

MOST HOLY REDEEMER *Parish*



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 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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San Francisco, California
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THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

MAY 1ST - 7TH, 2023

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday, May 1

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 3

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Saturday, May 6

Vigil Mass - 5pm

Sunday May 7

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



Collection -	Week of April 23
Saturday 5pm -	\$194.00
Sunday 8am -	\$396.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,226.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$127.00
Misc. -	\$300.00
Online Giving -	\$1,728.00
Total -	\$3,971.00
Budgeted -	\$4500.00
Catholic Home Missions -	\$885.00

This weekend there is a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul. **Next weekend** there will be a second collection for the MHR ASG.
Thank you for your continued support!



MAY 1 - 7

Monday: Acts 11:1-18, Jn. 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, Jn. 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1Cor. 15:1-8, Jn. 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, Jn. 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33, Jn. 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-51, Jn. 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7, 1Pt. 2:4-9, Jn. 14:1-12

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The spring season refreshes, revives and reinvigorates the natural world. Remnants of winter snows melt away, streams swell with runoff, days become longer as nights grow shorter, flowers blossom and baby birds fledge.

Is it no wonder that the liturgical season of Easter occurs during the season of spring? The newness of life so lush during these two seasons invites us to reconsider the image of the divine as shepherd presented in this Sunday's responsorial psalm and the Gospel reading of John.

These seasons of new life also invite us to reconsider the theology of sacrifice and the theology of the cross presented in the second reading from 1 Peter and embedded in the Christian tradition.

It is time to press the "refresh" button on these three topics.

The image of the divine as a good shepherd in Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10 is a beloved one. But as beloved as the image of shepherd and sheep is among biblical readers, the metaphors are problematic. Comparing the divine to a shepherd and people to sheep sets up a hierarchical relationship between humans and the divine and reduces the intelligence of humans who, if like sheep, will always be dependent, subservient and deprived of full agency.

Heard in the context of the Roman Catholic Church today, where bishops and other Vatican officials view themselves as "shepherds," the reading supports their efforts and expectations to have people follow them unreservedly.

Hence, new images for the human-divine relationship need to come to the fore. Of note, the Gospel reading reflects a pre-Resurrection time, whereas the Lukan narrative that describes the walk to Emmaus, featuring Christ walking with the two people on the road, is a post-Resurrection narrative. We are post-Resurrection, and even post-Pentecost people.

The second reading, 1 Peter 2:20b-25, depicts Peter preaching to the early Christians and expounding on the suffering endured by Christ, to the point of crucifixion. Peter the preacher affirms Christ's suffering, connects it to the call and mission of being a Christian, encourages people to suffer as Christ suffered, and challenges people to follow in Christ's footsteps.

Christianity has long maintained that Christ's suffering is vicarious, that Jesus was a substitution who was punished to pay for humanity's sins and reconcile humanity to God. The cross, then, becomes the ultimate sacrifice for atonement.

The message preached by Peter and read during the Easter season is not good news. Embedded in Peter's understanding of suffering and the cross is the inherent support for violence.

Christ's crucifixion understood as vicarious suffering is nothing to be celebrated and certainly not to be "spiritualized." The Roman occupying power is inscribed into the divine story of salvation that then idealizes the victim of a totalitarian regime. The victim's suffering is then interpreted by Peter the preacher as a sacrifice of salvation.

This preaching is re-inscribed into the minds and beliefs of preachers throughout the centuries who, in turn, preach this reality as if it is good news and the fulfillment of the Christian vocation. Guilty parties responsible for the crucifixion of an innocent person are not held accountable, and the acceptance of this suffering, now looked upon as a redemptive act, normalizes violence and encourages the acceptance of structures and attitudes that create victims. These structures and attitudes continue to exist and go unchecked and uncriticized. The seasons of spring and Easter invite us to become liberated from toxic theology whose spiritual effects anesthetize us to unjust crucifixions happening daily in our world today.

This season of life beckons us to choose life, to do our internal spring cleaning and gardening, to leave no stone unturned, to uproot and root out oppressive religious images theologies, so that room can be made for the Spirit to transform internally and externally our belief systems and their related structures.

—Carol J. Dempsey, Ph.D., Dominican Sister from Caldwell, New Jersey and professor of biblical studies at the University of Portland, Oregon



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

Saturday, April 29

8pm

Sunday, April 30

8am MHR Parishioners

10am Maria Paz Del Rosario Santa Maria †

6:30pm Stephen Cawley †

Monday, May 1

8am Patricia Zuniga (L)

Tuesday, May 2

8am Patricia J. Hargadon †

Wednesday, May 3

8am Christine Joy Peralta (L)

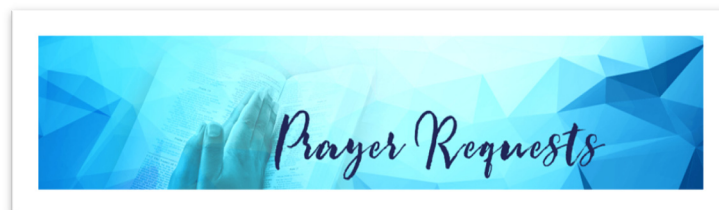
Thursday, May 4

8am Charles McClamma †

Friday, May 5

8am

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, Michael Dunn, 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, Hugh Mallaney, Anne McDermott, Ronald & Sharon Martinkus, Matt McCabe, 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, Tom & Carolyn Sherry, Annie & Nok Sojka, Joseph & Mary Vouglas, Maureen Vouglas, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Sr. Teresita Weind, Ryan Zuniga and †Margaret Meffert†.



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LIFE

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

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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

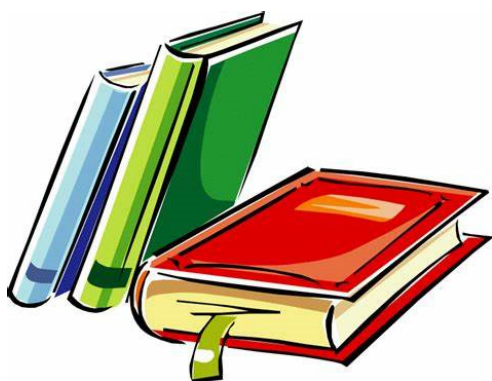


Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to call, visit and/or help our people. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

A Couple in ParkMerced: Two men are looking for some housecleaning help.
Spanish-speaker on Cathedral Hill: A gentleman in his 70s is looking for someone fluent in Spanish to visit.

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.

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

**Philip Solodkin, Deirdre Ryan-Booth,
Philip Buonadonna, Ed Pon, John Felicetti, Steven Allen,
Donald Rizzi, Hugh Mallaney, Mykel Ferrantino,
Molly Ramos, John Kennedy and Brendan Dooley.**

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

In California, two young Catholics at the forefront of climate and environmental conversations and activism:

In fall of 2021, the California Conference of Catholic Bishops made the exciting decision to participate in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, sending a clear message about the importance of creation care. Among those California Catholics are Elizabeth Johnstone and Bori Kozek, two of the many young people at the forefront of climate and environmental conversations and activism in the state.



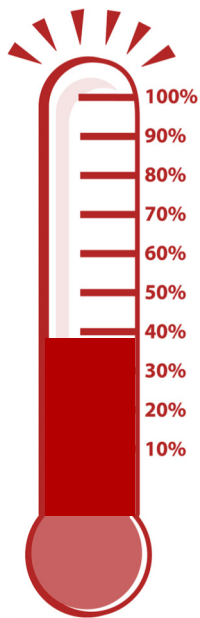
Elizabeth Johnstone (left) is a tenth grader in Santa Monica, California where she is an active member of the St. Monica Green Team. Elizabeth was instrumental in planning St. Monica's Youth Climate Summit which took place in October 2021. The summit brought together more than 50 middle and high school students from the greater Los Angeles area who were passionate about environmental justice and the Church's response to climate change.

Bori Kozek (right) was born and raised a few hours north of Santa Monica in Berkeley, California, and she graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences and a minor in Global Poverty and Practice. Bori recently spent a year at the young adult discipleship school at the Chemin Neuf community, a Catholic charismatic community in France. She is passionate about environmental education and is particularly interested in making educational videos as a creative expression for ecological justice. Next year she will begin a Master's degree program at a Jesuit University in Paris studying philosophy, theology and *Laudato Si'*.



To read the whole article: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/news/california-two-young-catholics-forefront-climate-and-environmental-conversations-and-activism>

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.

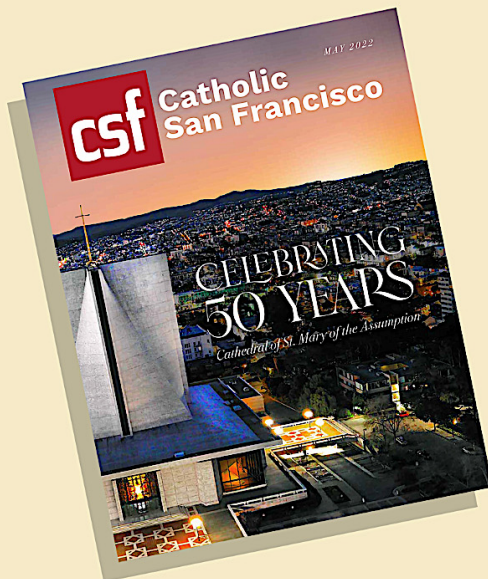


Thank you to all who have
contributed so far to the 2023
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

**We already have collected \$21,817:
39% 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.

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A History of the Cathedral complete
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