

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 25, 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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CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
100 Diamond Street  
San Francisco, California  
415-863-6259  
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**MOST HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL TEAM**

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Stephen McCarthy

John Solaegui

Diane Trewin

**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday 8:00am**

Monday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 28

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

Saturday, October 1

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**

Sunday, October 2

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

**Blessing of the Pets**

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 18**

5pm -	\$369.00
8am -	\$367.00
10am -	\$1,673.00
6:30pm -	\$161.00
Misc. -	\$146.00
<b><u>Online Giving -</u></b>	<b><u>\$857.43</u></b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,573.43</b>

Next Weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2**

**Monday: Jb. 1:6-22, Lk. 9:46-50**

**Tuesday: Jb. 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, Lk. 9:51-56**

**Wednesday: Jb. 9:1-12, 14-16, Lk. 9:57-62**

**Thursday: Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv. 12:7-12ab,  
Jn. 1:47-51**

**Friday: Jb. 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, Lk. 10:13-16**

**Saturday: Jb. 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, Lk. 10:17-24**

**Sunday: Hab. 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2Tm. 1:6-8,  
Lk. 17:5-10**

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once, Jesus told a parable about a rich man and Lazarus, the only person ever named in Jesus' parables. He told it to shake up his audience. Today, we're his audience. Luke recounts this parable with shrewd social geography. The rich man, enmeshed in his wine and finery, dwelt on the secure side of a door and routines that prevented him from noticing outsiders. Lazarus, whose name means "God will help," dwelt outside the entrance.

Surrounded by dogs and described as if his wounds were his attire, Lazarus appeared as the stark opposite of the inner circle's lavish luxury. When the two of them die, as everyone does, the story turns inside out. Angels fly to carry Lazarus to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man died, was buried, and found himself in "Hades," the obscure habitation named for the Greek god of the underworld and wealth. Death effectively disrobed the rich man of everything that had given him identity.

From his place among the nameless dead, the once-wealthy man sees Lazarus glorying in Abraham's embrace. In life, even though he almost had to step over him to enter his mansion, the rich man hadn't noticed Lazarus. When Lazarus had become untouchable, the rich man finally saw him and even learned his name. Undoing that tiny step toward esteeming the existence of another, he revealed that he remained completely self-absorbed: "Father Abraham! See how I suffer! Order that beggar to help me!" When Abraham explained that it was impossible, the man continued exposing the miniscule size of his circle of concern: He cared only about his siblings. Abraham explained the tragic truth that if people remained deaf to Moses and the prophets, not even someone who rose from the dead could displace them from being the center of their carefully cultivated and tiny universe.

As we have seen, Luke's Gospel becomes more pointed as Jesus travels toward the culmination of his ministry in Jerusalem, and his emphasis on serving the poor continues to grow along with the cost of discipleship. Charles Dickens (who left school at the age of 12 when his father was put in debtors' prison) illustrated Jesus' values for the 19th century with a more hopeful version of this parable in his classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Dickens introduces Scrooge as a miser who believed that poor people were an unnecessary bother, unworthy of serious consideration. Happily, a ghost leads Scrooge through a review of his past, offering him a last-ditch opportunity to create a different present and a future in which he could put his "mammon" to good use. All the world cheers each December as the converted Scrooge celebrates Christmas with the family he had disparaged.

Unfortunately, we can't count on ghosts to appear when people like us become blinded by wealth and its accoutrements. We have to discern what this Gospel suggests to us today on the personal and global level.

We should remember that the wealthy man in Jesus' story was not responsible for Lazarus' poverty. Similarly, few of us have consciously added to the impoverishment of migrants, refugees or street people. It would be hard to find any among us who effectively promoted the aggression against Ukraine. But Jesus' parable had nothing to do with causes. He was talking about people who fail to respond to others' suffering and need.

When Jesus gave Lazarus a name, he acknowledged his unique, personal dignity, a prelude to describing how Abraham lavished him with respectful tenderness. The wealthy man remained anonymous, allowing himself to be defined by position and possessions rather than relationships. Unlike the crafty servant of last week's parable, he failed to discover the potential of his wealth; he could only watch it become worthless in the face of death.

Jesus the partygoer never critiqued festivity nor did he ignore people's suffering. Perhaps the circumstances of his birth attuned him to outsiders, forging in him an awareness of who was left out, who attended to them, and how wildly enjoyable it can be when unexpected participants (be they shepherds or beggars) spice up a celebration. Jesus is not hawking tickets for guilt trips, but trying to entice us into the stretching adventures that were his specialty.

It's one thing to care about the poor and even donate for them — that goes a step beyond the rich man's blindness. But prayers and donations don't free us from being trapped among the insiders. One of the parable's suggestions is obvious: our time is far more limited than our resources. This is our moment to meet and greet the "other," the migrant, the beggar and whoever will enlarge our circle of concern. Learning each other's names is the next step in a journey headed toward enjoying the bosom of Abraham together.—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, NCR*



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

**Saturday, September 24**

5pm

**Sunday, September 25**

8am

10am Mila Yee †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

**Monday, September 26**

8am Richard "Dick" Dunphy †

**Tuesday, September 27**

8am

**Wednesday, September 28**

8am Mary Foley †

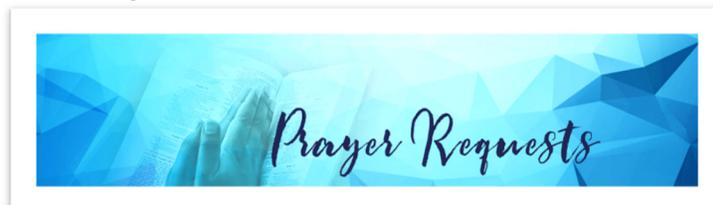
**Thursday, September 29**

8am

**Friday September 30**

8am Vincent & Barbara Colelli †

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, 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, and Ryan Zuniga.



# COMMUNITY LIFE

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On the web: [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mhrsf](http://www.facebook.com/mhrsf)

Instagram: [mhrcatholicsf](https://www.instagram.com/mhrcatholicsf)

**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.

## **Library Corner**

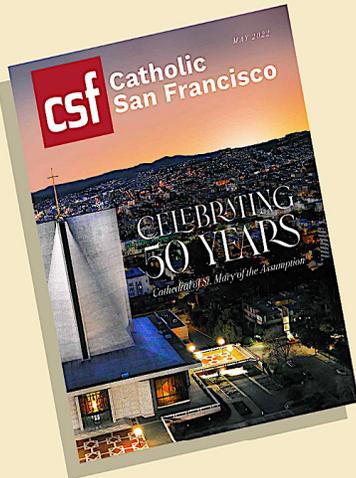
The parish library can be accessed online through the parish website [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org). The "MHR Community" tab will lead to the Online Library. Select "Go to the Online Library" which will take you to the catalog search. If you wish to reserve a book, an email will be sent to the librarian,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

**Castro Street Fair Volunteers Needed on October 2nd, 2022:** The MHR AIDS 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](mailto:asg@mhr.org). Thank you!



## **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS**

**J.D. Marko, Jesus Lagbao, John Ottersberg, Tony Tabangcura, George Smith, Jim Boll, Mac Colelli, Tedosio Samora, Susan Fandel, Kellyn Lakhardt, Olivia Meece, Noah Meece and Connor Meece.**



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

**Several congratulatory notes** from parishes and Catholic ministries from across the archdiocese

**The Second Vatican Council's** influence on the architecture

**Other uplifting articles** on faith and spirituality

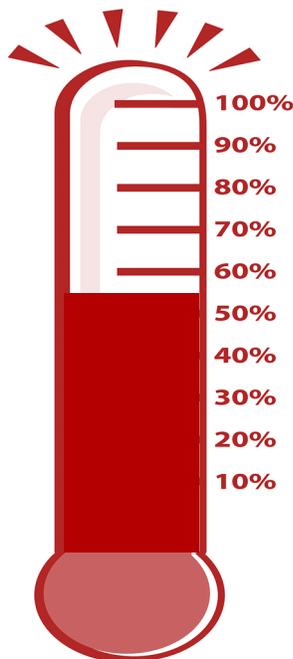
The magazine is released seven to eight times per year and regularly features all the great happenings at the local parishes, schools, and other ministries.

Visit: [www.sfarch.org/catholic-sf-magazine/](http://www.sfarch.org/catholic-sf-magazine/)

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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](mailto: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](http://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!**



**Blessing of the Pets at  
Most Holy Redeemer  
Catholic Church**

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  
Feast of St. Francis

**All are welcome and invited!**

Enter the garden through the  
gate on 18th Street between  
Diamond and Eureka Streets