

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## Parish



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2023

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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**Collection - Weekend of February 12**

5pm -	\$258.00
8am -	\$423.00
10am -	\$1,070.00
6:30pm -	\$245.00
Misc. -	\$6265.00
<b>Online Giving -</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,744.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

This weekend there is a second collection for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.  
**Thank you in advance for your support!**

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**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm**

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

**Holy Days: 8am & 7pm**

**Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm**

**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, February 20

**President's Day - Parish office closed**

**Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)**

Wednesday, February 22

**Ash Wednesday - Mass at 8am & 7pm**

**Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm**

Saturday, February 25

**Vigil Mass: 5pm**

Sunday February 26

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

**Join us for Coffee Hour after the 8am & 10am Masses**

**FACE COVERINGS ARE RECOMMENDED.**

**Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass**

**on our MHR Facebook page:**

**[www.facebook.com/mhrsf](https://www.facebook.com/mhrsf)**



**FEBRUARY 20 - 26**

**Monday: Sir. 1:1-10, Mk. 8:14-29**

**Tuesday: Sir. 2:1-11, Mk. 9:30-37**

**Ash Wednesday: Jl. 2:12-18, 2Cor. 5:20-6:2  
Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18**

**Thursday: Dt. 30:15-20, Lk. 9:22-25**

**Friday: Is. 58:1-9a, Mt. 9:14-15**

**Saturday: Is. 58:9b-14, Lk. 5:27-32**

**Sunday: Gn. 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Rom. 5:12-19 or 5:12,  
17-12, Mt. 4:1-11**

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Have you noticed how, after years of being together, some couples actually begin to resemble one another? It's not that they necessarily look alike, but they have gradually conformed to one another — or, better said, they have engaged in a process of mutual co-formation. The same happens to good friends.

We see the shadow side of this phenomenon when "trendsetters" set standards for dress, vocabulary or behavior. We humans are natural mimics — we assume the gestures actions and attitudes of those we admire.

No wonder our creator instructed Moses to tell the Israelites, "Be holy, for I am holy." If we are going to mimic, we can't go wrong with God as our model. That is, unless we misinterpret divine holiness. Our image of God will determine not only our concept of holiness, but also our sense of justice and of what it means to love and live a good life.

As today's Scriptures explore sanctity, what is surprising is that while speaking of holiness, they hardly mention prayer or sacrifice. They emphasize relationships. Our selection from Leviticus describes holiness as an attitude of heart. It tells us that we encounter holiness in people who have learned to free themselves from attitudes that reject and judge others.

It's not that we have to agree with what another says or does; rather, we need to avoid responding to wickedness by mirroring it with anger or grudges, or even the hope that God will wreak vengeance on evildoers. No, as the psalm says, God is kind and merciful, never cherishing the memory of our wrongdoing.

This leads us to the Gospel, a continuation of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Now we hear one of the most dangerously misinterpreted teachings of the entire New Testament. Where our translation says, "Offer no resistance to one who is evil," theologian Walter Wink tells us that the original says something more like, "Do not counter evil in kind." That actually restates the Leviticus injunction that although we may need to reprove others, we should not incur sin because of them.

In case that was not clear enough, Jesus unfurled his ironic sense of humor to offer practical examples that have been misinterpreted for centuries.

His teaching about turning the other cheek is quite specific. According to Matthew, Jesus said, if someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other. Far from a call to succumb to abuse, Jesus is talking to a right-handed society in which the only way to strike a person on the right cheek was a backhanded slap — a gesture that's more demeaning than physically harmful.

Jesus was really saying, "Don't let anyone slap you as if you were beneath them. Turn the other cheek to say, I am your equal and more because I will not lower myself to your standard." The other two examples follow suit. The only person who would go to law over a tunic was a lender whose client was so poor that he/she had nothing except their outer garment to offer as collateral. Although Exodus 22:25-25 demands that the lender return the tunic at night because it served as the poor person's blanket, the wealthy could call for a judgment against the debtor. Then, the debtor without recourse could do no more than strip off his/her inner garment (read underwear), to show the world how a justice system leaves the poor naked while awarding the rich what they don't need.

Finally, Roman soldiers could force citizens of an occupied country carry their pack for exactly 1 mile and no more. When the conscript offers to carry it further, the bully finds himself in the embarrassing position of pleading that the favor not be done, lest he be severely punished for abuse.

Each of these describes a clever way to love the enemy. Instead of fighting back on evil's terms, Jesus called his followers to maintain their dignity in the face of injustice and invite their oppressors to become more human. Blessed are we to have seen examples of such love in people like Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

Jesus ended this part of his preaching saying, "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." That restates God's word through Moses, "Be holy, for I your God am holy." With this, we get a glimpse of how God's holiness in action is both creative and redemptive.

Jesus' examples of relational holiness came from his day-to-day experience. Our challenge is to imitate their cleverness in our own time and circumstances.

Such creative holiness in action does not come to us naturally. First, we must continually contemplate his ways so that we can gradually conform to his example. Then, with the help of his Spirit, we too can learn to practice creative love of our enemies.—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, NCR Contributor*



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

**Saturday, February 18**

5pm Joseph Poma †

**Sunday, February 19**

8am Alma Arlene Myers †

10am

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

**Monday, February 20**

8am Benedicto Deza †

**Tuesday, February 21**

8am Thomas Foley †

**Wednesday, February 22**

8am Jogie Lyn Malikski (L)

7pm

**Thursday, February 23**

8am

**Friday, February 24**

8am Dan Ryan †

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).

Prayer Requests

Jerry Anderson, Ino Austria, Emmerson Chin, Rodolfo Cruz Baclig, Bob Barcewski, Joseph Bielanski, Christine Burns, Anna Bycholski, Earl Chan, Joseph D'Amato, Joy Chase Dickey, Paul Erickson, Carol Furtado, Eileen Gayton, Mary Geracimos, Stella Grivas, Wallace Greene, Marcia Gruskin, Michael Hardy, Serge Hubert, Donald Jones, Pete Kondashoff, Liz Kovack, David Kossman, Jack & Louise Lamdin, Doug Lawrence, Jill Laufenberg, Al Leftcourt, Michael Leonard, Joseph Lona, David Magna, Phil Martin, Rodrigo Quintanilla, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Edgar Matthews, Michael Mitchell, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Michael Motherway, Doris Nassal, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Jeremy Nickel, Modesta Orque, Maureen O'Sullivan, Rodrigo Quintanilla, Lorena Santos, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Jim Stockholm, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Ryan Zuniga, †Maria Brann† and †Warren Lubicht†.



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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 Group: Meetings are on hiatus. 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.**



### Most Holy Redeemer HIV/AIDS Support Group

**Volunteers Needed:** If you have 1-2 hours a week and can help with one of these needs, please call the Support Group office for more information (863-6259 xt10) or email: [asg@mhr.org](mailto:asg@mhr.org).

A man who uses a wheelchair and lives in ParkMerced (near Stonestown & SF State) is looking for someone to visit and occasionally go to movies.

A man in his 60s, living on Fillmore near McAllister, is looking for company. He is interested in watching movies, science-fiction, and Buddhism. Good listening skills are required.



### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

**Michael Lynch, Michelle Forshner, Rebecca Sweet,  
Erika Amaya, Bob Olszewski and Lou Montoya.**

### GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-2024

MHR is currently working on next years giving envelopes for Jul 2023 – Jun 2024. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please email Mike Poma at [mpoma@mhr.org](mailto:mpoma@mhr.org).

If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let Mike know as well.

Some give via our on-line giving portal VANCO. If you give using this method and would like to receive envelopes to remind you of upcoming second collections, please, let Mike know.

In any case, THANK YOU for your generosity and continued support of Most Holy Redeemer and its many ministries.



**Thank you to all the bakers and buyers and donors for the Pre-Valentine Bake and Succulent sale last Sunday. Because of your generosity we received \$1,056 in donations for the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose for their ministry and work at Cristo Rey Academy and St. James School. This little parish of MHR continues to do big things !!**

#### MHR PEACE AND JUSTICE CORNER



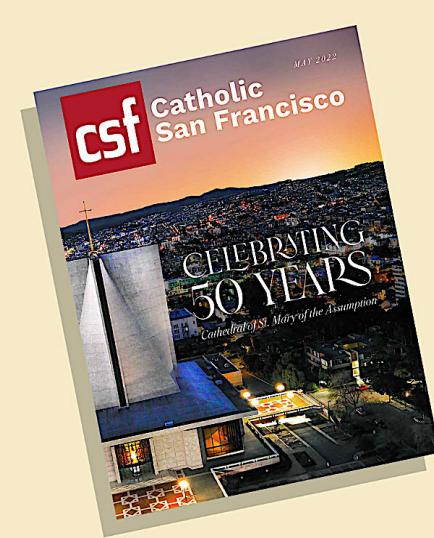
rial square, built in collaboration with MASS Design Group. The memorial experience continues through the civil rights era made visible with a sculpture by Dana King dedicated to the women who sustained the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Finally, the memorial journey ends with contemporary issues of police violence and racially biased criminal justice expressed in a final work created by Hank Willis Thomas.

The memorial displays writing from Toni Morrison and Elizabeth Alexander, words from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and a reflection space in honor of Ida B. Wells. —*Equal Justice Initiative, eij.org*

Visit <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/memorial> for more information.

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama, was conceived with the hope of creating a sober, meaningful site where people can gather and reflect on America's history of racial inequality. EJI partnered with artists like Kwame Akoto-Bamfo whose sculpture on slavery confronts visitors when they first enter the memorial. EJI then leads visitors on a journey from slavery, through lynching and racial terror, with text, narrative, and monuments to the lynching victims in America. In the center of the site, visitors will encounter a memo-





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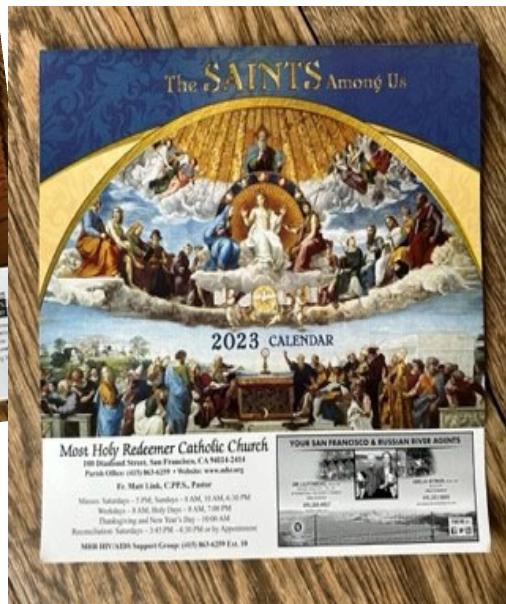
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