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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 8, 2021

CURRENT WORSHIP HOURS

Monday - Friday Daily Mass: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am & 6:30pm

Holy Days: 8:00am and 7:00pm

New Years and Thanksgiving Day:
10:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45pm to 4:30pm

BAPTISM & MARRIAGES

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For marriages please call the parish
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100 Diamond Street
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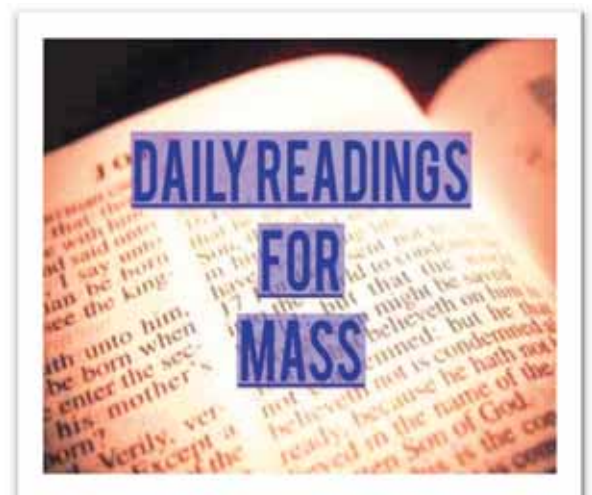


Daily Mass
8am Monday - Friday
Wednesday, August 11
4pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Supper lunch
distribution at the church gates.
Saturday, August 14
5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, August 15
8am, 10am & 6:30pm Mass
The MHR Library is open after 8am & 10am Masses

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass
on our MHR Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/mhrsf
*The will be no livestream of
daily Mass this week.*

August 9th - 15th

Monday: Dt. 10:12-22, Mt. 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2Cor. 9:6-10, Jn. 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt. 34:1-12, Mt. 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos. 3:7-10a, 13-17, Mt. 18:21-19:1
Friday: Jos. 24:14-29, Mt. 19:13-15
Saturday: Jos. 24:14-29, Mt. 19:13-15
Sunday: Rv. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1Cor. 15:20-27
Lk. 1:39-56



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us have heard the warning, "Be careful what you pray for." As one of my friends lamented, "I prayed for patience, and suddenly my life was chock-full of opportunities to practice it!" Today's snippet from Elijah's story illustrates how God will take us at our word and go one further. God has a reputation for answering our prayer in ways we wouldn't anticipate.

We meet Elijah at the end of his rope. He had done what God ordered and his prophetic labors made Queen Jezebel hate him more than ever. Rather than fall into her hands, he fled to the desert where he planned to die a peaceful death. Little did he realize that when he prayed, "Take my life," God would do just that — not by killing him, but by nourishing and rehabilitating him. God took his life and transformed it through angelic ministrations. It's hard to imagine how perturbed Elijah felt when, instead of being allowed to die in his sleep, that angel woke him up, fed him, and sent him into a new chapter of his life. Be careful what you pray for!

In today's Gospel, John gives us a classic example of people's misperception of Jesus and his message. When Jesus said, "I am the bread come down from heaven," he was calling on his people's religious memory, proclaiming that he was God's sign of love and providence for them. Interestingly, they understood him well enough that they didn't label him a crazy person claiming to be bread, but they lost it over the idea that he claimed to be sent by God. They were unshakably convinced that nobody they knew, nobody with origins as humble as his, could have been sent to them by God. Of course, their position implied a triple denial. First, they refused to believe that the too-well-known Jesus from Nazareth could be God's messenger. At the same time, that very refusal subtly yet categorically denied that God would bother with them or have the audacity to reveal something new. (It's fairly easy to believe in revelations from the past. But the idea that God could speak in our day, that's another story; the safest bet is to decide that it's nothing more than a story.)

Here's where Paul's message reinforces Jesus' ideas. As Paul addresses his people he warns: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit!" Jesus responded to doubters by reminding them that perceiving God in action among them demands openness and discernment. Jesus faced them with a choice we all must make: They could hold to their own theological positions or they could allow themselves to be drawn by God into more than they could imagine. In Paul's language, they had to choose whether or not to live as God's beloved children, inspired and inspiring.

Regrettably, the people Jesus addressed in Capernaum that day were choosing to content themselves with murmuring — complaining and avoiding any responsibility. Rejecting Jesus' invitation to something new, they defended themselves against his message by attacking his background and sowing doubt. They were ready to do anything necessary to write him off rather than accept the frightening challenge of believing that the God who sustained their ancestors was reaching out to them. We can almost imagine Paul pleading with them and saying, "You are choosing bitterness, fury, anger, shouting and reviling when you could be imitators of God in kindness and love!"

John didn't write history, he wrote a Gospel designed to evangelize, a call to conversion for his community and for those to come. He wanted us to find ourselves in the story and to respond accordingly. The Letter to the Ephesians, whether from the hand of Paul or one of his disciples, was written to the church, not to one single community. Without knowing us, John and Paul were writing for us.

To what are they inviting us? First of all, they are daring us to recognize how well our complaining and critiques can serve as defenses against God's invitations. Second, and more importantly, John and Paul remind us that the God of Israel, the God of Jesus never stops calling and revealing self to us. The God who sustained the people in the desert spoke through Jesus and still longs to draw us close. Jesus invites us to be so nourished by his life and message that we do what Paul said, we become imitators of Christ who gave himself to God by giving himself to others, by being flesh for the life of the world.

Today's Scripture stories clearly admit that murmuring is much easier than praying and believing. They also dare us to risk an encounter with the living God who answers prayer in ever-new, life-giving, mind- and soul-transforming ways.

—Sr. Mary M. McGlone, NCR



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

Saturday, August 7

5pm Frank Olszewski †

Sunday, August 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

10am Rachel Gallagher †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, August 9

8am

Tuesday, August 10

8am Ann Nola (L)

Wednesday, August 11

8am Alvaro Joshua Deza (L)

Thursday, August 12

8am Adam Wack (L)

Friday, August 13

8am Iota Koelz †

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 or sponsor the weekend altar flowers, please call the parish office or email secretary@mhr.org.



Jesusa Ayala, Lena Antipeusto, Olga Barrera, Rudy Baclig, Beatrix Bell, Henry Berin, Brian Carrie, Jim Cathcart, Nicholas Chang, Michael Cisneros, Marianne Clough, Garrett Collins, Joshua Daigle, Vergilio De Leon, Fr. Larry Dowling, Alex Draffan, Maribel Escobar, Tom Farmer, Brian Fisher-Paulson, Marcia Gruskin, Wallace Greene, Joan James, Florence Kaloquin, Joanna Kennedy, Christine Kosche, Teresita Lacey, Michael Leonard, Jim Lonergan, Rita Ludeman, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Hugh Mallaney, Kelly Morris, Armindo Oliveira, Marie Prybylski, Sebastian MacLean, Erineo Maliksi, Gloria Regan, Gregory Dake Schultz, Bob Schmeisser, Nok Sojka, Richelle Slota, Randy Tichenal, Christine Lane Tracy, Dennis Vouglas, Joseph Vouglas, Ryan Zuniga, †Michael Flander†, †John Harney†, †Gloria Heredia† and †Janice Mirikitani†.



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MHR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

It is with very heavy hearts that we've decided it best not to reopen the Wednesday Suppers as planned on August 11. With the highly infectious nature of the Covid delta variant, we felt that it was just not a good idea to bring a mixture of people, vaccinated and not, together in the hall. We will revisit the situation in another month.

In the meantime, we will continue our bag lunch, toiletries, and socks distribution on Wednesday afternoons. The volunteer meeting scheduled for August 4 is cancelled.

We all hope that we can be together soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to send a note to suppers@mhr.org


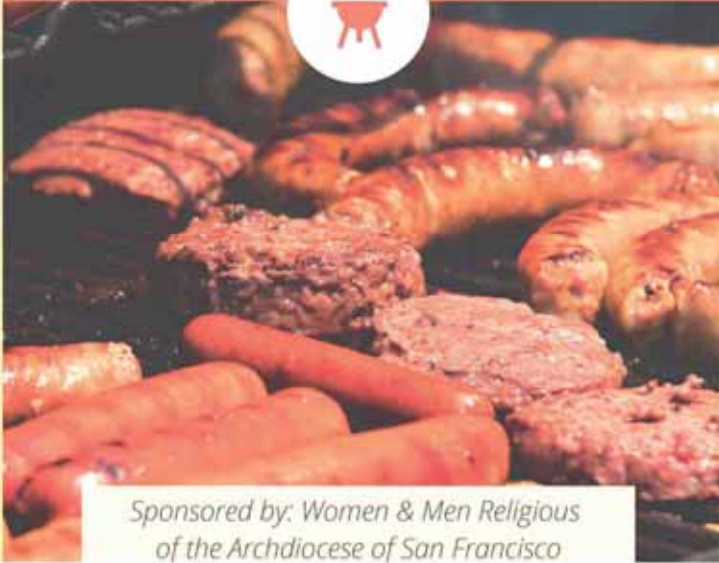
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Most Holy Redeemer will once again be hosting this annual event sponsored by the Women and Men Religious of the SF Archdiocese.

Please watch this space as they will need volunteers and supplies.

Last year's event was cancelled due to the pandemic and we are excited to once again be able to host this event for our neighbors and guests in need!

Week of August 1, 2021

5pm -	\$476.00
8am -	\$893.00
10am -	\$1,189.00
6:30pm -	\$229.00
<u>Online giving -</u>	<u>\$1,051.00</u>
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Thank you for your generous support!





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Greetings from Good Shepherd Gracenter!

On behalf of the courageous women we serve, I am writing to request your support of an amazingly successful cause and to give you an opportunity to partner with us while you advertise your business at Gracenter's online Gala in September, celebrating some of our partnerships that have lasted 60 years! We are celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the construction of the Gracenter facility. This construction was truly a miracle in that it was constructed completely through the partnerships of 7 local labor unions who donated the labor and 52 businesses who donated the construction materials. Our theme, appropriately, is "**Building Partnerships**". We would love to include you in our celebration and advertising! We would like to request, therefore, an in-kind donation of goods or services that we can use in our silent auction or as a raffle prize. Your partnership will help women without resources to break free of drug and alcohol addiction and create a road to a healthy and productive future.

During September, National Recovery Month, our event will include a raffle, silent auction, videos, recognition of honorees and, of course, recognition of all who donated. You can be a part of making a difference in lessening the homeless crisis in San Francisco. It is an opportunity to showcase your vested interest in the community in which we live and work, and, because this event will be **virtual**, we will be able to **promote your business to a much wider audience on multiple platforms**.

Good Shepherd Gracenter is a privately funded, licensed program of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, that provides transitional housing and supportive services to low income women. Many of the women at Gracenter were formerly homeless and now have a new chance at life, thanks to the generosity and care of friends like you! Our residents are so grateful to be at Gracenter and take full advantage of it by furthering their education, securing employment, making amends with their families and giving back to the community. We keep in touch with those who graduate from our program and we are happy to report that one year after leaving Gracenter, 95% of our graduates remain in recovery and 98% remain in stable housing, thus breaking the cycle of addiction and homelessness.

We certainly recognize the challenges that everyone is facing during this pandemic. Gracenter has also experienced a financial hit, as have the women we serve. We understand, therefore, that a donation at this time may be reduced or even unfeasible. If you do choose to donate, please send your donation by July 31st as we will start on-line bidding for the auction in September. If you wish to send something electronically, my email address is sr.marguerite@gsgracenter.org.

Donations can be gift certificates, unique experiences, products, services, gift baskets, artwork, etc. We are a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization and our Tax ID number is 94-1156670. Your tax-deductible contribution will help us to raise the funds needed to continue this critical work as well as help you spread awareness about your business! We will feature your company name, logo and a live link.

The link to our event site is GSG2021.givesmart.com, and will go live on September 8, 2021. Thank you so much for your kind consideration of this request. You will remain in our grateful prayers.

Wishing you health, safety and success,

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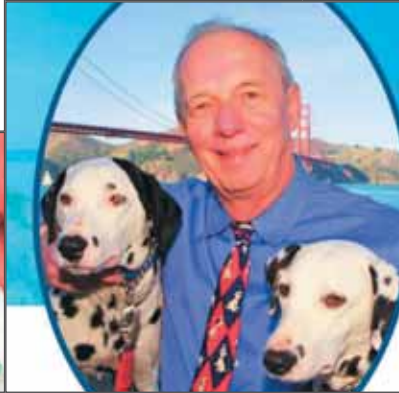
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