

# CHRIST THE KING



Sunday, November 20, 2022 ~ Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church San Francisco, California



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Daily Mass: M - F 8am  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm  
Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm  
Holy Days: 8am & 7pm  
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm

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**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday 8:00am**

Monday, November 21

**Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)**

Wednesday, November 23

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

Thanksgiving Day, November 24

**10am Mass**

Saturday, November 26

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**

Sunday, November 27

**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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**Collection - Weekend of November 13**

5pm -	\$447.00
8am -	\$450.00
10am -	\$1,168.00
6:30pm -	\$191.00
Misc. -	\$410.00
<b>Online Giving -</b>	<b>\$1,074.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,740.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>Christmas flowers -</b>	<b>\$1,003.00</b>

**This weekend** there is a second collection for the Campaign for Human Development. Thank you for your generosity!



**NOVEMBER 21- 27**

**Monday: Rv. 14:1-3, 4b-5, Lk. 21:1-4**

**Tuesday: Rv. 14:14-19, Lk. 21:5-11**

**Wednesday: Rv. 15:1-4, Lk. 21:12-19**

**Thursday: Sir. 50:22-24, 1Cor. 1:3-9,  
Lk. 17:11-10**

**Friday: Rv. 20:1-4, 11-21:2, Lk. 21:29-33**

**Saturday: Rv. 22:1-7, Lk. 21:34-35**

**Sunday: Is. 2:1-5, Rom. 13:11-14, Mt. 24:37-44**

## Solemnity of our Lord Christ the King of the Universe

Once upon a time, a wicked queen asked, "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who in this land is fairest of all?" Unfortunately, the magic mirror could only speak the truth; instead of naming the woman admiring herself, the mirror named her stepdaughter, putting little Snow White in mortal danger. Although the queen tried three times to murder her, Snow White survived, married the handsome prince and became the fairest queen in the land.

This classic story depicts royalty, poverty, servitude, danger and finally, punishment for evil and the triumph of innocence and beauty over cruelty. It's all about image, innocence and evil — about whose image is the most beautiful and the woe that flows from jealousy. In the hymn Paul quotes in his letter to the Colossians, he describes Christ as the image of the invisible God in whom all the fullness was pleased to dwell. Snow White's beauty reflected one culture's sense of the best they had to offer. Paul's depiction of Christ is based on behavior rather than appearances; he describes Christ as *being* like God rather than appearing like what any culture would want or imagine a god to look like.

We have no description of Jesus. We can assume he looked like a Middle Eastern man of his time and dressed in the clothing that distinguished observant Jews. The only hint we have about his appearance comes from Isaiah who described the suffering servant as so startlingly disfigured that he no longer appeared human (Isaiah 52:14). Luke tells us that as Jesus was dying, his torturers sneered and jeered at him, insisting that if he were of God, he should be able to save himself as he had supposedly saved others. Then, the mother of all insults was the sign posted over his head proclaiming his crime: "This is the King of the Jews." It's not an appealing picture.

Truly, the only touchstone between Jesus and the fairy tales is the suffering of the innocent. God sent Jesus no handsome prince or saving angels. This king of the universe died, nailed down and rejected by civil and religious authorities. To the Romans he meant next to nothing. To the religious elite, he presented a moral and perhaps even a mortal threat. To most of his disciples, he had become a danger and an apparent failure. Yet, some of the most powerless people around saw something else. The lamenting women continued to accompany him, offering him the only thing they could: their loving and brokenhearted presence.

The saving grace in this scene is revealed when the dying Jesus interacts with the God-fearing criminal who shared his sentence. Somehow he, more than any other man, grasped a portion of Jesus' own faith. Flying in the face of appearances and reason itself, the man said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

The request, "remember me," resounds with scriptural significance. The Exodus happened because God remembered the covenant and acted (Exodus 2:24). When Jesus broke and blessed the bread of his self-giving, he told his disciples to do the same in remembrance of him. Remembrance is a form of calling on real presence. Jesus promised his crucified companion that he would not only share his death, but also his life.

The title of this feast is superlative. The images we typically create for it are flush with symbols of royalty and high priesthood; greatness and grandeur are the order of the day. Nevertheless, the Gospel we hear today reflects none of that. Today's Gospel portrays an apparently impotent Christ: defeated in the eyes of the world and dying in the sight of an impotent or uncaring God. If we ask which of these images, the royal or the shattered, better reflects Christ, we must choose the one from the Scriptures rather than the human imagination.

As we think about the Christian message, especially on a feast like today's, it's too easy to fall into a fairy tale mode and recall Christ the King as the ultimate happily-ever-after story. This flies in the face of the Scriptures. It strips Jesus' death of its depth and risks portraying his love as shallow as that of a prince enchanted by prettiness.

On the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, let us remember the real Jesus: rejected and mocked, he was powerless to stop the violence. Let us remember that he reigned through active love even as he suffered and died. When God raised him, even though he still bore the marks of suffering, it was the love that continued to reign. Faith insists that love is the only power capable of overcoming evil. As living images of our God, it is that love and that alone that we are called to remember and make present again.



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

**Saturday, November 19**

**5pm William & Ellen Jane Adams †**

**Sunday, November 20**

**8am Ray & Veronica (L)**

**10am Rolande Pierre †**

**6:30pm MHR Parishioners**

**Monday, November 21**

**8am Anthony & Cecilia (L)**

**Tuesday, November 22**

**8am Jerone Leff †**

**Wednesday, November 23**

**8am Jack & Gina (L)**

**Thursday, November 24**

**10am Clara Lies †**

**Friday, November 25**

**8am Madie Krois †**

**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.

Christian Healing Prayer Group: Please join us on the first Thursday of each month at 2pm in the Church. Email [markwbass@yahoo.com](mailto:markwbass@yahoo.com) for information.

**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

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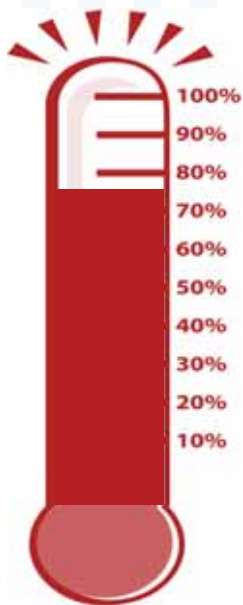
We are in need of additional acolytes (altar servers) for all of our Masses. We will provide you with individual training and an experienced mentor, and you won't be asked to serve until you feel ready. If you'd like to learn more about this important and meaningful ministry, please reach out. Women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

Email [acolytes@mhr.org](mailto:acolytes@mhr.org) if you are interested.



*The Flowers for the altar  
are sponsored  
in loving memory of  
Rolande Pierre.*

*Thanksgiving Day Mass  
November 24th, 2022  
10:00 am*



**Thank you to all who have  
contributed so far to the 2022  
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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

**1PM - 4:00PM**

**ELLARD HALL**

100% of the proceeds from Thailand items sold  
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Students from St. James Catholic School will have their own table as well  
and 100% of the proceeds from items they sell will benefit St. James.

25% of all other items sold benefit the MHR Speakers Fund.

**FEATURED ARTISTS INCLUDE:**

Diane Burns Haussler, Christine Burns, Gracie Mulcrevy & Mary Harden

**SALE ITEMS INCLUDE:**

Trudy's Treasures, Handmade Scented Candles,  
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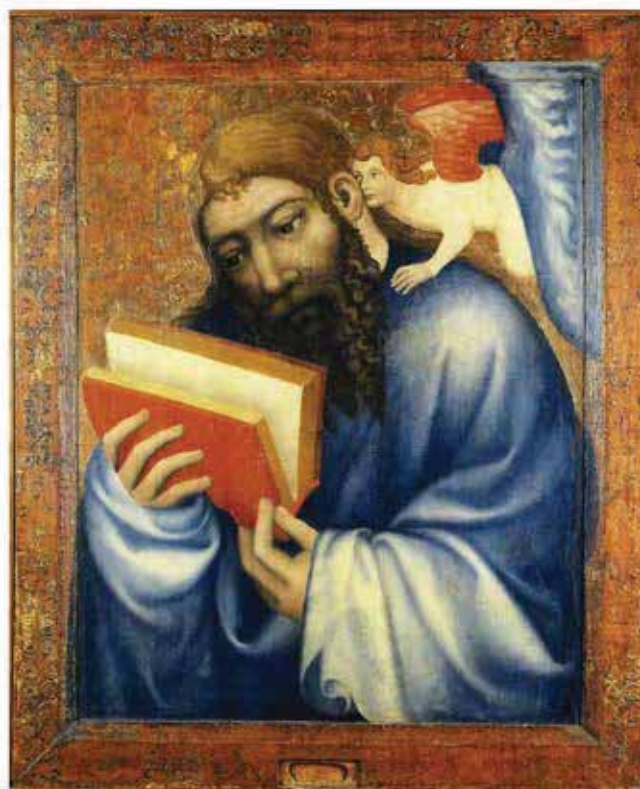


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exploration of the Sunday  
liturgical readings for the entire year.

**Tuesday evenings 7 - 8:30pm**  
**Begins November 22, 2022**



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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,  
email us at: [biblestudy@mhr.org](mailto:biblestudy@mhr.org)



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