

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 14, 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, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 20

**Vigil Mass 5pm**

Sunday, August 21

**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:**

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**AUGUST 15 - 21**

**Monday: Rv. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab,  
1Cor. 15:20-27, Lk. 19:23-30**

**Tuesday: Ez. 28:1-10, Mt. 19:23-30**

**Wednesday: Ez. 34:1-11, Mt. 20:1-16**

**Thursday: Ez. 36:23-28, Mt. 22:1-14**

**Friday: Ez. 37:1-14, Mt. 22:24-40**

**Saturday: Ez. 43:1-7ab, Mt. 23:1-12**

**Sunday: Is. 66:18-21, Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13,  
Lk. 13:22-30**



**Collection - Week of August 7**

5pm -	\$158.00
8am -	\$379.00
10am -	\$1,060.00
6:30pm -	\$108.00
Misc. -	\$10.00
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$1,725.00</b>
Budgeted -	\$4500.00
Facilities -	\$626.00

Not included this week: Online giving

Thank you for you generous support!

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I have come to set the earth on fire!" Sweet holy card images aside, Jesus was no wimp! Nor could he be apolitical.

In our trip through the Gospel of Luke, we have passed a dividing line, a measure not of words or chapters, but of intensity. The new tone began with Luke 9:51, which translated literally says, "When the time came that he would be taken up, he *steadfastly set his face* to go to Jerusalem" (emphasis mine). Not long after Jesus first told the disciples that the mission they were sharing would entail suffering and death (Luke 9:22-23), he purposely set out to confront his fate in Jerusalem.

The Gospel of John tells us that when Jesus decided to go to Jerusalem, Thomas looked at the others and said, "Let us also go to die with him." They had no reason to think that the rest of the story would be a picnic: Jesus and everyone identified with him were headed toward inevitable conflict with religious and civil authorities. By this stage, Jesus knew full well that his message threatened powerful people. He also knew that Scripture and tradition testified that prophets never fare well with anyone whose plans and schemes do not prioritize the common good. Although Jesus' community turned primarily to the prophet Isaiah to help them interpret Jesus, all the prophets were his forerunners and their lives provided a good foretaste of what he would experience as God's messenger.

Today we hear about Jeremiah, the best complainer among the prophets of Israel. (Jonah did his share of whining, but his story is more of a comic caricature than serious prophecy.) As we meet Jeremiah today, he has been dealing with a king who wanted to know God's will, but lacked the courage to obey it. Jeremiah knows and tells his people that they are in an unwinnable war. For saying that, the military leaders decide to get rid of him; his truth-telling is demoralizing and they prefer affirmation to reality. What we hear today is but one of many times Jeremiah was persecuted or nearly killed for the message he preached.

What gives prophetic people the determination to defy mortal threats? The memory of some of the "cloud of witnesses" mentioned in the Letter to the Hebrews may give us a hint.

Remember Joan of Arc? Following the instructions of the voices she heard, she saved the reign of King Charles VII of France, but ended up burned at the stake on multiple charges, including heresy (holding fast to her experience of faith rather than obeying church authorities), witchcraft (knowing the secrets of hearts and predicting the outcome of battles) and dressing like a man. The real reason for her death was surely the jealousy of religious and military leaders who lost their cause to the troops she commanded.

Although some of his fellow bishops, clergy and people criticized him, St. Óscar Romero's death came at the command of political leaders who found his defense of the poor and the truth a mortal danger to their rule. Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan, and Dorothy Kazel, the 1980 U.S. martyrs in El Salvador, risked and lost their lives simply because of their commitment to share life and faith with the poor. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s preaching about equality and justice brought him multiple threats before an assassin's bullet silenced him. More recently, two Mexican Jesuits who had long before thrown their lot in with the poor were murdered for harboring a man seeking asylum protection from supposed members of a drug mafia.

Every one of these people was motivated by what Hebrews calls "the joy that lay before them," their conviction that living the values of the reign of God is worth any cost. Their motivation and conviction were religious, but as religious people acting for the common good, they were inevitably involved in the political as well. As St. James tells us, faith without works is a sham.

When we ask what these readings say to us today, we might take Jesus' opening line in combination with a phrase from the Letter to the Hebrews. Jesus said, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Hebrews explains that the cloud of witnesses ran the race with their eyes fixed on Jesus who endured everything "for the sake of the joy that lay before him."

It seems that the joy of an earth on fire with the love of God, an earth on fire with God's justice, was the vision that drew Jesus forth. Inviting us to seek inspiration from the cloud of witnesses fired with a joyful vision of God's reign on earth, today's liturgy reminds us that faith demands action for the common good — no matter the risk.

—Sr. Mary M. McGlone. Sr. Mary serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and is a contributor to *National Catholic Reporter*.



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

**Saturday, August 13**

5pm

**Sunday, August 14**

8am

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm

**Monday, August 15**

8am Richard Fuselier †

Sr. Mary LaSalette †

**Tuesday, August 16**

8am Bill Mathews †

**Wednesday, August 17**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

**Thursday, August 18**

8am Lonnie, Sr. †

Betty (L)

**Friday August 19**

8am Mary Rowe †

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).



Ted Alden, Jerry Anderson, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Joseph Bielanski, Angela Cadigan, Sr. Juliana Casey, Becky Caylor, Juan & Maria Cobarrubias, Betty Cobb, Francis Duffy, Tom Farmer, Carol Fertudo Editha Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Deborah Hardy, Serge Hubert, Florence Kaloquin, Kenny Kehoe, Joanna Kennedy, Jim & Lisa Kunzer, David Kossman, Fr. Tony LaTorre, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Nancy McCann, Anna McKenzie, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, Ramona Michaels, Doris Nassal, Nadia O'Donnell, Lloyd Oksen, Maureen O'Sullivan, Bruce Pray, Laura Records, Rose Rodenberger, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Mary Stevens, Michael Nicholas Taylor, Jim Teddar, Ruth Varela, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, David Washington, Louis Washington, Anna Weekly, Larry Wysocki, Fr. William Young, Ryan Zuniga, †Kathleen Elizabeth Carey † and †John Schwobeda†.



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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.**



We are once again looking for fully vaccinated volunteers to visit and/or help our fully vaccinated clients. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the rectory (415-863-6259).

**Most Holy Redeemer is starting a Social Justice committee.** If you are interested and want to find out more, come to the first meeting on Wednesday, August 17 at 7pm in the rectory. Please call the rectory in advance at 415-863-6259 if you would like to attend the meeting.



#### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS**

**Leah Molera, Chris Perez, Michael Leonard,  
Manny Mandapat, Marissa Sarets, Mark Silva,  
Veronica Lopez, Mark Pettis And Charles Shannon.**

#### **WE NEED YOU!!**

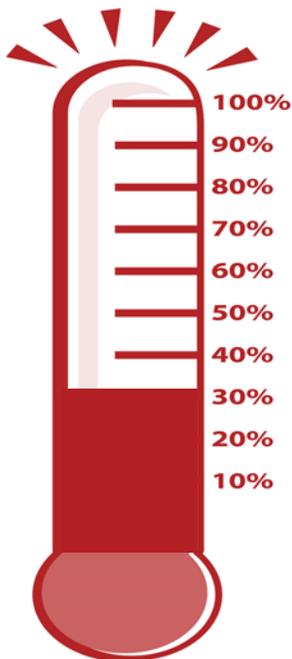
The acolyte group is looking for new volunteers to prior acolytes who are interested in rejoining the group. This is a wonderful ministry that works with the presider on the altar throughout most liturgies. It is not complicated but very spiritual. A commitment of once a month is requested. Please email our scheduler, Nanette Miller, if you are interested in joining at [nanettelmiller13@gmail.com](mailto:nanettelmiller13@gmail.com). A training is scheduled for Saturday 8/20 at 10:30 in the church.

## **WEDNESDAY SUPPERS DESPERATELY NEEDS HELP!**

**Because of illness and relocations, we need an additional cook to ensure that the Wednesday Suppers can continue to provide nutritious meals to our less fortunate friends.**

**If you have experience in cooking for large numbers of people and have some time on Wednesdays, please send us a note at [suppers@mhr.org](mailto:suppers@mhr.org).**

**Our meal preparation time usually begins around 2pm and dinner is served around 5:30. We really want to keep this important ministry. Thank you!**



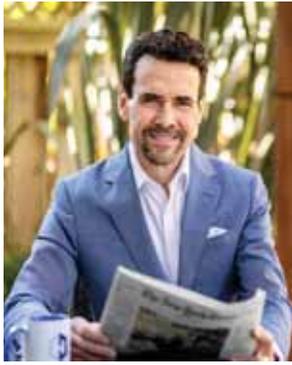
**Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!**

**We have collected \$27,405:**

**54% of our goal of \$50,461!**

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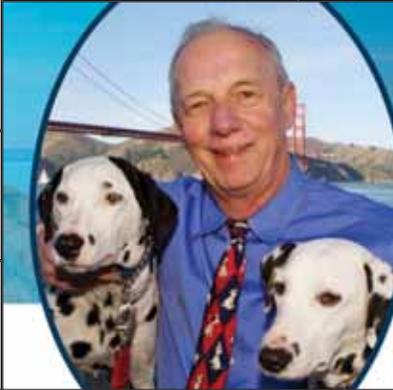
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