one weekend Mass via livestream only. Please join us at 10am for our Sunday Mass livestream on the Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf

Please join us for daily Mass livestreams at 8am Monday - Friday.

Sunday, August 23

Join us for virtual Coffee Hour after the 10am Mass: visit www.mhr.org for details.

Wednesday, August 26

4pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday Supper lunch distribution at the church gates.

Friday, August 28

Noon - 3pm Eucharistic Adoration in the MHR Garden

Face coverings must be worn and Social Distancing Guidelines must be observed.

Daily Readings: August 24 - 30

- ◊ Monday: Rv. 21:9b-14, Jn. 1:45-51
- ◊ Tuesday: 2Thes. 2:1-3a. 14-17, Mt. 23:23-26
- ◊ Wednesday: 2Thes. 3:6-10, 16-18, Mt. 23:27-32
- ◊ Thursday: 1Cor. 1:1-9, Mt. 24:42-51
- ◊ Friday: 1Cor. 1:17-25, Mt. 25:1-13
- ◊ Saturday: 1Cor. 1:26-31, Mk. 6:17-29
- ◊ Sunday: Jer. 20:7-9, Rom. 12:1-2, Mt. 16:21-27

Stewardship Week of August 16th

Misc. -	\$2,275.00
Online Giving -	\$1,029.85
Total -	\$3,304.85
Budgeted -	\$3,600.00

Thank you for your amazing support!

Romans 11:33-36

For the past couple of weeks we have witnessed Paul's process of working through the theological problem he pondered and the emotional distress he suffered from his own people's inability or refusal to believe in Jesus. We heard him express his deep conviction that God's choice of Israel was irrevocable and at the same time, his anguish at their inexplicable inability to accept what God had accomplished in Christ. We saw his sorrowful confusion as he, like so many other religious people, struggled to accept the fact that he had done everything he could to share his faith, and that the only thing left to do on behalf of his beloved unbelievers was to trust in God.

Paul eventually emerged from that process with a hymn of praise. It wasn't that he had any answers to his questions, but he had encountered God's mercy at the heart of them. This is one of those instances in which we see how God's grace continually works at a level slightly deeper and stronger than the pain and desire of the faithful who pray for answers. Although it may not have been his intention, Paul's willingness to expose his sorrow and frustration provides a witness for all who are willing to be praying evangelizers.

The first line of Paul's prayer of praise aptly reflects the Book of Job. Job had cried out to God about his innocent suffering and Paul lamented his people's lack of faith. Out of deep pain, one personal, the other communal, they both turned to God with an inconsolable, "Why!" Both of them were reminded of what Psalm 139 proclaims: "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach." As if in response to that affirmation, Paul quotes and admits the truth conveyed by Isaiah 40:13: "Who has known the mind of the Lord?"

The next line, "who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" depicts the kind of humility necessary for anyone who wishes to get involved in a serious relationship with God.

Paul had dedicated his life to evangelization with unparalleled apostolic fervor. It took immense conviction and tenacity to do that. At the same time, he had to maintain the profound humility of admitting that God's ways are inscrutable, that God owed him no explanations. Maintaining that balance was a task that would lead either to schizophrenia or sanctity.

What can Paul teach us about the road to sanctity? How did he persevere as an evangelizer when he had such intense, wrenching questions? It would seem that, audaciously outspoken as he was, Paul maintained the Jewish virtue of fear of the Lord. That is what he expressed in his praise of God's inscrutability. On the day that we demand answers from God, we have constituted ourselves as the standard for truth and have initiated the idolatrous process of creating a god in our own image. That was what Job learned in his pathos. Genuine fear of the Lord provided the melody line of Paul's hymn; his praise was a simple song of awe and joy in the face of the unfathomable depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. What sustained that hymn was trust in God's love, the conviction that God's goodness and mercy surpass every other dimension of God's greatness. Meditation on Paul's hymn might be an apt preparation for listening to today's Gospel with new ears.

—Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter



MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

Please keep our clients in your prayers. The Community Thrift store is open for curbside pick up. Donation drop-offs are accepted by appointment only. Call 415-862-4910 or visit them online at www.communitythriftsf.org/drop-off

The Wednesday Suppers has given us an update on their activities during the pandemic:

While we currently cannot have our large 4 course dinners with 100 of our less fortunate friends and lots of happy volunteers, we have not disappeared, nor have we forsaken our mission. Each Wednesday around noon, a small group of volunteers appear and prepare about 150 – 200 sandwiches and, then, fill bags with sandwiches, juice, and chips. From 4 to 5:30pm, different volunteers arrive to pass out those bag lunches along with a piece of fruit, a sweet treat, a bag of toiletries, socks, and underwear. We also distribute mail to those people using the parish address. About 70-80 of our guests and newcomers show up each week. Leftover lunches are distributed around the Castro the following day or given to St. Vincent de Paul for their shelter.

As always, your continued prayers and support are appreciated and we look forward to the day when we can resume our full meals and have all of our volunteers together again.

Congratulations to
Francine & Jay
in celebration of their wedding
here in our MHR Garden.
May God bless their
marriage and future together!

Community Life

Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm. Email centering@mhr.org for login details.

Saturday, September 12th – Centering Prayer Speaker Bill Dohar, PhD | Topic is *Mary: The Woman We Thought We Knew / via Zoom. Time: 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Pacific US To register*, email centering@mhr.org with your name, email address and phone# to receive Zoom meeting information. There is no cost to attend this talk.

Per directive from our Archbishop with the City of San Francisco, **we will celebrate one weekend Mass via livestream only.**

Please join us at 10am for the Sunday Mass livestream on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mhrsf
We will continue to celebrate daily Mass in person M-F at 8am in the MHR Garden.



Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org
Facebook: facebook.com/mhrsf
Instagram: [@mhrcatholicsf](https://www.instagram.com/mhrcatholicsf)

Our Parish Community Birthdays

Michael Campos, Ish Ruiz, Tommy Torstenson, Isabel Alegria-Donaher, Ian Alegria-Donaher, Jean Doyle, Dana Martinez-Moles, JD Schramm, Maria Gonzalez, Rick Segovia, Lawrence Kelly, Rick Lubrano, Eva Szabo, Tony Espinosa, Dan Lucchesi and Kathleen Wesner.

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.

Are you lonely?

You can call the Friendship Line @ 800-971-0016. It's the only 24/7 toll-free warmline for older adults. Whether you're feeling alone or in crisis, you can count on the Friendship Line for a lifeline of hope and a compassionate voice. It's free to anyone in the U.S. or Canada.

Volunteer: you can also volunteer for the Friendship Line to talk to callers. Contact 415-750-4136 or f1volunteer@ioaging.org.

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, August 23

10am Fr. James Sloan, CPPS †
Francine DeMarco & Jay Newman (L)

Monday, August 24

8am Ramon Asuncion †

Tuesday, August 25

8am Richard Fuselier †

Wednesday, August 26

8am James Joseph Aloise †

Thursday, August 27

8am Emerita J. Deza †

Friday, August 28

8am Norberto Malabanan †

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

Prayer Requests

Karen Appe, Jesusa Ayala, Bernie Banonis, Beatrix Bell, Monica Berryman, David Bloom, Florinda Brewster, Junior Briones, Sally Cahur, Jaime Campos, Margareth Cittadino, Davyd Collionson, Douglas Cotton, Fr. Harry Cronin, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Tom Farmer, Keith Fitzpatrick, Tom Gratiot, Tan Huimeng, Anna Kane, Joanna Kennedy, Karen Kenny, Michael Kirkland, Warren Lubich, Catherine De Lucchi, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Amber Martinez, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, David Miller, Roy Miller, Arminda Oliveira, Bill Osuna, Nancy Otchy, Hugh Pettis, Mary Beth Pitcher, Aida Reyes, Sol Rodriguez, Richard Ryan, Tim Ryan, Gregory Dake Schultz, John Schwobeda, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Joseph Vouglas, Ryan Zuniga, †Paul Crowley, SJ†, †Norberto Malabanan†, †Celeste O'Keefet†, †Mary Posey†, †Dr. David Rose† and †Marian Schmidt†.

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 Catholic Church
100 Diamond Street
San Francisco, CA 94114



MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Matt Link, C.P.P.S., Pastor
frmatt@mhr.org

Eunice Park, Pastoral Associate
eunice@mhr.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rhonda Smith, Director of Music
musicministry@mhr.org

PARISH OFFICE

Michael Poma, Parish Manager
mpoma@mhr.org

Will Ives, Secretary
secretary@mhr.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am - 5pm
Closed daily 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Closed Holidays
Phone: 415-863-6259 Fax: 415-552-8786
Visit us on the web: www.mhr.org

FINANCE COUNCIL

finance@mhr.org

Marc Colelli - Chair
Steve Adams
Maureen Flaherty
JD Malchow
Mark Okashima
John Solaegui
Diane Trewin

MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

100 Diamond Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
Phone: 415-863-6259 x 10
Fax: 415-552-8786
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-2pm
www.mhr-asg.com

Peter Toms, HIV/AIDS Support Group
Program Coordinator
pete-asg@mhr.org



John Solaegui | Broker Associate
The Haven Group at Compass

We are dedicated to helping
you find your place in the world.

It Starts With A Dream...

HavenGroupSF.com

John Solaegui - say it like (So-Leggy)
DRE 01398160
415.999.0673
John@HavenGroupSF.com



COMPASS



Take your
FAITH
ON A
JOURNEY.

Catholic Cruises and Tours
and The Apostleship of the Sea
of the United States of America
Catholic Cruises/Tours to Worldwide Destinations
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com



Dr. Kathleen Kennedy
Optometrist
• Eye Examinations
• Contact Lenses
• Distinctive Eyewear
552 Castro
(415) 626-0858
www.fyeocastro.com

**Grow Your Business, Advertise Here.
Support Your Church & Bulletin.
Free professional ad design & my help!**



email: kwiatkowskim@jpaluch.com

**Call Marcy Kwiatkowski
925.239.1401**

ADT has a Medical Alert system to fit every lifestyle Call today (833) 238-3585



Medical Alert Plus System
Perfect for when you're around the home and garden.
• No long-term contract
• No landline required
• Optional fall detection pendant†



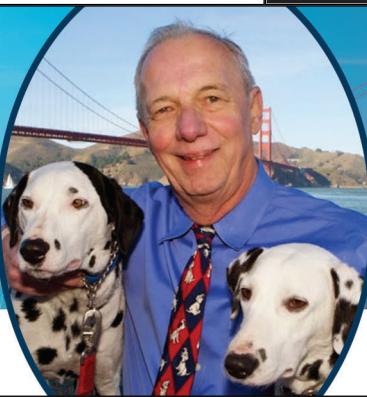
On-The-Go System
Mobile base unit for active lifestyles.
• No long-term contract
• Water resistant
• Optional fall detection pendant†
• GPS location capabilities



FINDaPARISH.com

Check It Out Today!

**The Most Complete
Online National
Directory of
Catholic Parishes**



JIM LAUFENBERG
BROKER ASSOCIATE, CRS, GRI
YOUR SAN FRANCISCO REALTOR®

INTEGRITY • CUSTOMER SERVICE • EXPERIENCE

415-269-4997

jim@sf-realty.com
www.sf-realty.com
DRE#01201131



RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE



If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

✓ Ambulance 24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!
✓ Police ✓ Fire FREE Shipping
✓ Friends/Family FREE Activation
NO Long Term Contracts

Solutions as Low as
\$19.95 a month



CALL NOW! **800.809.3352**

MDMedAlert
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!



This Button SAVES Lives!
As Shown GPS, Lowest Price Guaranteed!
GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection
Nationwide, No Land Line Needed
EASY Set-up, NO Contract
24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA



Happy Holiday Season!
Mykel Ferrantino
Associate Broker • Lic. #01884928

Buyers • Sellers • Investors
Over 20 Years Experience



MYKEL@IRONGRAYGROUP.COM — 415.745.5308

Please support the advertisers in your bulletin,
and thank them for their continued support.
They make your bulletin possible.

Thank You



1260AM

America's Catholic Talk Radio Network

638200 Most Holy Redeemer Church

www.jspaluch.com

For Ads: J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. 1-800-675-5051

catholicmatch®
California



CatholicMatch.com/myCA