

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 2, 2023

*Happy Independence Day!*

### 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

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:45pm to 4:30pm

### Baptism & Marriages

Please call the parish office  
for an appointment.

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 June 25, 2023**

Saturday 5pm -	\$454.00
Sunday 8am -	\$388.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,044.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$0.00
Misc. -	\$185.00
<b>VANCO -</b>	<b>\$1,246.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,317.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

**Peter's Pence - \$634.00**

*There is a second collection this weekend  
for our AIDS Support Group*

***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**

**JULY 3 ~ 9, 2023**

**Daily Mass**

Monday - Friday 8:00am

**Monday**

*Parish Office will be closed*  
Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

**Tuesday**

*Parish Office will be closed*

**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*

**Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass**

**on our MHR Facebook page:**  
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**JULY 3 ~9, 2023**

Mon: Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29

Tue: Gn 19:15-29 Mt 8:23-27

Wed: Gn 21:5, 8-20a Mt 8:28-34

Thu: Gn 22:1b-19 Mt 9:1-8

Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Mt 9:9-13

Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Mt 9:14-17

Sun: Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

## July 2, 2023: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."

When Jesus made that magnificent promise, he was offering a new twist on traditional Semitic morality which taught that one must care for anyone who is vulnerable. The practice of offering a stranger board and bed developed in a harsh desert climate, one in which everyone involved knew what it was like to be lacking food or shelter. To welcome the stranger could mean saving that person's life — and vice versa. At the same time, although the Jewish people's appreciation of hospitality called them to care for any traveling stranger, their sacramental sense of praying the table blessing meant that they would dine only with people who could share their devotion to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (That's the reason for not eating with Gentiles or sinners.)

Stop for a moment and think again about the implications of what's been said here. First, in Jesus' culture, anyone who had home and food felt impelled to share not only because that is simply what any respectable person does, but because it was often a question of life or death. Secondly, sharing a table implies that the people gathered are in deep communion with one another. That's where the prophet's reward comes in: sharing the table or taking a prophet into your home functions as a sacrament of solidarity; it affects what it symbolizes. You and the prophet become as deeply connected as relatives.

Today's Liturgy of the Word begins with the wandering prophet Elisha meeting "a woman of influence." After giving him meals, the woman talked her husband into making a room for Elisha in their empty-nest home. That led Elisha to repay her with one of the Bible's favorite promises: "You who were childless will soon have a son." That promise went beyond anything that the apparently unmarried Elisha had received.

The promise we began with comes from the second part of what we hear from Jesus today. The Gospel opens with a statement to the apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother or children more than me is not worthy of me." Now, that sounds harsh. If we put the prophet's reward together with the demand to love Jesus and his representatives above all, we realize that Jesus is establishing a new sort of family bond, one based on love and a common commitment rather than blood kinship.

The idea of kinship based on relationship to Jesus rather than family provides a way to understand Paul's teaching about being baptized into Christ Jesus. For Paul, baptism signifies death to one way of life in order to live in "newness of life." Paul sees baptism as *the* way a disciple becomes identified with Christ Jesus — assuming the pattern of his life. It is the entryway into living for God.

Today's three readings comment on one another. The story of Elisha reflects on the blessings of receiving the stranger, especially when that stranger is a prophet. The Gospel reminds us that receiving a prophet entails both rewards and danger: Those who identify with Christ will learn the lesson of losing their lives — and receiving them back — as Jesus himself did. Paul's message to the Romans reminds us that baptism incorporates us in two ways: We become family even as we enter into the rhythm of Christ's death and resurrection.

What are we to take away from these readings? Paul challenges us to recognize that accepting baptism frees us to share all that we are as Jesus did in giving his very body and blood for others. Contemplating Jesus' words about losing and saving our lives, we realize that he wants us to take this message with utmost seriousness. What Jesus says here anticipates the parable of the sheep and the goats ([Matthew 25:31-46](#)). It teaches that acts of Christian hospitality get turned inside out: The guest in need becomes a source of blessing for the host, and the needy visitor becomes prophetic by calling forth saving love. Host and guests are transformed into family.

Today, as we prepare to celebrate July 4, we might ask ourselves some of the following questions: "Who are the prophets in our society? Who is calling us to a deeper living of the Gospel? Whose need reminds us of the fragility of all life and our universal need for solidarity?" As in the days of Elisha and Jesus, our responses are often a matter of life and death.

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, July 1**

5pm AIDS Support Group

**Sunday, July 2**

8am Raul Melendez †

10am Pamela Pope †

6:30pm Fr. Tony McGuire

**Monday, July 3**

8am Lawrence Ku

**Tuesday, July 4**

8am John Lies †

**Wednesday, July 5**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

**Thursday, July 6**

8am Joe Hargadon †

**Friday, July 7**

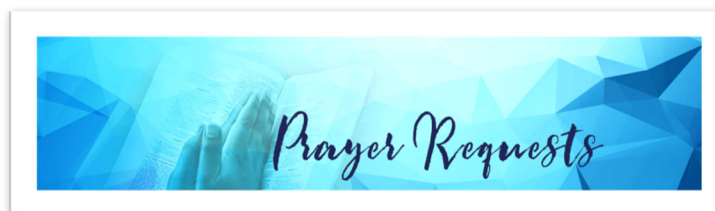
8am Enrico Deza

**Saturday, July 8**

5pm Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

*This weeks flower arrangement is in honor of Pamela Pope*

**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, Kris Eichorn, Marilyn Flynn, Barbara Frey, Carol Furtado, Torchy Garcia, Eileen Gayton, Stella Grivas, Wallace Greene, Marcia Gruskin, Zoe Holler, Serge Hubert, Donald Jones, Patricia Ligos, Christine Maierhofer, Anne McDermott, Matt McCabe, Carol Moilan, Ben Montoya, Cliff Morrison, Peggy Myers, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Meme Riordan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Roger Schachtel, Gregory Dake Schultz, Tom & Carolyn Sherry, Annie & Nok Sojka, Yoko Yoshi, Stephen Wakefield, Sr. Teresita Weind, Ryan Zuniga, Kate Raymundo, Paul Haire John Johnson and John Colelli.**





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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.

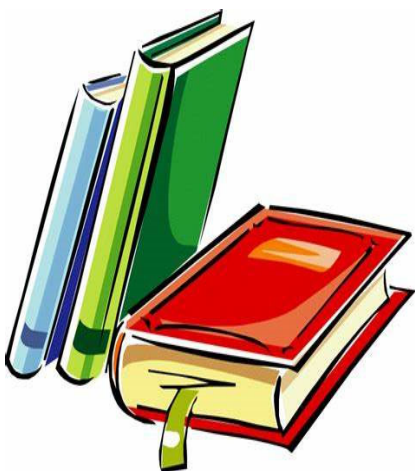
**An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the women's restroom in Ellard Hall.**

### 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).

**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

New Acquisitions in our parish library:

Immigration and Faith: Cultural, Biblical, and Theological Narratives Brett C. Hoover tackles the issues surrounding migration to and within the United States for all to better understand and support each other.

A Theology of Migration: The Bodies of Refugees and The Body of Christ Daniel G. Groody sees "the crucified body of Christ in the broken bodies of refugees and how their bodies are transubstantiated into the Eucharistic Body of Christ to give new life to us all". – Peter Phan

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

**Ikuko Hotta, Arlene Cavan, Richard Shaw,  
Marian Hernandez, Lawrence Ku, Laurie, Baker-Flynn,  
Steven Fung, John Mulcahy, Kevin Askew, Rory Desmond,  
Jorge Gonzales, Monica Sandoval, Louie Tasista, Jeffrey  
Taylor, Ana Bittner, DJ Fleury, Darryl Lim, Yuni Hanover**



## MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

### July 2023: Embracing Diversity: Celebrating the Journey of Immigration

In honor of celebrating courageous journey of immigration, this weeks' MHR Peace and Social Justice Corner introduces The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), <https://www.cliniclegal.org/>, that offers an educational resource that explains the connection between Catholic social teaching and immigration. It provides insights on specific teachings and principles, such as solidarity, human rights, and the preferential option for the poor.

With immigration at the forefront of current public debate, this familiar call from Matthew 25:35 is as relevant today as ever because immigration is one of the most pressing issues facing the United States and the world today. The complexities of immigration to the United States are not only matters of law and policy, but also deeply felt social and ethical issues. For more than 30 years, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., has protected the legal rights of immigrant families and promoted their dignity in the Catholic tradition of welcoming the stranger.

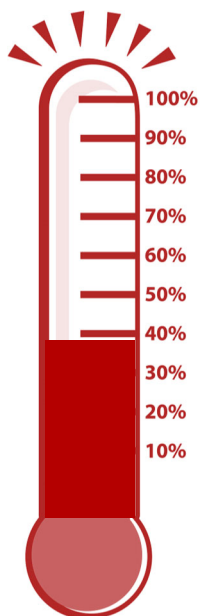
CLINIC provides training and support to a dedicated network of more than 400 Catholic and community-based immigration law providers in 49 states. By supporting approximately 3,000 network employees with diverse and in-depth training, real-time updates and best practices, CLINIC ultimately serves nearly 500,000 immigrants a year, making it the largest nonprofit immigration law organization

in the country. In addition to supporting the network, CLINIC offers highly specialized direct legal representation, and training and technical assistance for immigrant defenders about current practice and strategy before the courts. We also have a dedicated team that specializes in religious immigration law to assist religious workers coming to the United States.

CLINIC's program areas are Advocacy; Capacity Building; Defending Vulnerable Populations; Training and Legal Support; and Religious Immigration Services. We are guided by the Catholic principle of subsidiarity — to support our affiliate network in doing their best work within their communities, stepping in to provide direct legal service only when necessary. CLINIC operates with financial support from the Catholic Church, foundations and individual donors.

Migration is as old as human experience. People migrate today for the same reasons as throughout history: to escape oppression, famine, war and danger; to search for justice and security; and to create better and safer lives for themselves, their families and future generations. But the issue of immigration in the United States today is fraught with division and is in vital need of reform, and CLINIC's work and its Catholic values are more important than ever.



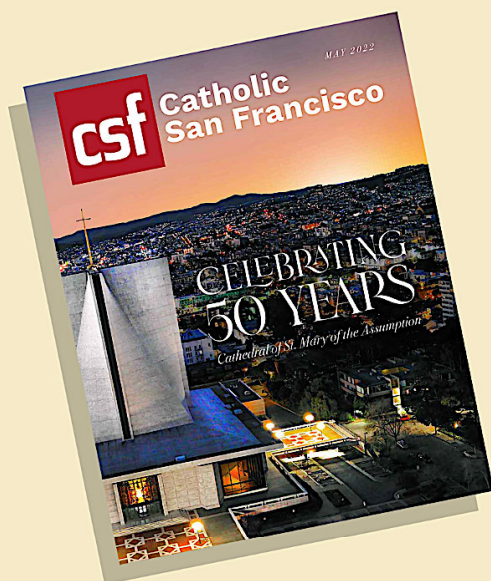


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