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Current Worship Schedule

Monday - Friday: Daily Mass 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00PM

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

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This Week at Most Holy Redeemer

Daily Mass

8am Monday - Friday

Wednesday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 8

5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 9

8am & 10am Mass

Seat reservations are required for all weekend Masses.
 Reservations go live each **Thursday morning at 9:30am.**

***Face coverings must be worn and Social and
 Physical Distancing Guidelines must be
 followed at all times, thank you!***

Livestream Masses on our MHR Facebook page:

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8am Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 10am Sunday

Daily Readings: May 2 - 9

- ◇ Monday: 1Cor. 15:1-8, Jn. 14:6-14
- ◇ Tuesday: Acts 14:19:28, Jn. 14:27-31a
- ◇ Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Jn. 15:1-8
- ◇ Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Jn. 15:9-11
- ◇ Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Jn. 15:12-17
- ◇ Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Jn. 15:18-21
- ◇ Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1Jn. 4:7-10,
 Jn. 15:9-17

Stewardship Week of April 25

5pm -	\$319.00
8am -	\$255.00
10am -	\$655.00
Misc. -	\$694.79
<u>Online Giving -</u>	<u>\$1,651.96</u>
Total -	\$3,575.75
Budgeted -	\$4,000.00

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The story of Saul, the persecutor turned apostle, opens up today's question of Christian identity. In Acts, Luke presents us with a very human community made up of martyrs, cheaters and liars, cowards and converts, and disputing/discerning disciples.

Paul, the zealous convert, found that he was not easily welcomed by the Jerusalem Christians who lived in an atmosphere demanding that they be as shrewd as serpents while striving to be as gentle as doves. Their experience warned them they should fear Paul, but the reliable apostle Barnabas verified Paul's authenticity as a disciple who had met the risen Christ and testified to him.

The First Letter of John tells us, "Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." This makes a teaching of what Barnabas testified on behalf of Paul: The proof of commitment is not in words and speech but deed and truth.

John may have intended to make his readers think twice when he said that. We generally think of truth as something verbal, as in, "I swear to tell the truth." John, on the other hand, is treating truth as a verb in itself, as something we *do* rather than something we say.

That also clarifies what John means by believe. For John, belief in Jesus is not an intellectual exercise but the motivator of all our activity.

Today's Gospel emphasizes one of Jesus' solemn "I am" pronouncements: "I am the vine." This is the seventh and last of his "I am" self-descriptions in John's Gospel. Jesus had already identified himself as the living bread, the light of the world, the sheep-gate, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, and the way, the truth and the life. Each of those statements reflected on his relationship to the disciples, pledging that he would nourish, guide, protect and lead them, and endow them with life and true knowledge.

The image of Jesus as the vine and us as the branches crowns all the rest. This metaphor goes beyond all that he has said before and paints a picture of what he would later pray: "May all be one, as you Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us." By using the image of vine and branches, Jesus explains that we are an intimate, inextricable part of him and of one another.

The image lures us to explore the depths of our connection to the God of life. It reminds us that whether or not we recognize it, we are dependent on God.

At the same time, both the image and Jesus' prayer for unity recognize that it is up to us to play our part. Our life and potential come from God, but we are the ones who choose to bear fruit or to choke ourselves off from the vine.

Jesus' "I am" statements are revelation, his self-description and his explanation of what that means for us. They are therefore an ongoing invitation to relationship with him.

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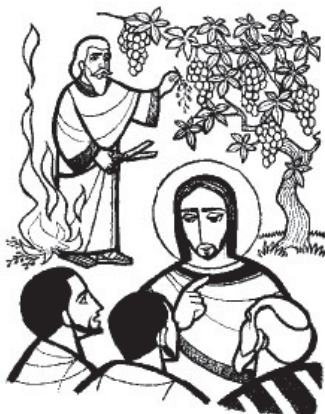
Library Corner

The library will reopen next Sunday, May 9. It will be open after the 8AM and 10 AM Masses.



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Today's readings invite us into a deeper understanding of Christ and of ourselves as disciples. We can contemplate the image of the vine — like that of the shepherd, bread of life, etc. — as God's rationale for creation and the Incarnation. Each of the statements describes how God reaches out to creation in love. Each statement also invites us to respond — to be the branches, God's flock who seek the light, eat the bread, and know from whence comes our life.

Today's readings remind us that we must continually choose who we truly want to be. God always offers us the option of being fruitful branches, receiving and giving divine life. We are called to choose our real identity just as really and radically as Saul chose to become an apostle. We are invited to be true, continuously growing in love. It's not about semantics.

—Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter

Community Life

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

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Our Parish Community Birthdays

Philip Buonadonna, Ed Pon, John Felicetti, Steven Allen, Donald Rizzi, Hugh Mullaney, Mykel Ferrantino, Maily Ramos, John Kennedy, Rob Lane, Dave Ferris and Kenny Kehoe.

Catholic Charities Sunday, May 9th, 2021

Mother's Day is our parish's annual Catholic Charities Sunday appeal serving San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties.

Mother's Day is a wonderful time to support this essential second collection. Like a mother, Catholic Charities lovingly embraces our most vulnerable neighbors as a tangible expression of God's love in the world.

Over the past 14 months, Catholic Charities' dedicated staff has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic serving nearly 60,000 individuals – more than double the normal number - including families and individuals experiencing homelessness and hunger, many for the first time.

In San Francisco and Marin counties, Catholic Charities has opened several shelter-in-place hotels to protect 300 vulnerable families and individuals during the pandemic, including 42 pregnant women and 25 mothers of newborns, who would otherwise be on the streets.

Over the past century-and-a-half, Catholic Charities has witnessed the power and resilience of our community during our response to multiple crisis including: the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, the 1918 Influenza Pandemic, the 1980s HIV/AIDS, and now the COVID-19 Pandemic. Catholic Charities is always here as a trusted partner. With your support, Catholic Charities continues to faithfully serve families experiencing homelessness, underserved youth, immigrants, aging adults and adults with disabilities

Join Catholic Charities' long legacy of accomplishing the remarkable through your donation today. Your help is needed now more than ever.

Your donation directly supports all of Catholic Charities programs.

Donate in one of 3 ways:

Place your donation in the **donation box**,

Text CCSunday to 76278 after Mass, or

Send an online donation to CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday

Thank you in advance for your support!

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, May 1

5pm MHR Parishioners

Sunday, May 2

8am Helen Annie Sack Klufts †

10am Patricia Zuniga (L)

Monday, May 3

8am Christine Joy Peralta (L)

Tuesday, May 4

8am Les Krames †

Wednesday, May 5

8am Brigido De Leon †

Thursday, May 6

8am

Friday, May 7

8am Marilyn Rios (L)

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, Lina Artipeusto, Lamberto & Ino Austria, Beatrix Bell, Brian Carrie, Ruth LaCroix Castilin, Michael Cisneros, Joshua Daigle, Alice Jane Davenport, Vergilio De Leon, Shirley DeWan, Fr. Larry Dowling, Maribel Escobar, Tom Farmer, Marilyn Jean Faulk, Zane Fisher-Paulson, Barbara Frey, Tom Gratiot, Wallace Greene, Florence Kaloquin, Joanna Kennedy, David Kossman, Jim Lonergan, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Sebastian MacLean, Erineo Maliksi, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Bill Osuna, David Sanchez, Rosellen Sanna, José Maria Sbresso, Kathy Schroeder, Gregory Dake Schultz, John Schwobeda, Nok Sojka, Christopher Sumner, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Joseph Vouglas, Ryan Zuniga, †Maribel De Leon † †Charles Fanjelt † and †Kenny Wilson †.

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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