

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 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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**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

**MAY 8TH - 14TH, 2023**

Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday 8:00am**

Monday, May 8

**Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)**

Wednesday, May 10

**Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm**

Saturday, May 13

**Vigil Mass - 5pm**

Sunday May 14

**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:**

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<b>Collection -</b>	<b>Week of April 30</b>
<b>Saturday 5pm -</b>	<b>\$211.00</b>
<b>Sunday 8am -</b>	<b>\$286.00</b>
<b>Sunday 10am -</b>	<b>\$1,253.00</b>
<b>Sunday 6:30pm -</b>	<b>\$129.00</b>
<b>Misc. -</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>
<b>Online Giving -</b>	<b>\$803.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,272.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4500.00</b>
<b>SVDP -</b>	<b>\$1,373.00</b>

**This weekend** there is a second collection for the MHR ASG. **Next weekend** there will be a second collection Catholic Charities/CYO.  
**Thank you for your generosity!**



**MAY 8 - 14**

**Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Jn. 14:21-26**

**Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Jn. 14:27-31a**

**Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Jn. 15:1-8**

**Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, Jn. 15:9-11**

**Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Jn. 15:12-17**

**Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Jn. 15:18-21**

**Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1Pt. 3:15-18,  
Jn. 14:15-21**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Some say that if you gather four women in the kitchen, you will hear about five correct ways to set the table and prepare the food. Parents teach us *the correct way* to do it. That's the most natural thing in the world. Whether we're speaking of family, a culture or a faith tradition, we develop the "expected ways" to do things so that everyone can feel comfortable and know what to expect.

That works just fine for a closed society. But when you gather five cooks or a multicultural group, one custom bumps up against another and causes conflicts that will either separate or transform the community. The one thing certain: They won't remain the same.

That reflects today's story from the Acts of the Apostles. The Jewish members of Christian community in Jerusalem were diverse to the extent that they identified as Hebrews or Hellenists. The Hellenists' ancestors had been in the diaspora and spoke Greek — the original language of the books of the New Testament. The Hebrews were Palestinian Jews who spoke Aramaic.

Language was symbolic of the many cultural differences among them. Tensions came to a head when Hellenist widows felt slighted in the "daily distribution," a phrase that could refer to food given them or to their ministerial assignments.

In order to find a solution, the leaders held what we could call a synod; they gathered the community to decide together how to resolve the problem. This synod could be considered a precursor to the greater synod or council they held to decide what would be required of Gentile converts to the faith (Acts 15). Today's Gospel and second reading address situations of tension in the midst of diversity, showing how it can lead to something new and deeper than any of the participants would have imagined.

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes the enigmatic statement that there are many dwellings in his father's house. Earlier in this Gospel, he had described the Temple as his father's house, lamenting its desecration from being a house of prayer into a den of thieves. He then identified himself as the new Temple, the dwelling place of God (John 2:19-21). In John 17:21, Jesus prayed for his disciples as if they could enter into him as into the Temple: "May all be one in as you, Father are in me and I in you, that they may be one in us."

The Letter of Peter applies Jesus' words to the community, saying: "Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood."

It's a great temptation to take that beautiful prayer and ideal and say, "Someday, in heaven, that's what it will be like."

We might get away with that if we skipped the reading from Peter. But Peter, like Paul, insists that we are to be the dwelling place of God.

This brings us back to the Christian community of Acts and its synodal way of dealing with conflict. In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us, "When conflicts are not resolved but kept hidden ... silence can lead to complicity in grave misdeeds and sins. Authentic reconciliation does not flee from conflict, but is achieved *in* conflict, resolving it through dialogue and open, honest and patient negotiation."

That's exactly what happened among the members of the community in Jerusalem. The widows and their supporters spoke out because the powerful were ignoring the needs and rights of the most vulnerable. The leaders took the problem to the community, and, as a sign of the validity of the complaint, they crafted a solution that called on Hellenists themselves to decide how the distribution should take place.

Today's readings offer us practical methods and mysticism. The practical is a call to what Francis describes as genuine dialogue: looking at the other with care, listening deeply, touching the other, speaking, cultivating compassion and creating a culture of encounter. We cannot build community without encounter. We cannot be the chosen race and royal priesthood, a spiritual house, without opening ourselves to one another, especially in our differences.

The practical will lead us to the mystical, to dwelling in God through Christ. Compassion, solidarity, learning to treasure the differences that enrich us, all of this is what Jesus called "the way." Francis calls this synodality: learning to dialogue and to find in another "reflections of the inexhaustible richness of human life." Those reflections reveal the unfathomable depths of God.

Cherishing the diversity God has created leads to love of God and, to keep us on our toes, the realization that there are more than five "right ways" to be transformed into a holy priesthood.—**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 6

8pm Maria Paz Santa Maria †

## Sunday, May 7

8am Marilyn Rios (L)

10am Fran & Al Marcial †

Kenny Kehoe (L)

6:30pm Gilberto Barajaz Rangel †

## Monday, May 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

## Tuesday, May 9

8am Robert Lane †

## Wednesday, May 10

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

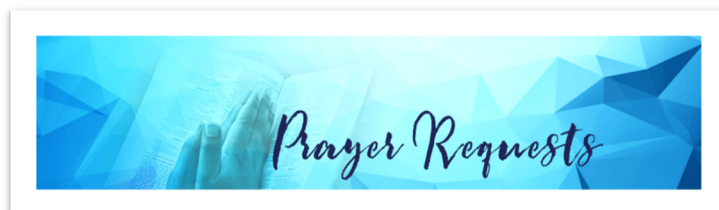
## Thursday, May 11

8am Josephine Hargadon †

## Friday, May 12

8am Stephen Toms †

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](mailto: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, †Gilberto Barajaz Rangel†, †Eugene Stelter† and †Michael Zanon†.



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Centering Prayer is meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings @ 7:00pm.  
Email [centering@mhr.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

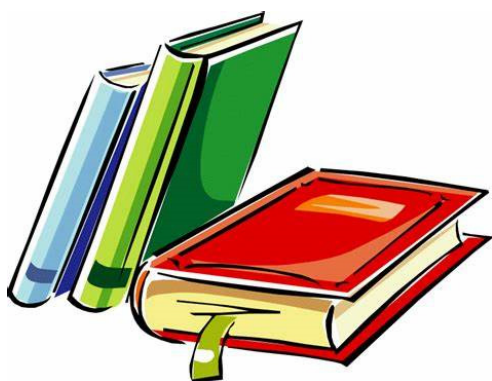


**Volunteers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers to call, visit and/or help our people. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email [asg@mhr.org](mailto:asg@mhr.org).

**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

**Rob Lane, Dave Ferris, Kenny Kehoe, Marnie Pira,  
JoJo Bahnam, Molly Huerster, Michael Dunn,  
Kate Fitzpatrick, Peter Dresel and Owen Orndorff.**

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

## MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

We celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

In keeping with May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, our Peace and Social Justice focus will be on the ASIAN-AMERICAN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE.

"Asian Americans are a distinct minority in the United States. Those who are Catholic make them minority within a minority.

Thus, when you see your heritage and faith reflected, it really is a godsend. And when you don't, you may not wait for someone else to do it and take up the task yourself.

That's what Sarah Hoyoung Ku has done, with a little help from her friends.

Ku, who is a Korean American, and her Chinese American husband live in the San Francisco Bay area. Despite there being more Americans of Asian heritage there than in almost any other part of the country, there were few representations of their common Asian heritage to be found for themselves and their five children.



"It's only by parenting that seeing yourself reflected in the books that you read and the images and toys that you play with," said Ku, who was raised a Protestant and joined the Catholic Church 12 years ago. "It was hard to find a doll that looked Asian. That started with them as little kids ... even physical, facial features."

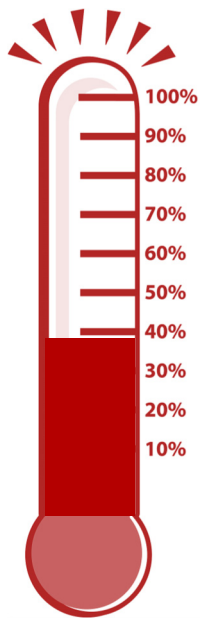
That also extends to Asians' representation in church, Ku found.

It's the reason she founded an Instagram account called Asian Catholic Woman — **@asiancatholicwoman** — where she explores Catholic faith through an Asian American lens.

"We're creating Asian space, in an Asian American lens," Ku said. She writes about one column a week for the account, which has more than 2,300 followers and has additional resources for those who visit the page."

*Asian American Catholic woman takes pride in culture's overlooked saints* Mark Patison, May 16, 2022, Catholic News Service

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2022/05/asian-american-catholic-woman-takes-pride-in-cultures-overlooked-saints>

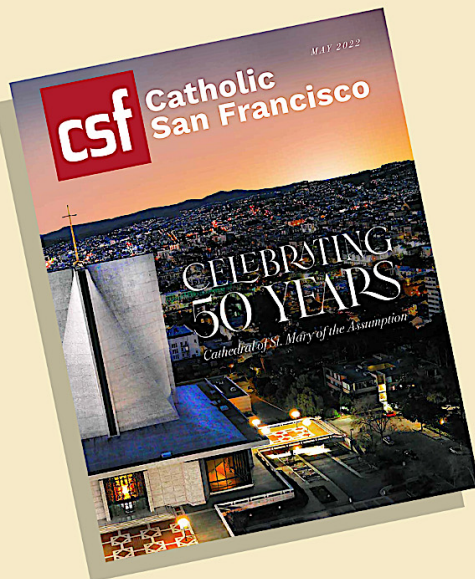


**Thank you to all who have  
contributed so far to the 2023  
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**We already have collected \$21,817:  
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