

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 2, 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 3

**Centering Prayer 7pm (Church & Zoom)**

Wednesday, October 5

**Wednesday Night Supper: 5pm - 7pm**

Saturday, October 8

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**

Sunday, October 9

**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](http://www.facebook.com/mhrsf)**



**Collection - Week of September 25**

5pm -	\$285.00
8am -	\$234.00
10am -	\$994.00
6:30pm -	\$89.00
Misc. -	\$115.00
<u>Online Giving -</u>	<u>\$1,630.78</u>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,348.78</b>

**This weekend** there is a second collection for Facilities Improvements. Thank you in advance for your amazing support!



**OCTOBER 3 - 9**

**Monday: Gal. 1:6-12, Lk. 10:25-37**

**Tuesday: Gal. 1:13-24, Lk. 10:38-42**

**Wednesday: Gal. 2:1-2, 7-14, Lk. 11:1-4**

**Thursday: Gal. 3:1-5, Lk. 11:5-13**

**Friday: Gal. 3:7-14, Lk. 11:15-26**

**Saturday: Gal. 3:22-29, Lk. 11:27-28**

**Sunday: 2Kgs. 5:14-17, 2Tm. 2:8-13,  
Lk. 17:11-19**

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"How long, O Lord! Why don't you intervene!" How many times have believers joined Habakkuk in this desperate lament? Do we not cry out for divine justice as we look at Ukraine, Syria, police brutality, untimely deaths, people who entice others into addiction, human trafficking, etc.?

The short book of Habakkuk reads like prophecy in poetry. At one point, Habakkuk says his people act like fish drifting without a leader. When caught, they watch their captor worship his net (Habakkuk 1:15-16). From God's side, we hear that when the oppressor opens his mouth, we can see the entryway into hell (Habakkuk 2:5). Poetic beauty aside, God's response to Habakkuk's anguish feels lacking: "The vision still has its time." In other words, "No matter what you think, God has not forsaken you. Be patient. God's time is not the same as yours." That's fine for an eternal being; what about those who are suffering in real time?

Habakkuk is our lead-in to the apostles' entreaty, "Lord, increase our faith!" What a request! What are they really asking for? Are they requesting irrefutable proof that Jesus is worthy of their trust? Are they, like Habakkuk, begging for help to believe in God's loving care while terrible things keep happening? Are they asking for the grace of greater fidelity?

Jesus replied, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard [The Greek text doesn't say anything about size], you could uproot this mulberry tree and send it to the sea." This is the second time that Luke's Gospel mentions a mustard seed. The other was in Luke 13:19 when Jesus said that the reign of God grows like a mustard plant. Maybe Jesus' answer addresses not the size of their faith, but rather its explosive power. Jesus wanted them to have grain-of-mustard faith, faith that spreads like weeds.

Jesus then launched into an example that seems more a riddle than an explanation: "Who among you would invite your field hands to sit down while you fixed their dinner and waited on them?" (Jesus wasn't talking about a farmer's wife.) "No," he says, "when servants finish one job, they should be ready for the next one." What on earth does this have to do with faith, or, as the first reading asks, with prayer for divine intervention?

"Lord, increase our faith." That's what they asked. God told Habakkuk, "The vision presses on to fulfillment." Jesus told the apostles, "You're not supposed to stop before you have completed everything."

Perhaps Jesus' riddle/story means to tell us that we aren't going to grow in faith simply by asking for it. Perhaps for Jesus faith is not a noun, but a verb. One does not *have* Christlike faith; one *practices* this kind of faith. It seems that Jesus is saying that putting faith into action is the one and only way for it to grow. The kind of faith Jesus is talking about is a far distant cousin of dogma and theology (they are barely on speaking terms). Jesus' kind of faith becomes both visible and contagious when expressed through practices such as love of enemy and the hope that acts as if evil will never win. That's grain-of-mustard faith; it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Obviously, it's impossible to verbally uproot a mulberry tree and send it to the sea. It's also pretty useless. But, Jesus is talking about a faith that approaches useful impossibilities as events in process, visions that are pressing on to fulfillment, acts of trust that will not disappoint — no matter how long it takes for them to come to fruition.

Many of us who listen to these readings are probably like Habakkuk and the apostles. We look to God for strength, for answers. In desperation we shout, "Dear God in heaven, DO SOMETHING!" And Jesus responds, "Are you waiting for God to set the table for you? What makes you think it's time for you to sit down and for God to take over?"

Paul told Timothy, "Stir into flame the gift of God you have received." He went on, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love." Perhaps today's readings are telling us that the very impatience and the passion with which we plea for God's help are the signs that grain-of-mustard hope is truly alive in us; signs that we have more power than we think we have.

Perhaps today we are being invited to pray something like this: "Lord, help us! We hope for what we can't yet see, but we are acting as if it is happening among us. Now, let us hear your voice!"—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter*



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

**Saturday, October 1**

**5pm Barrie Lee Johnson †**

**Sunday, October 2**

**8am**

**10am Ed & Jo Molinar †**

**6:30pm MHR Parishioners**

**Monday, October 3**

**8am**

**Tuesday, October 4**

**8am**

**Wednesday, October 5**

**8am Wednesday Night Suppers**

**Thursday, October 6**

**8am Ellen Jane Adams †**

**Friday, October 7**

**8am**

**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](mailto:secretary@mhr.org).**



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

**Email [centering@mhr.org](mailto: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](mailto:biblestudy@mhr.org) for login and for more information.**

**Young Adults Meeting: New Time! 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm.**

**Email [yag@mhr.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

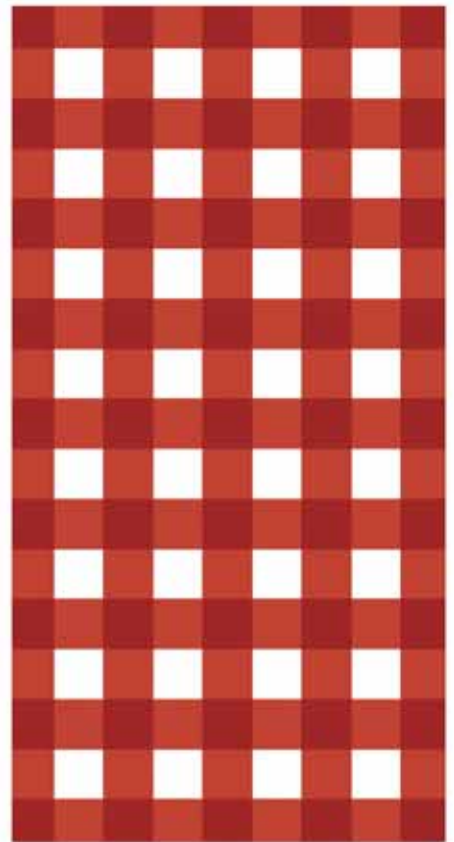
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## **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS**

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Bob Zorad, Michael Vargas, Marguerite Engel, Sheila Normile-Thompson,  
Lauren May, Phillip Soliz, Gabriel Domenech,  
and Victor Ngai.**



SATURDAY  
**OCT 8**

**when:** 2022



11:30 am — 1:30 pm

**where:** Most Holy Redeemer  
100 Diamond Street



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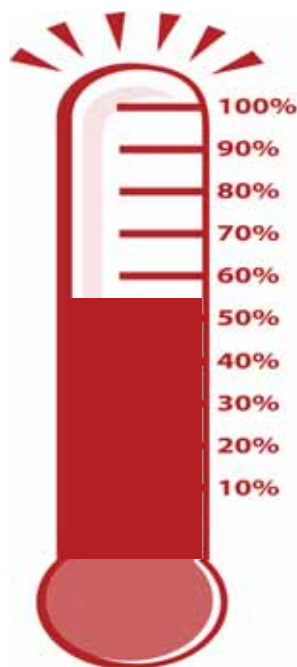
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Friendship Line, the warmline devoted to those 60+ years of age, is looking for volunteers. If you're interested, contact **Jaime Iñiguez** at 415-748-9409 or [jiniguez@ioaging.org](mailto:jiniguez@ioaging.org).



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

**We have collected \$27,993:**

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*Living Into the Council with Francis*

OCT 6

VCII: Michael  
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OCT 13

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NOV 3

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