

Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 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.



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Stewardship

Week of May 7, 2023 Collection -Saturday 5pm -\$205.00 Sunday 8am -\$278.00 Sunday 10am -\$1,583.00 Sunday 6:30pm -\$237.00 Misc. -\$580.00 Online Giving -\$1.740.00 Total -\$4,623.00 **Budgeted -**\$4,500.00 ASG -\$1,400.00

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Charities/CYO.

Thank you for your generosity!

**CURRENT WORSHIP HOURS** 

Daily Mass: M - F 8am

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

May 15-21, 2023

**Daily Mass** 

Monday - Friday 8:00am

**Monday** 

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

**Saturday** 

Vigil Mass - 5pm

Sunday

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



MAY 15 - 21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15, Jn. 15:26-16a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34, Jn. 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15,22-18:1, Jn. 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8, Jn. 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:19-18, Jn. 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28, Jn. 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14, 1Pt. 4:13-16,

Jn. 17:1-11a

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In today's selection from Acts, we meet Philip the Evangelist. He was one of the first deacons, but more than that, he was a missionary and the <u>father of four prophet/missionary daughters</u>. Although it might seem that Philip's preaching in Samaria offered little in the realm of "foreign" missions, history suggests that the opposite may be true.

The Jews and Samaritans shared ancient roots and the kind of long-term animosities that only happen among closely related groups. Thus, Philip, a Hellenist (Jew with a Greek heritage), ventured into adversarial territory, hoping he could get a better hearing than would a Hebrew Christian.

The reason this selection appears in today's Liturgy of the Word is primarily its mention of how the Holy Spirit came upon the people who had begun believing in Jesus. Historically, this reveals something of the development of faith in Christ and the Trinity. In this story, as in <u>Acts 19</u>, we hear of a variety of baptismal practices. There was the baptism of John for metanoia — the new outlook necessary to recognize the reign of God. Philip's baptism, performed in the name of Jesus, ritualized belief in Christ and his resurrection.

Finally, baptism was done in the name of the Trinity (<u>Matthew 28:19-20</u>). Peter and John's completion of baptism in Samaria, calling down the Spirit, symbolized full reconciliation and unity among Jewish and Samaritan Christians.

We see that Acts insists that those who were baptized with John's ritual (Acts 19) or simply in the name of Jesus needed something more. When Jesus was no longer humanly present among them, they needed the gift of his Spirit in order to participate in the life of the risen Christ.

Today's Gospel selection from <u>Jesus' last discourse</u> follows directly on last week's and deals with the situation disciples would face when the human Jesus was no longer among them. Orienting them about how they were to live, Jesus explained, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

That is no dry injunction to obey; Jesus refers here to the depths of the covenant and his people's daily prayer (<u>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</u>). To *keep* the commandments is, <u>in the words of Jesuit theologian Silvano Fausti</u>, to put into action what flows from "the love of a heart that knows it is loved."

In spite of Jesus' love, the disciples knew their own weakness. Jesus recognized their anxiety and promised, "I will not leave you orphans." Helping them face his coming absence, he didn't set up any structure for them, but promised, "I will ask the father ... [for] another Paraclete to be with you always."

The word, "another," implies that the coming Spirit would act as he had among them: leading and teaching them. He took that to a new, unfathomable depth by promising, "I live and you will live ... You will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

This promise, repeated in a variety of ways in this discourse, means that disciples can live like Jesus did. As Jesus speaks of the Father and the Spirit, he is inviting us into the love life of the Trinity, the divine community that created the universe simply to share love with creation.— *Sr. Mary M. McGlone* 

Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and is a contributor to National Catholic Reporter.



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

#### Saturday, May 13

5pm Crisanta Castro

## Sunday, May 14

8am Jo & Ed Molnar †

10am Barbara Colelli †

6:30pm Max del Rosario †

Roma Schramm †

### Monday, May 15

8am Charles & Mary Stevens †

## Tuesday, May 16

8am Max del Rosario †

#### Wednesday, May 17

8am Bill Mathews †

### Thursday, May 18

8am Carlos Rodriguez †

## Friday, May 19

8am Bernie Banonis †

#### Saturday, May 20

Thomas & Ruth Kenny †

# This weeks Altar Flowers are in memory of Barbara Colelli †

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.



COMMUNITY

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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.





**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 May's Peace and Social Justice focus on Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage. Among others, these include "The Making of Asian America", "Homebound: Filipino-American Lives", "Vietnamese-American Catholics", "The Wisdom of India and China", and many more.

#### **OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS**

Roy Herrman, Peter Flanders, David O'Conner. Jason Pinost, Freddy Chavez, Walter Fernandes, Joan McNicholl, Zachary Das and Allie Sanchez-Thompson



### MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

# We celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

# A reflection and offering from Eunice J. Park, Commission Coordinator

Every year in May, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a time to recognize in a particular way the contributions of API Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States. Of course, no amount of time is enough to appreciate the histories and contributions of any group of people, but they are worth highlighting in order to understand the complexities of the US culture and the culture of the American Catholic Church.

A rather broad political term, *Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans* include people from every part of the Asian continent and from the Pacific islands. Specifically, for Catholics in the US, the Conference of Bishops defines this as 26 Pacific states and 53 Asian countries and territories (East Asia, Southeast

Asia, South Asia, Central Asia, and Near East or Middle East), which means – Jesus was born in Asia!

The first documented Asians arrived to the Americas in 1587, when Filipinos landed in California. The next group to arrive were the Indians, who landed in in <u>Jamestown</u> as early as 1635. The first Chinese arrived in Hawaii in 1778, followed by the Japanese in 1806. After Guam was ceded to the US in 1898, the native Guamanians (Chamorros) began to migrate to California and Hawaii. The first documented Vietnamese in the US arrived in 1912 and Samoans began their migration to Hawaii in the 1920s.

My own ancestors from Korea began arriving to the US as early as 1884. More interestingly, the history of Korean Catholics is incredibly unique. The Korean Catholic Church is the only national Catholic church that is recognized as being founded by a lay community, in 1784. In the following years, Catholics in Korea, as well as in many other Asian and Pacific Island countries, suffered numerous political suppressions and religious persecutions. But through strength,

martyrdom, and faith, API Catholics persevered and remained faithful.

Aug 2023 - Jun 2024 This 10-month online program includes: Scripture, Immigration History, Liturgy, Catechesis, Sacraments, Practical **Program Directors:** Theology, Current Topics and Fr. Linh Hoang, OFM, PhD **Pastoral Responses** and Eunice Park, MTS, MAMC **Scholarships** are available for @APIcertificate tuition assistance! Franciscan School of Theology at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO For more info email: APIcertificate@fst.edu

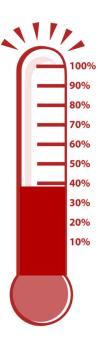
So in this way, the API immigrants have contributed greatly, not only to the socioeconomic history and culture of this country, but to the American Catholic Church as well. Currently, there are about 3 million Catholic API in the US and that number is growing fast. These communities are in great need of professional, educated, and culturally skilled leaders to minister to them. Yet, there are no dedicated programs available to train and form these leaders.

But great news! This August I will launch – along with my co-director Fr. Linh Hoang, OFM, PhD from Siena College – the first program specifically in API Catholic Ministry! It is a one-year, on-line certificate program offered through the Franciscan School of Theology at the University of San Diego, aimed at training those ministering to the various and growing API populations in the US. It will teach: (1) cultural competency; (2) immigration history; (3) sociocultural and ministerial realities; (4) ministerial best practices; and (5) Catholic theological foundations. More information can be found here: <a href="www.FST.edu/degrees-programs/non-degree-and-certificates">www.FST.edu/degrees-programs/non-degree-and-certificates</a>

This is a program that Fr. Linh and I have been developing for over 10 years, and we are confident that this is needed more than ever. Please help get the word out, and feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. I can be reached about this program at: <a href="mailto:APIcertificate@FST.edu">APIcertificate@FST.edu</a>

Your Federation Commission Coordinator,

**Eunice Park** 



Thank you to all who have contributed so far to the 2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!
We already have collected \$22,212: 40% 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!



A History of the Cathedral complete with vintage black and white photos of its groundbreaking and construction

**Several congratulatory notes** from parishes and Catholic ministries from across the archdiocese

The Second Vatican

Council's influence on the architecture

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