

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 13, 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, November 14

**Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)**

Wednesday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 19

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**

Sunday, November 20

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

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

**FACE COVERINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

**Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass**

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**Collection - Weekend of November 6**

5pm -	\$232.00
8am -	\$664.00
10am -	\$1,541.00
6:30pm -	\$171.00
Misc. -	\$620.00
<b>Online Giving -</b>	<b>\$1,307.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$4,535.00</b>
Budgeted -	\$4,500.00
St. Patrick's Seminary -	\$603.00

**This weekend** there is a second collection for Christmas Flowers.  
Thank you for your generous support!



**NOVEMBER 14 - 20**

**Monday: Rv. 1:1-4, 2:1-5, Lk. 18:35-43**

**Tuesday: Rv. 3:1-6, 14-22, Lk. 19:1-10**

**Wednesday: Rv. 4:1-11, Lk. 19:11-28**

**Thursday: Rv. 5:1-10, Lk. 19:41-44**

**Friday: Rv. 10:8-11, Lk. 19:45-48**

**Saturday: Rv. 11:4-12, Lk. 20:27-40**

**Sunday: 2Sm. 5:1-3, Col. 1:12-20, Lk. 23:35-43**

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Luke's community, it was the Jerusalem Temple. Perhaps for us it's the twin towers or COVID-19. Jesus warned people who were enthralled with the Temple's majesty: "The days are coming when there will not be left a stone upon another stone." Many who heard him discovered sadly that he predicted not a far-off calamity, but a tragedy they would see with their own eyes and mourn in utter confusion. The Temple had been the centerpiece of Jewish practice and the place where God dwelt among them. According to ancient sources, the Temple of Jesus' time was under construction for nearly 50 years and was completed only six years before the Romans destroyed it.

What was Jesus telling his followers when he predicted the Temple's destruction? While he avoided responding to questions of when it would happen, he warned them of other dimensions of what it would mean. Charlatans would appear, posing as God's envoys. Natural and social catastrophes would make it seem that the world was coming to an end, and God's own people would be persecuted by enemies, former friends and even family members. The answer to their anxieties? Only this: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Our selection from the prophet Malachi helps us make sense of it. Malachi's description of the day of the Lord is wonderfully paradoxical. He says it will blaze with contradictory effects. Evildoers will be reduced to stubble and at the same time, that sun which destroyed the proud will heal those who stand before God in reverence and awe. In Jesus' example, cataclysmic events will traumatize some and lead others to act as false messiahs, yet those events will also provide the occasion for the faithful to come into their truest selves.

The faithful who gazed on the rubble of the Temple had to search painfully for what it meant. The ruins testified that their faith in the Temple had been misplaced. Some wondered if even their faith in God had been an illusion: a comforting fiction as long as it lasted, but ultimately little more than what Karl Marx called the opiate of the masses. Had Roman power finally overcome Israel's God? Others questioned whether their faith depended on the Temple. They remembered that before the Temple, God had traveled with their ancestors, present through the tent of meeting that traveled with the people. Some of these followed the lead of Pharisees and rabbis as synagogue worship created the practices which have continued for millennia.

Jewish Christians, as devastated as the rest, could hardly avoid recognizing the similarity between the ruined Temple and the death of Jesus. Underlining that, Matthew, Mark and Luke recounted Jesus' interpretation of the tragedy as an event that led disciples to give witness. Later, John made the connection explicit: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19).

Ironically, when Jesus warned the disciples about coming persecution and destruction, he warned them not to try to prepare for it. Attempts to prepare would have only led them to fight imaginary battles. Instead, Jesus promised that when the time came, "I myself shall give you a wisdom that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." He offered a persevering hope rather than strategy.

Contemplating first-century Christians and Jews at the destruction of the Temple dares us to ask what anchors our faith. The Second Vatican Council challenged Catholics to a renewal that led us to distinguish between what sacramental theology calls outward signs and inward grace, between symbol and what the symbol points toward, between particular expressions and the essence of faith.

Today, instead of the destroyed Temple, we live with the memory of how Sept. 11, 2001, obliterated our sense of national invincibility. COVID-19 has taught us that national borders are fictions, divisions no more protective than were the emperor's new clothes. Russia's aggression against Ukraine keeps us mindful of the constant threat of nuclear war. These realities are universal expressions of the intensely personal truth we all know but usually try to forget: to be alive implies that we are mortal.

As Malachi said, this reality can be either terrifying or hopeful. Going for the latter, we can remember the tent of meeting and persevere in trust that, while we don't and can't know the details, we know that the destination is what Pope Francis describes as "the sabbath of eternity, the new Jerusalem" where "we will find ourselves face to face with the infinite beauty of God, and be able to read with admiration and happiness the mystery of the universe" (*Laudato Si'*, 100 and 243). Trusting in that, we will live like people who know that no catastrophe is beyond the reach of God's healing sun of justice.

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





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

**Saturday, November 12**

**5pm Schwartz †**

**Sunday, November 13**

**8am Mark Polk †**

**10am Ronald & Sharon Martinkus (L)**

**6:30pm MHR Parishioners**

**Monday, November 14**

**8am Patrick Hargadon †**

**Tuesday, November 15**

**8am Walt Vennemeyer †**

**Wednesday, November 16**

**8am Bill Mathews †**

**Thursday, November 17**

**8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †**

**Friday, November 18**

**8am Jim Compton †**

**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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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: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the church.  
Email [yag@mhr.org](mailto:yag@mhr.org) for info.

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



**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).

**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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Romualdo Melo, Denise Tarantino,  
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McDermott, Gary Pang, Robert Vergara,  
Alonso Reyes, Karl Banta David Eberhardt  
and Sarah Bogachik.

## Join the MHR Acolyte Ministry!

We are in need of additional acolytes (altar servers) for all of our Masses. We will provide you with individual training and an experienced mentor, and you won't be asked to serve until you feel ready. If you'd like to learn more about this important and meaningful ministry, please reach out. Women and young people are especially encouraged, but all are welcome!

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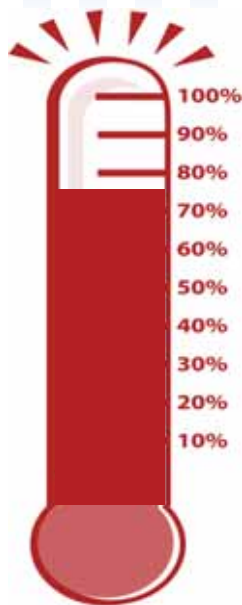
Dear Parishioners of Most Holy Redeemer Parish,  
Thank you so very much for your warm hospitality this past weekend. You are a most welcoming parish. As Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." I didn't feel like a stranger very long. I love the way you welcome each other as well. And thank you for your generosity and willingness to sponsor. Because of your generosity, there are now 32 more children and elders who will receive the benefits of sponsorship and have more hope for their future.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Joseph Uecker, C.P.P.S.



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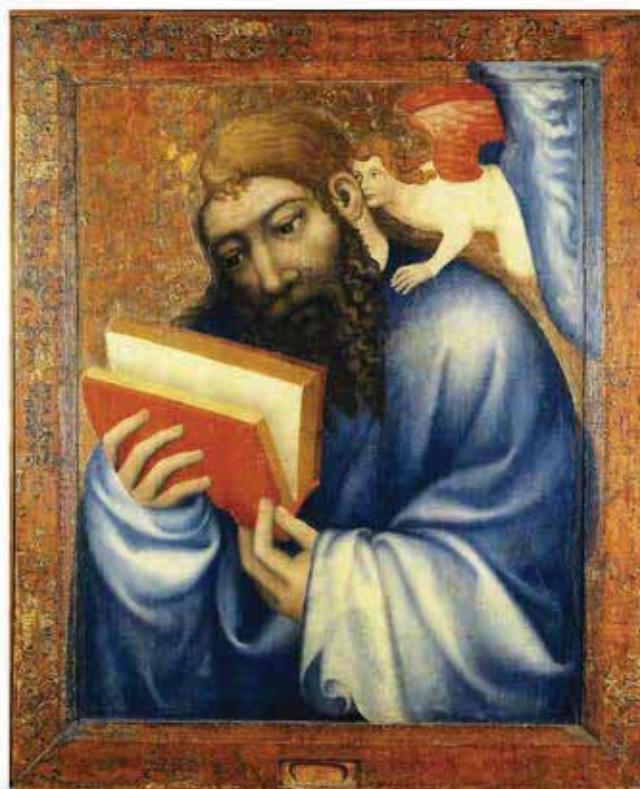
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**Tuesday evenings 7 - 8:30pm**  
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*(The text will also be on the screen during our meetings)*

Along with the readings and the Gospels, Holy Cross religious studies  
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and questions for reflection.

To join the Zoom meets,  
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