

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 6, 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 7

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

Wednesday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 10

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**

Sunday, November 11

**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 October 30**

5pm -	\$170.00
8am -	\$460.00
10am -	\$1,098.00
6:30pm -	\$419.00
Misc. -	\$445.00
<b>Online Giving -</b>	<b>\$1,196.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,788.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>SVDP -</b>	<b>\$1,331.00</b>

**This weekend** there is a second collection for St. Patrick's Seminary. Thank you for your generosity!



**NOVEMBER 7 - 13**

**Monday: Ti. 1:1-9, Lk. 17:1-6**

**Tuesday: Ti. 2:1-8, 11-14, Lk. 17:7-10**

**Wednesday: Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17, Jn. 2:13-22**

**Thursday: Phmn. 7-20, Lk. 17:20-25**

**Friday: 2Jn. 409, Lk. 17:26-37**

**Saturday: 3Jn. 5-8, Lk. 18:1-8**

**Sunday: Mal. 3:19-20a, 2Thes. 3:7-12, Lk. 21:5-19**

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The interchange between Jesus and the Sadducees in today's Gospel could set up a great comedy skit. The backstory for it begins with Deuteronomy 25:5-6, a legal attempt to assure the continuance of a family name and inheritance. Deuteronomy legislated that if a man died without children, his brother should marry the widow to provide continuity for the family name and inheritance.

Added to that is the Sadducees' theological rejection of the idea of personal existence after death (an attitude popular among about 17% of the U.S. population). The Sadducees rejected the idea of eternal life on theological grounds. They believed that God's covenant with Israel assured rewards for the just and punishment for the wicked in this life. To them, hopes for an afterlife expressed a lack of faith in God's effective presence in history. Thus, with Ecclesiastes 9:4, they could say, "A living dog is better off than a dead lion ... the dead no longer know anything ... all memory of them is lost." Unlike contemporary atheists, their materialism was religious in nature.

Now imagine today's scene. Contemporary screenwriters could have a picnic with it! (The background music would almost have to be "I'm Henry the VIII, I Am," by Herman's Hermits, whose bouncy "dancing" emphasized the ridiculousness of the song.) Allowing Jesus to push his critics a step further, the writers could have him ask the legal experts: "What if she gives birth to a son with the seventh? Is he the son of the first? The second? All of them? How many inheritances does the boy get?"

More seriously, what's really at play here, as underlined in the story of the indomitable Maccabean martyrs, is the meaning of human life. Is the meaning of our existence, like that of a dead lion, limited to the years we live as historical bodies? Or do our relationships with God and people past and present indicate that we are more than a temporary composition of living, changing cells? This questioned the Maccabees' belief that remaining true to their faith was not in vain and was more valuable than their earthly life.

In typical fashion, Jesus responded to the Sadducees' challenge about eternal life with a conundrum rather than a straightforward answer, contrasting the children of this and the coming age. This age, what Paul called the realm of the flesh, is limited to material realities. In the context of today's Gospel, this age prioritizes the prolongation of family and fortune. Within that narrow worldview, seven brothers could "take" a woman as an instrument of procreation, inherited by one to the next just like the fields or houses that composed their material legacy. Ultimately, the entire process is nothing more than an impotent protest against the inevitability of death.

According to Jesus, people who live in the domain of the age to come are like angels, immortal children of God. Love and relationships in this realm are understood as infinite gifts, unfettered by frantic efforts to possess or perpetuate an existence over which human beings can exercise no control. The fruitfulness of their love will know no limits of family, clan or nation. Karl Rahner takes up this idea and suggests that in the life of the world to come, we will be lovingly related to the entire universe. Pope Francis' "*Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home" expresses the same idea by explaining that the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ who draws everything toward the fullness that is our destiny (*Laudato Si'*, 100).

Today's readings invite us to journey in reflection from the heroic to the ridiculous to the sublime. After the story of brothers who believed more in God than in death, we hear the Sadducees' fundamentalist objections to the idea of eternal life. Finally, Jesus invites us to open our imaginations to understand life in terms of where we are headed. Rather than depreciate human love or see it as utilitarian, he invites us to perceive the infinite value of every relationship. Pope Francis elaborates on this, saying, "Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 87).

The Liturgy of the Word calls us to open our imaginations and dream of all the love we are capable of receiving and giving. No possession or accomplishment can give us genuine meaning, no legacy will insure our future. While appreciating all that life gives us, Christ urges us not to identify with either the lion or the dog, but with the angels whose breadth of vision leads to rapt tenderness and free involvement with everything that exists. That's how we can rehearse for the life of the age to come.

—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, November 5**

**5pm Rose Pitkethly †**

**Sunday, November 6**

**8am MHR Parishioners**

**10am Lucy & Jerry Lamia †**

**6:30pm Yrbyn Deza (L)**

**Monday, November 7**

**8am**

**Tuesday, November 8**

**8am Peter Hinkle †**

**Wednesday, November 9**

**8am Wednesday Night Suppers**

**Thursday, November 10**

**8am Vincent Colelli †**

**Friday, November 11**

**8am Walter & Pauline Thomas †**

**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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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: 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

**Bill McAuliffe, Danny Rios, Frank Leykamm,  
Joe McDevitt, Angela Nicolella, Fr. Matt Link,  
Karen Kenny, John Maimone, Suzie Chang  
and Ian Orndorff.**

## 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!

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



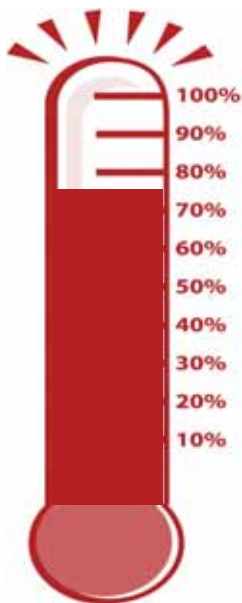
This weekend, please welcome Rev. Joseph Uecker C.P.P.S. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org)

## REV. JOSEPH UECKER, C.P.P.S.



*"I like to think of myself as a key maker, one who makes duplicate keys. All sponsors are keys to unlock the treasure which already exists. God has given the treasure. God seems to be saying, 'What good does it do for me to enrich people with talents and abilities if they are not going to be able to unlock them and put them to use?' WE are that KEY."*

Father Joseph Uecker, a priest of the Kansas City Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, served in parish ministry and taught business and Spanish in a high school seminary. He studied Spanish and business at La Universidad de las Americas in Mexico City which introduced him to Hispanic ministry. Moreover, he traveled to his community's missions in Brazil, Chile, Peru and Argentina learning about other cultures and communities. He has spent most of his priesthood in the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas serving as pastor to a Mexican-American community. He enjoys reading, cooking, and tracking current events.



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

**We have collected \$37,993:**

**75% 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!**



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Get your Flu Shot at MHR!

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass,  
parishioner Joel Alegria, Pharmacist from  
*Walgreens*, will be in the Parish Library  
providing Flu Shots for anyone  
7 years old and over.

Bring your Insurance or Medicare Part D card.  
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