

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021

Current Worship Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am Mass

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am

Holy Days 8:00am and 7:00pm

New Years and Thanksgiving Day 10:00am

Reconciliation

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
 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 14, 2021
 Happy Valentine's Day!



Current Worship Schedule

Monday - Friday: Daily Mass 8:00AM

Sunday Mass: 8:00am & 10:00AM

Livestream Masses at:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf

This Week at MHR

Daily Mass: 8am Monday - Friday

Sunday Mass: 8am & 10am

Seat reservations are required for Sunday Masses.

Reservations open on Thursday at 9:30am.

Mass are livestreamed on the

MHR Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

Mon, Wed & Fri at 8am and Sunday at 10am

Monday, February 15

President's Day - Parish office closed

Ash Wednesday, February 17

8am Mass - Church

7pm Liturgy of the Word - Church

Seat reservations are required for both Services.

Reservations open on Monday Feb. 15 at 9:30am

4pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Supper lunch
 distribution at the church gates.

***Face coverings must be worn and Social and
 Physical Distancing Guidelines must be
 followed at all times.***

Daily Readings: February 15 - 21

- ◇ Monday: Gn. 4:1-15, 25, Mk. 8:11-13
- ◇ Tuesday: Gn. 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10, Mk. 8:14-21
- ◇ Ash Wednesday: Jl. 2:12-18, 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. 9:14-15
- ◇ Saturday: Is. 58:9b-14, Lk. 5:27-32
- ◇ Sunday: Gn. 9:8-15, 1Pt. 3:18-22, Mk. 1:12-15

Stewardship Week of February 7

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| 8am - | \$765.00 |
| 10am - | \$413.00 |
| Misc. - | \$456.00 |
| <u>Online Giving -</u> | <u>\$2,059.62</u> |
| Total - | \$3,693.62 |
| Budgeted - | \$4,000.00 |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark tells us that Jesus' first healing miracle happened when his touch made it possible for an ailing elder to begin to minister. Quickly thereafter, everybody in Jesus' adopted hometown of Capernaum sought his powerful help. This was the ideal moment for the local hero to gather an adoring crowd. When sudden popularity propelled Jesus to go away to pray and his disciples tried to bring him back, he called them to follow him into a mission bigger than they could imagine.

If ever Jesus had wanted to demonstrate that popularity was not his goal, touching a leper did the trick. We hear this story and remember unusual saints like Francis of Assisi and Mother Teresa who performed similar actions in their day. But Jesus' compassion and healing power are only the most obvious dimensions of the story.

To understand this incident in context, we might remember that many of Jesus' contemporaries held to an implicit theology of reward and punishment, believing that the universe operates on a law of karma that rewards good and punishes evil. That belief can be quite pleasing to the prosperous — "blessed people" can take credit for their own good health, their affluence and other varieties of privilege or good luck.

The assumption that logically flows from this dogma is that people with social deficits (think of poverty, sickness, intellectual disability, a denigrated class background, skin color, sex or gender identity) are responsible for the disfavor society accords them. Crudely put, it becomes a way for the well-off to say, "I'm OK, you're trash."

Jesus refused to be trapped in that narrow norm. When the leper approached him, Jesus responded with a respect that simultaneously acknowledged the man's dignity and critiqued society's exclusivism. Jesus did not just heal the man, but he showed how an alternative social system operates. Jesus' touch was a sacrament of healing, a sign of communion and a declaration that this man was fully capable of giving witness to God's activity in the world.

When Jesus sent the man to the priest, he was doubling down on his entire Gospel message. On the level of religious formality, Jesus demonstrated respect for the priest, the religious authority that could declare that the man was healthy and could participate in society. Under Jesus' orders, the man invited the priest to do his job of building community.

On a deeper level, Jesus commissioned the man as an evangelist, someone whose very appearance both proclaimed the presence of the reign of God and denounced the exclusivist practices that privilege some at the expense of others. Jesus' order that the man go to the priest before telling anyone else functioned as an invitation to the leaders; they could be among the first to witness what God was doing through him.

If we want to explore what this incident tells us, we might ask what Jesus' novice disciples might have thought at this point. Things seemed to have started off wonderfully as they left their nets behind to watch Jesus overcome the devil and heal the sick. They were probably OK with following him around the area — especially in light of the way his fame reflected on them.

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MHR HIV/AIDS Support Group

Thank you for all your support in 2020. May 2021 be full of blessings for you.

Prayer for Black History Month

Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace, Mother of Hope,
We pause now to remember those stories that are all
around us,
But so often passed over,
Those stories that when told are shared because
Of what someone is, not who they are.

This month in our nation's character
Is Black History month.
Help us to realize that Black history is
All our histories.
May the day come when these stories
Are so wildly taught that no month need
Be separately divided.
We know this day will not come until we as a people
Make different choices.
We pray now for those new choices.

May we come to see a day where the prison system
Becomes redemptive, not punitive.
A day where the legal system learns to focus more
squarely on the facts,
And the not colors of our skin.
A day where our schools are as well funded, as the
needs demand.
May our role models be allowed to excel when they
thrive,
And not be taken down for their rich heritage.

We know this will require a shift in power.
And this can be scary for some.
Give those full of fear - hope.
May we come to know grace,
So that our hearts will not be hardened to the pain
around us.

There are so many beautiful stories needing to be told.
And we need to get the chance to hear them.
Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this
month,
And every month,
Come to be known as our history too.

We are most human when we see the humanity in
others.

—Author Unknown from Catholic Charities USA Newsletter-
Washington Weekly Feb 5, 2021

Community Life

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

Current Mass Times

Daily Mass M-F 8am

Sunday Mass 8am & 10am

Masses are livestreamed on our Facebook page
Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8am
and on Sunday at 10am.

Visit us:

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

John Knechtel, Linda Poelzl, Ralph Notor,
Russell Schuchardt, Bill De Lao, Jon Gatto, Roger Suarez,
Susan Barnett, Rob Joyce, Greg Bittner, Derek Elias,
Michael Lynch, and Michael Forshner.

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.

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But then things got dicey. What did it say about them
when their master touched lepers? Then, why did the guy who
had only known Jesus for a minute get sent as the harbinger of
the good news? Hadn't they paid their dues by leaving their
beds and boats? Shouldn't they at least be sent to accompany
the fellow to be sure he got the theology straight?

Jesus saw things differently. From Jesus' perspective,
the healed man's lack of knowledge and experience qualified
him above disciples who thought they already understood Je-
sus. Like the formerly blind man of John 9, this man's testimo-
ny could be nothing but simple: "I was outcast and diseased
and he touched me and made me whole."

Jesus sent the healed man to evangelize religious offi-
cialdom. In so doing, Jesus gave his followers their first lesson
about the humility necessary for discipleship. Jesus touched
the man, healed him and commissioned him to proclaim, "God
has done wondrous things for me, from this day forth, all gen-
erations will call me blessed."

The messenger became the message. The healed
man's good news was that God wants no one marginalized. His
grace was that his Gospel came from an experience of salva-
tion that leaves theology speechless. His strength and courage
would forever spring from knowing that he was loved and ac-
cepted and that no one and nothing could ever take that away.

Mark's first stories of healing demonstrate that a dis-
ciple's evangelizing message must spring from encountering
Christ's compassion. The messengers themselves become the
message insofar as they serve humbly and proclaim God's un-
limited love.—St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone, Sunday
Resources, National Catholic Reporter

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, February 14

8am Hoover Ancheta †

10am Robert Metler †

Monday, February 15

8am Hoover Ancheta †

Tuesday, February 16

8am Thomas Arms (L)

Wednesday, February 17

8am Katherine Asbury (L)

Thursday, February 18

8am Adam Shah (L)

Friday, February 19

8am Paul Gerrior †

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

Prayer Requests

Jesusa Ayala, Bernie Banonis, Michelle Barrett, Beatrix Bell, David Bloom, Florinda Brewster, Nicholas Chang, John & Gail Colelli, Agostino Crotti, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Fr. Larry Dowling, Tom Farmer, Zane Fisher-Paulson, Keith Fitzpatrick, Juan Flores, Michael Fraker, Barbara Frey, Tom Gratiot, Wallace Greene, Joanna Kennedy, Karen Kenny, David Lambdon, Jim Lonergan, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Amber Martinez, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Mark Okashima, Bill Osuna, Hortencia Perez, Sol Rodriguez, Bill Ryan, Richard Ryan, Tim Ryan, David Sanchez, Kathy Schroeder, Gregory Dake Schultz, John Schwobeda, Kathi Sparkes, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Joseph Vouglas, Ryan Zuniga, †Hoover Ancheta †, †Billie Argyrest †, †Josephine Howard †, †Bob Larsen † and †Jeanne Passero †.

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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