

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 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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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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Collection -	Week of April 16
Saturday 5pm -	\$450.00
Sunday 8am -	\$478.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,140.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$114.00
Misc. -	\$870.00
Online Giving -	\$793.00
Total -	\$3,845.00
Budgeted -	\$4500.00

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Home Missions.

Thank you for your generous support!

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

APRIL 24 - 30, 2023

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, April 24

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 26

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Saturday, April 29

Vigil Mass - 5pm

Sunday April 30

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 24 - 30

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

How many times have you told a family story only to have a sibling say, "I don't remember it that way at all!" (That is actually a very nice rendition of what often happens.) Memory shapes our perspective without our willing it. If my brother used to scare me by pulling a mouse out of his pocket, I'm going to react when I see him approaching with a grin and a hand in his pocket. If he should then hand me a gift card, my future expectations might be different.

Today's readings are all about perspective. The Gospel tells the story of two disciples whose perspective threw them into blind grief. As Jesus, the stranger, walked with them, they described him as a failed messiah — assuming that everyone assessed the situation as they did. Jesus listened to it all, allowing them to vent their desolation as they walked along.

Then, in the way only a close friend can do, he shook them out of their stupor with an all-too-familiar, loving reproach: "You dunderheads! How long did you walk with Jesus without learning anything? Have you forgotten all he said about dying and rising — that all of Scripture teaches God's love cannot be overcome? Let's take it

Finally, sitting at table with them, he explained it all again in one gesture. He took bread and blessed and broke it, reminding them that giving oneself totally for others is God's route to the fullness of life.

Peter taught something similar in his Pentecost reprise of the mystery of Jesus. Peter recounted the historical events as everyone knew them. He then proclaimed that all that happened to and through Jesus was part of the process of accomplishing the divine plan for the world.

Having reminded them of Jesus' goodness, his rejection, death and resurrection, Peter summarized it all saying, "It was impossible for him to be held by death."

Luke the evangelist gave us these two different renditions of the same story. For the early church, it was a story they heard from participants (who probably each had their own version). Ultimately, the story is that, in Christ, the Holy Spirit is filling Earth and her inhabitants. But, as we and the Emmaus travelers know only too well, it takes a long time for Jesus' followers to understand that.

And so, for us? Because this is the weekend of Earth Day 2023, we might listen long and carefully to one particular line from the first letter of Peter. He says, "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourn."

The author wrote that nearly 2,000 years ago. We hear a modern rendition of it today as Pope Francis tells us in "[Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home](#)" to show reverence for every bit of creation because "it is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet."

Peter told his audience that the people of his time failed to recognize that Jesus was sent by God in spite of the good he did. The travelers to Emmaus didn't recognize the risen Christ as he walked with them until he prayed with them. Until the 19th century, most Christians accepted slavery as a natural state for some people — until they knew they had to change the laws. When humans accept new perspectives, they must put them into action.

Today, in *Laudato Si'*, Francis makes an extraordinary claim as he invites us to recognize all of creation as "a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness." He adds that, for Christians, "the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ."

Just as people of Jesus' day missed the point, many today remain unaware or insufficiently concerned about how we are shaping the future of our planet. While the crisis of Earth is but one of the ways in which God's plan for the future is being thwarted, with the exception of nuclear warfare no other evil compares to the possibility that all life on Earth could be snuffed out as a result of human carelessness or apathy.

Jesus invited the Emmaus disciples to see through his eyes. Francis does the same in *Laudato Si'* as he calls Christians to "an 'ecological conversion,' whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them."

He adds, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not ... optional." The early Christians had to develop a new perspective. How are we called to do the same? —*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 22

8pm Timothy Zuniga-Kenny †

Sunday, April 23

8am George Monds †

10am Carlo Mazzaferro †

6:30pm MHR Parishioners

Monday, April 24

8am

Tuesday, April 25

8am

Wednesday, April 26

8am Josephine Hargadon †

Thursday, April 27

8am Ronie Arndt †

Barbara Frey (L)

Friday, April 28

8am Maria Teresita Deza (L)

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, Anna Bycholski, Rodolfo Degala, Fr. Bill Delaney, Joy Chase Dickey, Kris Eichorn, Marilyn Flynn, Barbara Frey, Carol Furtado, Torchy Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Stella Grivas, Wallace Greene, Marcia Gruskin, Zoe Holler, Serge Hubert, Donald Jones, Kenny Kehoe, Michael Leonard, Patricia Ligos, Christine Maierhofer, Anne McDermott, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Peggy Myers, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Pamela Pope, Meme Riordan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Pamela Pope, Roger Schachtel, Bobby Schulte, Bob Schultz, Gregory Dake Schultz, Annie & Nok Sojka, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Sr. Teresita Weind, Ryan Zuniga, †Fr. Bill McCain† and †Carlos Rodriguez†.



COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

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.

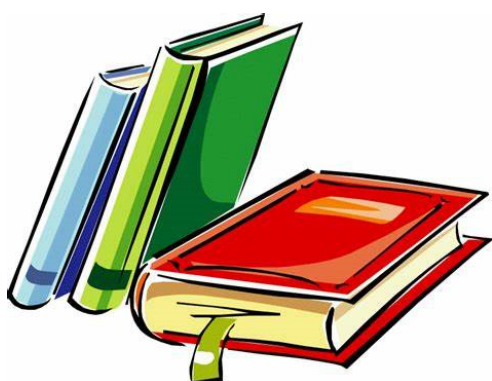


MOST HOLY REDEEMER HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

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

**Charles Spina, Mary Ann Sullivan, Thess Deza,
David Dupree, Keith Gatto, and Ann Sulit.**

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

April's Peace and Social Justice Theme is CLIMATE CHANGE. While Pope Francis has spent these last ten years of his papacy focusing on the issue, did you know our own US Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on our religious and spiritual obligation to pay attention to climate change way back *in 2001*? Some excerpts from their statement entitled "Global Climate Change A Plea for Dialogue Prudence and the Common Good" emphasized the spiritual virtue of prudence in doing whatever we can, individually and collectively, to care for God's creation.

"As people of faith, we are convinced that "the earth is the Lord's and all it holds" (Ps 24:1). Our Creator has given us the gift of creation: the air we breathe, the water that sustains life, the fruits of the land that nourish us, and the entire web of life without which human life cannot flourish. All of this God created and found "very good." We believe our response to global climate change should be a sign of our respect for God's creation.

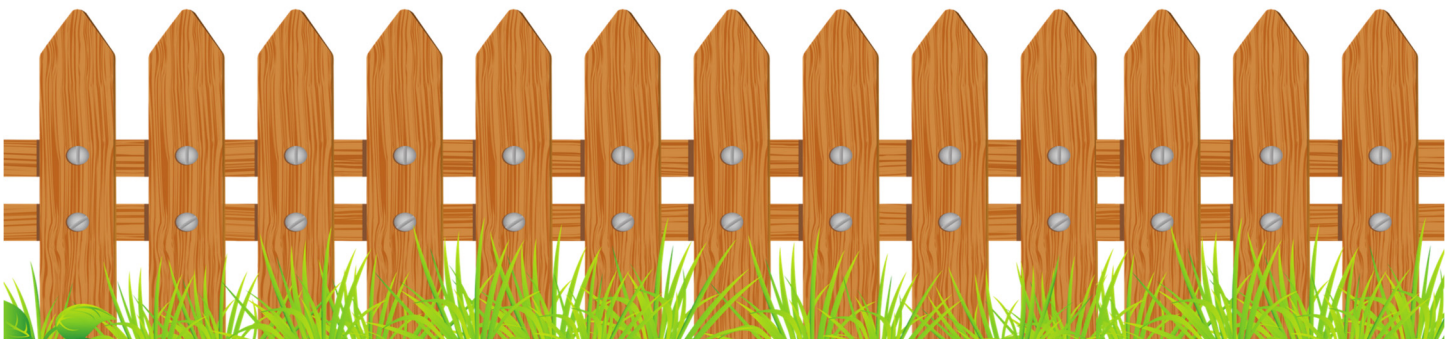
Responsible scientific research is always careful to recognize uncertainty and is modest in its claims. Yet over the past few decades, the evidence of global climate change and the emerging scientific consensus about the human impact on this process have led many governments to reach the conclusion that they need to invest time, money, and political will to address the problem through collective international action.

The virtue of prudence is paramount in addressing climate change. This virtue is not only a necessary one for individuals in leading morally good lives, but is also vital to the moral health of the larger community. Prudence is intelligence applied to our actions. It allows us to discern what constitutes the common good in a given situation. Prudence requires a deliberate and reflective process that aids in the shaping of the community's conscience. Prudence not only helps us identify the principles at stake in a given issue, but also moves us to adopt courses of action to protect the common good. Prudence is not, as popularly thought, simply a cautious and safe approach to decisions. Rather, it is a thoughtful, deliberate, and reasoned basis for taking or avoiding action to achieve a moral good."

Read the whole statement online at:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/global-climate-change-plea-dialogue-prudence-and-common-good>

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.





St. James School at Most Holy Redeemer Church



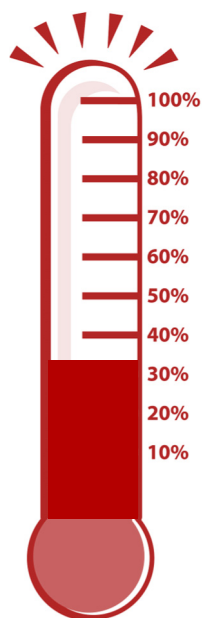
We are all so grateful for
the Annual MHR Lenten
School Supply Drive

BIG THANK YOU

Most Holy Redeemer Parish



Thank you for your prayers & supplies.
God Bless you all.
Love, the Students, Teachers, and families
of St. James Catholic School



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

We already have collected \$18,735:
33% of our goal of \$56,000!

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!