

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 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!



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
100 Diamond Street
San Francisco, California
415-863-6259
www.mhr.org

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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, April 17

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 19

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Saturday, April 22

Vigil Mass - 8pm

Sunday April 23

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



APRIL 17 - 23

Monday: Acts 4:23-31, Jn. 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, Jn. 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, Jn. 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, Jn. 6:1-15

Friday: Acts 5:34-42, Jn. 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21, Jn. 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1Pt. 1:17-21,

Lk. 24:13-35



Collection - Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday - \$4,800.00

Good Friday - \$428.00

Easter - \$12,833.00

Project Rice Bowl - \$1,525.00

Thank you for your amazing support!

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Mercy. What are we asking for when we ask for God's mercy? Because we use the word during the penitential rite in our Eucharist, we often think of the plea for mercy as a petition for forgiveness, but that's not at all what the Scriptures tell us.

Not only that, but the word mercy (*e/eos* in Greek) is nowhere near as common in the Gospels as we might think. While John never used the word, Luke might be its champion with about 10 references to the mercy of God and Jesus or the good Samaritan and the prodigal father. In today's Scriptures, the only time we hear the word is in 1 Peter which praises God for showing us mercy by giving us new birth through the Resurrection.

What it comes down to is that mercy is an action, not an emotion. If we look to Luke's human examples, we first see mercy was what the Samaritan did as he risked his life and put his goods at the service of a person in need. In the father and son story, the father practiced mercy by embracing his son and throwing a party for him. (Although the wayward son talked about sin, the father said absolutely nothing about sin or forgiveness — that was the role of the older brother.) Mercy is thus a concrete and generous response to another's need. This leads us to ask what today's readings tell us about divine mercy.

Today's Gospel takes place on the evening of the day of the resurrection when Jesus appeared in the midst of the disciples. Although classical artworks depict this scene with Jesus and the 11, there is no reason to assume that the group, like that at the Last Supper, did not include other women and men. John takes care to remind us that it was evening and the doors were locked. It was as if, after seeing Jesus' empty tomb, the disciples had made a sepulcher of their own meeting place. They who had mourned his death had become like the living dead, ashamed of their cowardice, afraid, and unable to believe Mary of Magdala's announcement that she had "seen the Lord" (John 20:18).

John tells us that Jesus came and stood among them. Earlier, Mary of Magdala had sought him. Now Jesus sought out the disciples. To Mary, he had said, "Do not cling to me ... but go and tell my brothers 'I am going to my Father and your Father.' " By saying this, Jesus handed over his mission, authorizing Mary as the first Christian apostle. Later, when he came to the disciples, the mission he handed over was more than a simple proclamation: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

Whether in the garden cemetery or the locked room, Jesus' appearances were not just revelations of the resurrection; they aimed at transforming disciples into apostles. Jesus expressed his active mercy by breathing into them the Holy Spirit, the vital principle of his own life. Jesus mentioned nothing of their failure to stand with him, rather, like the father who restored his wayward son as an heir, Jesus gave them his mission: specifically, a mission of forgiveness.

This tells us not only about mercy, but also about forgiveness. If we think about it, Jesus never focused on sin. He mightily criticized people who denigrated or excluded others, but sin was never his focus. For Jesus, acts of mercy restored people, empowering them to live the fullness of their potential. In the long run, that asks much more of people than simply being sorry for sin.

Where does this leave us on Divine Mercy Sunday? Peter seems to summarize it as he tells us, "Rejoice in the God who gives you new birth to living hope." It's too easy, almost egoistic, to dwell on our failings and feel sorry. The God who proclaimed that sacrifices "have become a burden to me" (Jeremiah 6:20) has no need or desire for our sadness, but beseeches us, "Let justice surge like a river" (Amos 5:24).

On this Sunday, Mary and the other disciples would probably tell us, "Be careful about asking for God's mercy! It comes with the uncomfortable grace of a vocation." After the Resurrection, the church is irrevocably called out of hiding and into mission. Pope Francis tells us to abandon fear of mistakes, but instead to fear "remaining shut up within structures ... rules ... habits ... while at our door people are starving" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 49).

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, can we be bold enough to ask for and act out divine mercy?
—*Sr. Mary M. McGlone, National Catholic Reporter Contributor*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, April 15

8pm Laura Records †

Sunday, April 16

8am Bill Mathews †

10am William McGrath †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, April 17

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Tuesday, April 18

8am Julien Bettina Villena (L)

Wednesday, April 19

8am Patrick & Josephine Hargadon †

Thursday, April 20

8am Bernie Banonis †

Friday, April 21

Patricia Granito †

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.



Jerry Anderson, Ino Austria, Rodolfo Cruz Baclig, Michael Baker, Bob Barcewski, Laura Barrera, Nancy Boyd, Joseph Bielanski, Anna Bycholski, Rodolfo Degala, Joy Chase Dickey, Kris Eichorn, Marilyn Flynn, Barbara Frey, Carol Furtado, Torchy Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Mary Geracimos, Stella Grivas, Wallace Greene, Marcia Gruskin, Serge Hubert, Donald Jones, Kenny Kehoe, Jill Laufenberg, Michael Leonard, Patricia Ligos, Christine Maierhofer, Anne McDermott, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Michael Mitchell, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Peggy Myers, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Modesta Orque, Pamela Pope, Meme Riordan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Pamela Pope, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Sr. Teresita Weind, Ryan Zuniga, †Algia Lee†, †John Melby†, †Carlos Rodriguez†, †Tina Salinas† and †Michael Zanon†.



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

Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.
Email 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 for login and for more information.

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

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

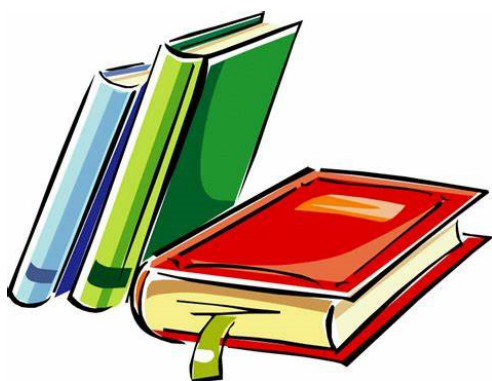


MOST HOLY REDEEMER HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

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.

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.



LIBRARY CORNER

The parish library is featuring several books in accord with the this month's Peace and Social Justice focus on GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE. Among others, these include "The Climate Book" by Greta Thunberg; "Laudato Si" by Pope Francis; "Ask the Beasts" by Elizabeth Johnson, and many more.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Karl Lopez, Erik Lopez, Oliver Galupo, Jorge Guerra,
Donald Norton, Ron Walent, Tom Notaro, David Kaye,
Ryan Bloom, Marc Levin, Bob Damron, Robert Frey,
Fidel Chavoya and Micah Rivera.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

CLIMATE CHANGE is our theme for this month's Peace and Social Justice focus, and while Pope Francis has frequently spoken about climate change during his decade-long leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, not all Catholics in the United States share his concerns, it turns out. The Pew Research Organization, known for its expertise in polling on religious issues and practices here in the US, has put together a study on how our fellow Catholics think and feel about the issues, and not surprisingly, our views as US Catholics vary by political affiliation, race and ethnicity, and age.

Some of their findings:

In addition, Catholics ages 18 to 49 are somewhat more likely than Catholics ages 50 and older to express a high level of concern about climate change (61% vs. 53%).

Broadly speaking, Catholics are no more likely than Americans overall to view climate change as a serious problem. An identical share in each group say global climate change is either an extremely or very serious problem (57%).

But views among Catholics differ, reflecting similar splits in the wider U.S. population. U.S. adults who are 49 or younger, Democratic, or identify as a race or ethnicity other than non-Hispanic White are generally more likely than those who are 50 or older, Republican, or White to express concern about climate change.

Among U.S. adults overall, opinion about climate change is strongly tied to political partisanship. Democrats and Democratic leaners are far more likely than Republicans and Republican leaners to say that global climate change is an extremely or very serious problem (83% vs. 25%). This gap underlies much of the apparent differences in views among religious groups, including Catholics. Generally speaking, U.S. Catholics are politically evenly divided. But Catholics who are White or older are far more likely than those who are Hispanic or younger to be Republican.

Partisan and demographic differences in Catholics' views of climate change extend to other environment-related topics, too. For example, just over half of Catholics (54%) say the Earth is warming mostly due to human activity – in line with the pope's stance. A quarter say it is mostly warming due to natural patterns, while 9% say there is no solid evidence the planet is getting warmer. Catholics who are Democratic, younger or Hispanic are far more likely than those who are Republican, older or White to say the Earth is mostly warming due to human activity.

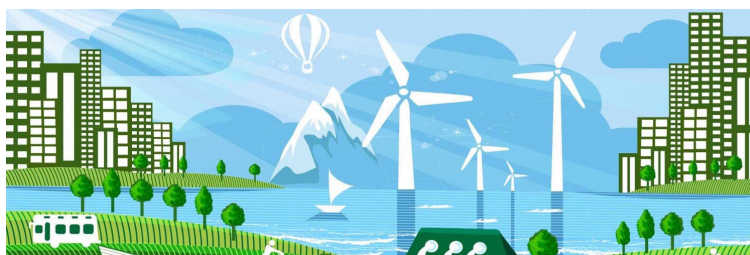
Among those who attend religious services at least monthly, U.S. Catholics indicate that climate change is not discussed frequently from the pulpit. About one-in-ten (8%) say there is a great deal or quite a bit of discussion on climate change in sermons, while 50% say there is either some or a little discussion of it. About four-in-ten (41%) regular Mass attenders say there is no discussion of climate change.

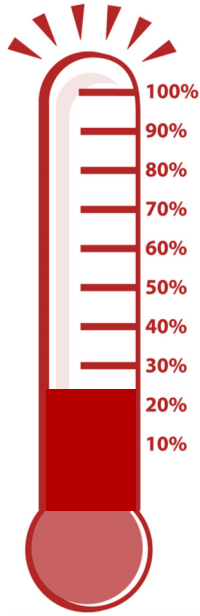
Overall, 58% of Catholic service attenders say there is at least a little discussion of climate change in sermons, similar to the share of mainline Protestant attenders (62%), and much higher than the share of evangelical Protestant attenders who report this (40%).

Among Catholics who attend Mass at least monthly, 36% say they have heard at least a little about climate change in sermons and that those sermons always or often express the view that “we have a duty to care for God's creation.” Smaller shares say sermons at their congregation always or often express “support for actions to limit the effects of climate change” (23%); “concern that policies aimed at reducing climate change give too much power to the government” (9%); or “the view that we don't need to worry about climate change” (8%).

To read the whole study: <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2022/11/17/how-religion-intersects-with-americans-views-on-the-environment/>

And if you interested in joining our Most Holy Redeemer Peace and Social Justice Network group on Facebook, drop an email to socialjustice@mhr.org to get a link to join and participate online.





**Thank you to all who have
contributed so far to the 2023
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!**

We already have collected \$13,648:

24% of our goal of \$55,000!

You can make a one-time donation or set up
recurring donations at **www.mhr.org** by clicking
on the donation button or by using the pamphlets
located in the church entrance.

Thank you for your amazing support!

“Active Shooter Basic Training Class”

In-person class provided by **Castro Community On Patrol** and **Community Patrol Service**

APRIL 20, 2023 7pm to 9pm

Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114

The LGBTQI+ community is always a likely target of violence from many factions in society today, and as history has clearly shown, mass casualty events are something everyone should consider, plan around, prepare for, and in the worst case scenario, be ready to respond to.

Community Patrol Service (CPS) in cooperation with Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP), a program of SF Safety Awareness For Everyone (SAFE), have developed this classroom lecture formatted introduction to the concepts of planning and preparing for the possibility of an Active Shooter or Terrorist Incident.

The training will introduce safety concepts and recommend some simple steps for you, your loved ones, and the overall community to consider should you find yourself in this "worst of situations." This training is particularly focused on individual community members and is suitable for anyone.

Registration: **<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-shooter-basic-training-class-tickets-597253751047>**