

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 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, September 19

Centering Prayer 7pm (Church & Zoom)

Wednesday, September 21

Wednesday Night Supper: 5pm - 7pm

Saturday, September 24

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday, September 25

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 September 11

5pm -	\$196.00
8am -	\$435.00
10am -	\$1,368.00
6:30pm -	\$158.00
Misc. -	\$504.00
Online Giving -	\$1,524.98
Total -	\$4,185.98

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund.

Thank you for you generosity!



SEPTEMBER 19 - 25

Monday: Prv. 3:27-34, Lk. 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv. 21:1-6, 10-13, Lk. 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph. 4:1-7, Mt. 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl. 1:2-11, Lk. 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl. 3:1-11, Lk. 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl. 11:9-12:8, Lk. 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am. 6:1a, 4-7, 1Tm. 6:11-16,

Lk. 16:19-31

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reminds me of the movie "Waking Ned Devine." It's a story about Irish villagers colluding to collect the lottery prize won by one of their neighbors who died of shock when he discovered that he had won. As in Jesus' stories, the goodness of less-than-honorable people outshines the moralistic virtue of the law abiders. This touches on what Amos tells us today. Amos, a farmer/shepherd from the kingdom of Judah, was sent north to prophesy to Judah's rival, the kingdom of Israel. The unfortunate country-boy prophet was supposed to proclaim his message to rulers, clergy and wealthy urbanites. As an outsider, he had the "advantage" of clearly perceiving the injustices the locals tolerated because they had become an unimpeachable norm. Amos preached with poetic fire, reviling the privileged who maintained legality as they beat the poor into destitution.

Amos prepares us for Jesus' story about the hacienda owner and his trickster CFO. In this tale, the boss, who apparently made his fortune lending out land in return for (over)payment in produce, learns that his manager was less than devoted to increasing his master's fortune. Jesus doesn't say whether the manager was inept or dishonest, but the owner decided to call for an audit and send the guy packing. That's when the debt-collector-for-hire initiated a new, creative management strategy.

Both boss and steward knew that the tenant farmers' debts would probably never be paid in full. A drought, floods, a plague of insects and other all-too-normal catastrophes regularly ruined sharecroppers' chances of getting out of debt. Here's where the manager proves that he's smarter than the boss gave him credit for. He calls in the people defaulting on their loans and offers them a discount in return for immediate payment. The genius of the situation is that the new payment is within the means of the debtors, it brings otherwise unobtainable income to the owner, and it puts the manager in good graces with both sides. It's an ethically questionable situation of win-win and win!

Was Jesus accepting the trickery in light of the results? It rather seems so. First, explaining the manager's activity, Jesus advises, "Make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon." (Mammon, according to Scripture scholar Jesuit Fr. Silvano Fausti, is surplus money — more than one needs to live decently.) A few lines later, Jesus warns, "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Jesus seems to be saying that mammon has questionable value in itself, but can and should be used to do some good.

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis makes this same point. He looks to St. John Chrysostom, one of the Fathers of the Church who taught: "Not to share our wealth [think mammon] with the poor is to rob them and take away their livelihood. The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well."

Francis also cites St. Gregory the Great, who said, "When we provide the needy with their basic needs, we are giving them what belongs to them, not to us."

Some may call Chrysostom naive or a socialist. In his own day, he was exiled by the Empress Eudoxia who refused to tolerate his critiques of the lavish life of the clergy and court. Nevertheless, his ideas reflect Jesus' own teaching and have been recontextualized in Catholic social teaching.

There's no getting around it, as Luke moves toward the climax of his Gospel, his emphasis on reverence for the life and thriving of the poor only grows stronger. Today's Gospel, praising the wily manager, is a gentle introduction to what will be coming later.

Let us return to Francis. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, he wrote *Fratelli Tutti* as a reflection on the solidarity that humanity could have created when faced by our common vulnerability. Francis described the pre-COVID world as one that, perhaps like the hacienda owner, fed on dreams of grandeur and consumed distraction, insularity, and solitude. Francis' prescription for such a world goes to the heart of the wily manager's methodology. He calls us to cultivate a shared passion and a community of belonging and solidarity "worthy of our time, energy and resources." It's that simple and that challenging.

We might take that last idea as the takeaway from today's Liturgy of the Word. Amos demonstrates how to look at reality with eyes that perceive how our societal norms grant excess to some, leaving others to languish. Is it not time to ask which of our social systems are truly worthy of the respect they are given in the law? When the unrighteous manager went around the law, might we say that he advanced a community of solidarity? Might Jesus just tell us, "Go and do likewise?" —*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.*



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

Saturday, September 17

5pm Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Sunday, September 18

8am Frances Adams †

10am Mohandas Kini †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, September 19

8am

Tuesday, September 20

8am Sr. Nadine Hargadon †

Patricia Hargadon †

Wednesday, September 21

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, September 22

8am

Friday September 23

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.



Ted Alden, Jerry Anderson, Bob Barcewski, Joyce Bednarek, Joseph Bielanski, Sr. Juliana Casey, Jay D'Amato, Audrey Dunn, Tom Farmer, Carol Fertudo Editha Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Deborah Hardy, Serge Hubert, Kris Johnson, Florence Kaloquin, Kenny Kehoe, Joanna Kennedy, Larry Kolton, Jim & Lisa Kunzer, David Kossman, Fr. Piers Lahey, David Lamdin, Fr. Tony LaTorre, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Warren Lubich, Bernie Maddox, Nancy McCann, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, Lou Montoya, Doris Nassal, Nadia O'Donnell, Lloyd Oksen, Maureen O'Sullivan, Bruce Pray, Laura Records, Rose Rodenberger, Nicolas Rolon, Richard Savelec, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Mary Stevens, Michael Nicholas, Taylor, Jim Teddar, Rey Velazquez, Ruth Varela, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, David Washington, Louis Washington, Anna Weekly, Ben Willard, Larry Wysocki, Fr. William Young, Ryan Zuniga and †Queen Elizabeth II†.



COMMUNITY LIFE

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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: New Time! 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

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

The parish library can be accessed online through the parish website www.mhr.org. The "MHR Community" tab will lead to the Online Library. Select "Go to the Online Library" which will take you to the catalog search. If you wish to reserve a book, an email will be sent to the librarian, who will contact you when it is available.

Castro Street Fair Volunteers Needed on October 2nd, 2022: The MHR ADIS Support Group has been selected as a beneficiary of the Castro Street Fair if it can provide 15 or more volunteers to help at the Fair. The amount granted to the group is based on the number of volunteers we provide and the number of hours they contribute. If you can spare a few hours in that Sunday, please sign up at <https://timecounts.org/turnoutvolunteers/events/45355>. Our volunteers normally staff the entry gates. The funds we receive will support our food voucher program. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org. Thank you!



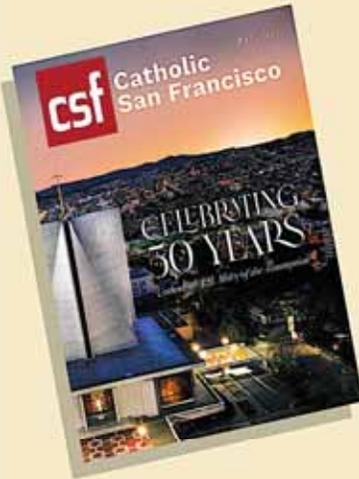
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A History of the Cathedral complete with vintage black and white photos of its groundbreaking and construction

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The Second Vatican Council's influence on the architecture

Other uplifting articles on faith and spirituality

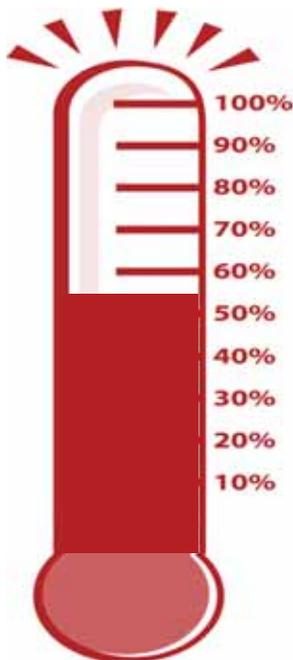
The magazine is released seven to eight times per year and regularly features all the great happenings at the local parishes, schools, and other ministries.

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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 jniguez@ioaging.org.

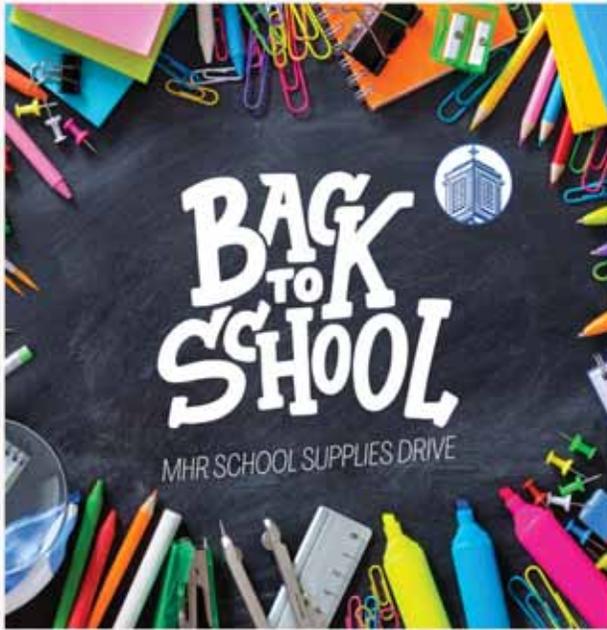


Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

**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!



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Everyone is invited to bring
your favorite pet to

**Mass on
Sunday October 2nd
or to the MHR Garden
from 12noon to 1pm**

for a blessing in
celebration of the
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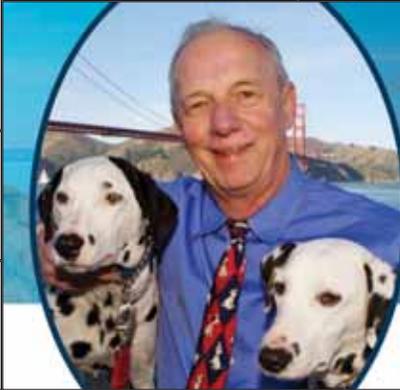
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