

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



The Ascension of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 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 - Week of May 14, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$250.00
Sunday 8am -	\$394.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,241.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$107.00
Misc. -	\$935.00
Online Giving -	\$1,174.00
Total -	\$4,101.00
Budgeted -	\$4,500.00

Catholic Charities - \$1,390.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 8am (Mon ~ Fri)
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 22 - 28, 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 22 ~ 28

Mon: Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19
Thur: Acts 22:30-23:6-11, Jn 12:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25
Sun: Ex 19:3-8.16-20, Rom 8:22-27,
Jn 7:37-39

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the opening lines of the Acts of the Apostles, the second volume of his Gospel, Luke describes the disciples' 50-day period of learning the meaning of the Resurrection. For 40 of those days, the risen Jesus made himself known to them, revealing that he had passed through death and teaching them again what he had always taught: "The reign of God is among you" ([Luke 17:21](#)).

Luke is the only evangelist to describe Jesus' ascension, and he ties the two volumes of his Gospel together by describing it at the end of the first and the beginning of the second ([Luke 24:50-51](#); [Acts 1:9](#)). In Luke's presentation, just before ascending to the Father, Jesus sent the disciples into a retreat, a 10-day time of reconstituting themselves in preparation for the experience of Pentecost (Acts 1:11-26).

Matthew says nothing about what happened as the disciples retraced their steps for the 60 miles separating Jerusalem from Galilee. What did they do and say to one another along the way? What happened as they returned to where they had first fallen in love with Jesus?

What a hard homecoming it must have been! What could they say to their friends and relatives? They had journeyed so far following a master who inspired them to leave everything behind. Now, when the news of Jesus' execution had surely arrived before they got there, how did they face those back home whose words or gazes asked, "What now?"

Matthew, exquisitely in tune with the symbolism of the Hebrew Scriptures, simply tells us that they went to Galilee, going like their ancestors to a mountain of encounter with God. (Remember, among others, the mountains where Noah's ark landed, where Abraham nearly sacrificed Isaac, where Moses encountered the burning bush, where God gave the 10 commandments and where Jesus sat as he spoke the Sermon on the Mount.)

There, like those who had gone before them, the disciples found themselves on that threshold of faith where amazement left them both worshipping and doubting.

Matthew tells us so little, yet enough. There on the mountain, when the disciples saw Jesus, they truly came home. In doubt and confusion, joy and wonder, they encountered the one who knew and loved them like no other. And Jesus, knowing that mission offered them the only path to comprehending his mystery, sent them to take his message to the ends of the earth.

Jesus, who had come to understand his mission by putting it into practice, knew that no theory, no law, no dogma, no commandment can elicit genuine faith. The only path to deep belief is to step out and walk on the water of faith in the one who sends you into mission.

Inviting them to this living faith, the risen Lord told the disciples that his message of unfailing love was the only genuine power in the world. As they practiced and preached that, bringing others into communion with God, they would recognize his presence among them until the end of ages.

The letter to the Ephesians gives us another iteration of this message. The author makes an astounding claim in these few words: "God has put all things beneath [Christ's] feet and gave him as head ... to the church *which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way*" (emphasis added).

This explains what Jesus, the promised Emmanuel/God-with-us of [Matthew 1:23](#), meant when he promised, "I am with you until the end of the age." Christ remains present in and through his disciples.

As we hear in Acts, faith is an experience of knowing the presence of God and waiting/yearning for more. The narratives of the women at the tomb, of the disciples waiting in Jerusalem, and of those who returned to Galilee, all reveal Christ present in the community that strives to grow in faith. Ephesians tells us that faith in Jesus is not a belief about him, but a belief *in and through the community* that is his body.

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the Scriptures teach us that genuine faith is a way of life in community. The feast of the Ascension reminds us that our vocation is to continue being and seeking God with us, "until the end of the age." — *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.](#)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, May 20

Thomas & Ruth Kenny †

Sunday, May 21

8am AIDS Support Group †

10am James & Madeline Lonergan †

6:30pm Anthony & Lena Floreno †

Monday, May 22

8am Fr. Kirk Ullery †

Tuesday, May 23

8am Rose Zimbardo †

Wednesday, May 24

8am Pete Toms

Thursday, May 25

8am Jheus Bhetjoven Villena

Friday, May 26

8am George Woyames BD

Saturday, May 27

Bill Jordan

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 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

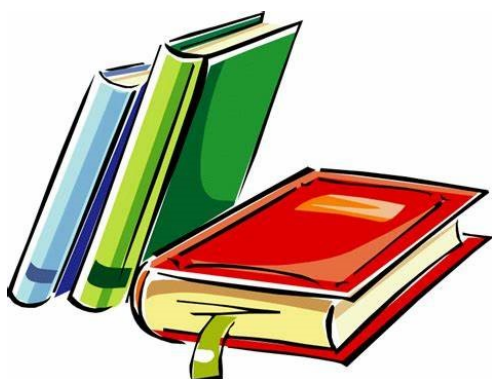


Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to call, visit and/or help our people. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

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

**Allie Sanchez-Thompson, Victor Espinoza,
Jean Liang-Chaboud, Kathy Holly, Caitlin Greenberg,
Bear Fisher-Paulson, James Testa, Francis Cummings III,
Gregory Schreiner, David Varela, Max Baccarat, Albert Hill,
George Woyames, Doug Wilson and Dominic Taylor**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

We celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In 2018, the USCCB published *Encountering Christ in Harmony: A Pastoral Response to Our Asian and Pacific Island Brothers and Sisters*

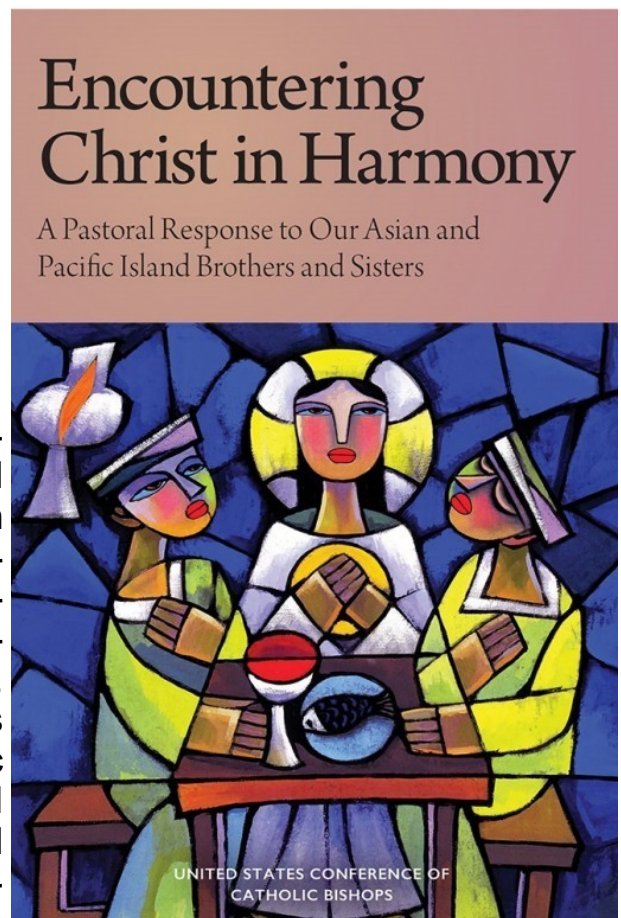
This pastoral response seeks to weave together the rich tapestry of Asian and Pacific Island histories, cultures, and faith, in order to celebrate and support Asian and Pacific Catholic communities in the United States. It recognizes, however, the difficult task of bringing together the disparate communities from Asia and the Pacific Islands into a single unifying voice. Yet, while there are many distinctions between these communities, there is a common thread of Catholic identity.

"From this study, four major components surfaced as central concerns for the Asian and Pacific Catholic communities:

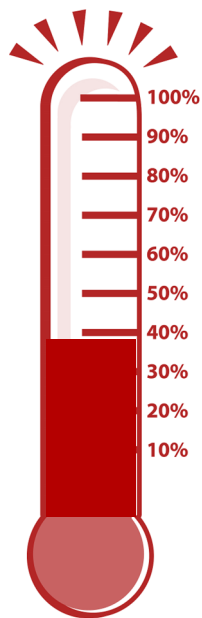
- (1) Identity (2) Generations (3) Leadership
- (4) Culture of Encounter and Dialogue

Each of these four components will be examined through two lenses: our faith expressed and our faith engaged. The first lens, our faith expressed, views the stories of Asian and Pacific Island Catholics as part of the larger Catholic tradition, and at the same time, emphasizes the uniqueness of particular communities. The second lens, our faith engaged, provides suggestions for a pastoral response to specific Asian and Pacific Island Catholic needs and challenges. These suggestions are not limited to Asian and Pacific Island Catholics and communities but are offered to all pastoral leaders

within the wider landscape of cultural and generational diversity in the United States. Both of these lenses—our faith expressed and our faith engaged—underscore the contributions made by Asian and Pacific Island communities, while acknowledging the challenges that still confront many today."



To obtain a copy of "Encounter Christ": <https://www.usccb.org/resources/encountering-christ-harmony-pastoral-response-our-asian-and-pacific-island->

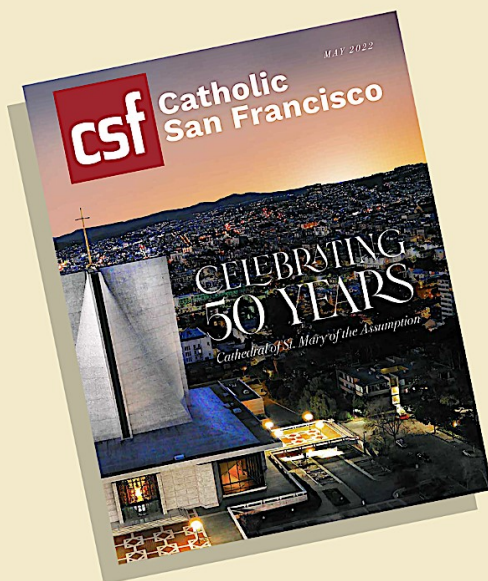


Thank you to all who have
contributed so far to the 2023
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

**We already have collected \$22,212:
40% of our goal of \$56,000!**

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recurring donations at www.mhr.org by clicking
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A History of the Cathedral complete
with vintage black and white photos of its
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Several congratulatory notes from
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Other uplifting articles on faith and
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