

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2022

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

Thanksgiving Day: 10:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45pm to 4:30pm

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!



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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, October 17

Centering Prayer 7pm (Church & Zoom)

Wednesday, October 19

Wednesday Night Supper: 5pm - 7pm

Saturday, October 22

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday, October 23

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

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

FACE COVERINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass

on our MHR Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/mhrsf



Collection - Week of October 9

5pm -	\$393.00
8am -	\$260.00
10am -	\$1,162.00
6:30pm -	\$96.00
Misc. -	\$418.00
<u>Online Giving -</u>	<u>\$1,467.79</u>
Total -	\$3,796.79

Thank you for your generosity!



OCTOBER 17 - 23

Monday: Eph. 2:1-10, 12:13-231

Tuesday: 2Tm. 4:10-17b, Lk. 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph. 3:2-12, Lk. 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph. 3:14-21, Lk. 12:49-53

Friday: Eph. 4:7-16, Lk. 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph. 4:7-16, Lk. 13:1-9

**Sunday: Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18, 2Tm. 4:6-8, 16-18,
Lk. 18:9-14**

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Our help is in the name of the Lord!" That's today's psalm response. Do we mean it? If so, what do we mean by it?

The framers of our Lectionary paired today's selection from Exodus with Jesus' parable of the widow and the unjust judge. As always, the Hebrew Scripture selected to accompany the Gospel functions like an editorial comment. In the Exodus story, Moses' people succeeded in battle while they could see Moses holding up the staff of God, whether by his own strength or with a little help from his friends.

That was a pretty marvelous staff! God first got Moses' undivided attention by turning it into a snake and then back into a staff. After that, Moses repeated the snake performance for the Israelites. He also used the staff to part the Red Sea and to get water from a rock. Some people would call it Moses' magic wand. Jewish scholarship explains that it was a tool in the hands of God. Catholics might call it sacramental — an effective sign of God's power working through Moses for the people. The gist of today's story is that as long as Moses held it up, God's people won the battle.

In liturgical dialogue with this incident, we hear Jesus' parable of the widow and the narcissistic judge. A superficial interpretation of the story paints God as rather negligent, suggesting that if we try hard enough, we can get God's attention and justice. Is the implication that we care more about the problems of the world than God does? Do we have to awaken God to the needs of the chosen who call out day and night?

Luke introduced this parable saying, "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary." To put this in a larger context, let's ask, "What do we know of Jesus' way of praying?"

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear that prayer provided the context for two of Jesus' extraordinary encounters with God: one at his baptism and the other at the transfiguration. In both of these, God affirmed Jesus' identity as the Son. We also hear that Jesus would go off to pray alone, especially for his 40-day desert sojourn and before he chose the 12 disciples. The disciples knew that Jesus prayed and finally asked him to teach them his way, which he did with the Lord's Prayer. We get to listen in as Jesus prayed when he thanked God for giving the lowly special revelations and in the Garden of Gethsemane when he summed up his life of prayer saying, "Not my will, but yours be done."

None of these references even hint that Jesus badgered God. Rather than express his own wants or needs, Jesus' prayer revealed his filial relationship to God, a relationship characterized by obedience. How does this relate to the widow who pestered the judge?

This parable fits the classic pattern of turning things upside down. In real life, the widow is the defenseless and the judge powerful. But in the light of Jesus' Beatitudes, the widow is a blessed one and the judge the object of woe. As a blessed one, the widow fulfills a dual evangelizing role. First of all, from the most powerless position in society, she publicly proclaims her human dignity by demanding her rights — rights that belong not just to her, but to all the lowly who receive special attention from the God of Israel. Secondly, because Exodus 22 warns of dire consequences to anyone who wrongs a widow or orphan, the beggar woman is actually offering the judge a chance at redemption for the miniscule price of granting her justice against her adversary.

In Jesus' society, as in our own, people in respectable positions, particularly religious leaders, are supposed to model God's justice. Yet here, the widow carries out Jesus' evangelizing and saving work. She does it by demanding the justice that will bring salvation not just to her, but also to someone with unused power to bring about God's reign. She is calling for help in the name of the Lord.

In the end, it seems that the perseverance Jesus calls for has nothing to do with badgering God, reciting hundreds of rosaries or doubling down on novenas. The widow shows us that calling out for God's help is supposed to lead us to be unflagging in pursuit of the reign of God. Moses' outstretched staff was not magical, but a reminder that God was with the people. Jesus' prayer expressed and solidified his relationship with his Father. Our prayer makes sense when it deepens our awareness of our vocation as God's own and disciples of Jesus. Our help is in the name of the Lord, our prayer enables us to carry out God's will.

—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, National Catholic Reporter*



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

Saturday, October 15

5pm Vincent Colelli †

Sunday, October 16

8am Greg Brooks †

10am John Douglas Stevens †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, October 17

8am Bill Mathews †

Tuesday, October 18

8am Jim Compton †

Wednesday, October 19

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, October 20

8am

Friday, October 21

8am Michael Lamdin †

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 at 415-863-6259 or email secretary@mhr.org.



Ted Alden, Jerry Anderson, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Joseph Bielanski, Sr. Juliana Casey, Earl Chan, Jay D'Amato, Audrey Dunn, Tom Farmer, Carol Fertudo, Editha Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Deborah Hardy, Serge Hubert, Kris Johnson, Florence Kaloquin, Joanna Kennedy, Larry Kolton, Amelia Marcin, Jim & Lisa Kunzer, David Kossman, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Nancy McCann, Trudy Miller, Ben Montoya, Lou Montoya, Doris Nassal, Nadia O'Donnell, Lloyd Oksen, Maureen O'Sullivan, Zack Peterson, Bruce Pray, Laura Records, Rose Rodenberger, Nicolas Rolon, Richard Savelec, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Mary Stevens, Michael Nicholas, Ruth Varela, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, David Washington, Louis Washington, Anna Weekly, Larry Wysocki, Ryan Zuniga, †Alex Bond†, †Michael Lamdin† and †Randy Neeley†.



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Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.

Email centering@mhr.org for Zoom login details.

Bible Study on upcoming Sunday readings meets via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Email biblestudy@mhr.org for login and for more information.

Young Adults Meeting: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the church.

Email yag@mhr.org for info.

An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the Ellard Hall women's restroom.



Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to call, visit and/or help our people. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

A Couple in the Fillmore: Two men, one of whom is bedbound, would like someone to visit for conversation and watching movies on TV.

Drivers: Frequently people need to be driven to/from doctor's visits, or just to take a brief outing. We are looking to set up a pool of drivers. If you would be available occasionally and would like to be added to the pool, please Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

Community Thrift: Community Thrift returns to the Support Group a portion of the sales of items donated in our name which allows us to purchase food vouchers for the needy in our HIV community. Please bring your unwanted and usable clothing and household items to Community Thrift at 623 Valencia, between 17th & 18th Streets Be sure to mention that MHR AIDS Support Group is your charity ---Charity # 242. Thank you.

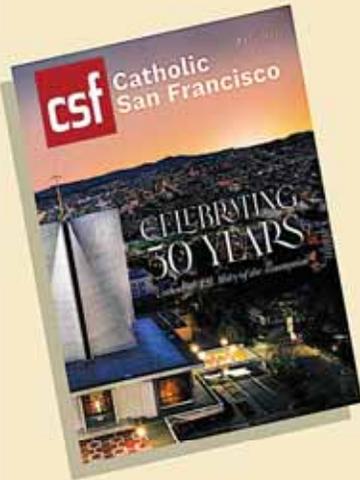
Library Corner

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

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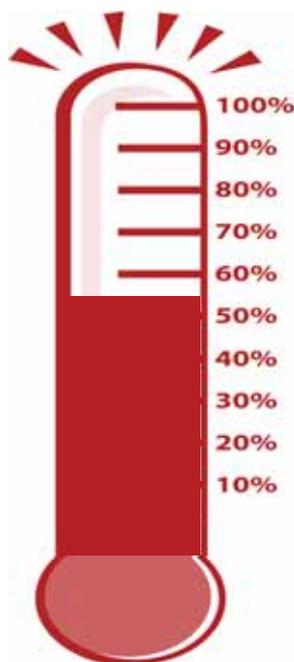
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friendship Line, the warmline devoted to those 60+ years of age, is looking for volunteers. If you're interested, contact **Jaime Iñiguez** at 415-748-9409 or jiniguez@ioaging.org.



Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

We have collected \$27,993:

55% of our goal of \$50,461!

You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations at www.mhr.org by clicking on the donation button or by using the pamphlets located in the pews or the church entrance.

Thank you for your amazing support!

St. Vincent de Paul Jackets & Blankets Drive

In anticipation of cooler days ahead,
we are holding a
Jackets & Blankets drive
**the weekends of October 23rd
and October 30th.**

Large-sized sweatpants are also
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trance of the church. Please join us in helping
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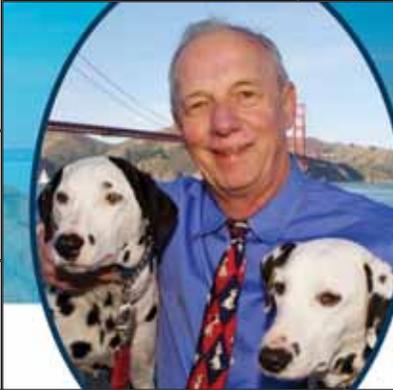
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