

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2023

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 July 16, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$405.00
Sunday 8am -	\$319.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,464.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$155.00
Misc. -	\$730.00
VANCO -	\$956.00
Total -	\$4,029.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
 Holding Institute -	 \$1,750.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Give online -



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 24 ~ 30, 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*

**Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass
on our MHR page:**

www.mhr.org/livestream



JULY 24 ~ 30, 2023

Mon:	Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:38-42
Tue:	2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Wed:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Thu:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b	Mt 13:10-17
Fri:	Ex 20:1-17	Mt 13:18-23
Sat:	Ex 24:3-8	Jn 11:19-27
Sun:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12	Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52

July 23, 2023: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"God will get you for that!"

That was one of my mom's favorite retorts when we teased her as children. I would counter, saying that she called on God only because she couldn't think of a better comeback. "Why make God do all your work?" (If we're lucky, God will get us caught up in the divine trajectory.)

Our play had nothing to do with serious theological discussion, but it did reflect some worn-out concepts of karma or God's rule in the world. A simplified explanation of the Hindu idea of karma says that good actions will bring a person a good future, and bad will bring bad. We know that Jesus tried to free people from that type of thinking. He taught that illness was not the result of sin ([John 9](#)) and that those who followed him would suffer as he did. So much for religion as an insurance policy!

Once we move beyond the idea of God as the fixer or avenger of evil, where are we to go? Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom starts us off on a path toward a wonderful alternative.

"There is no god besides you, who have care for all." How different might the world be if we made that our credo? If that were the one thing we really believed? Wisdom's author goes on with more descriptions of what God is like: Divine power generates justice, God's strength engenders lenience and finally, "You gave your children good ground for hope."

In *Jesus the Forgiving Victim: Listening for the Unheard Voice*, Theologian James Alison suggests this summary of Jesus' message: "I know that you find it very difficult to believe that God loves you ... you are inclined to be frightened ... you are inclined to run from death [and] engage in all sorts of forms of self-delusion and self-destruction. You find it difficult to imagine that things really will be well and that you are being held in being by someone who is utterly trustworthy. All this I know."

Keeping that in the back of our mind, we might approach today's readings as an invitation to a renewed sense of God and ourselves. After hearing Wisdom's description of God's immensity as the source of God's loving kindness, we turn to Paul's teaching about prayer.

Paul says, "We do not know how to pray as we ought." Now there's a comedown for all of us celebrating the liturgy and singing our hearts out! What are we supposed to think? Might Paul be reminding us that we tend to look toward God on our own terms (the "God will get you" mentality, for example) — and that there's a better, truer way available to us?

Paul says, "The Spirit intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings." Wow! That's what prayer is supposed to be? Inexpressible groanings? That's the same word Paul used in what we heard last week (July 16) as he talked about the longing of all creation to come into fulfillment. If Ignatius of Loyola were asked about this, he'd tell us that we can only get in touch with our deepest desires with the help of God's Spirit and that our deepest desires ultimately lead us to union with God. No wonder we groan! It's no small feat to reach that depth, to be in touch with the longings at the heart of our very being.

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, July 22

5pm Michael Gorman †

Sunday, July 23

8am Benefactors, Volunteers & Clients of ASG

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Aids Support Group

Monday, July 24

8am Alvaro Joshua Deza †

Tuesday, July 25

8am Bill Matthews †

Wednesday, July 26

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, July 27

8am Rose Zimbardo

Friday, July 28

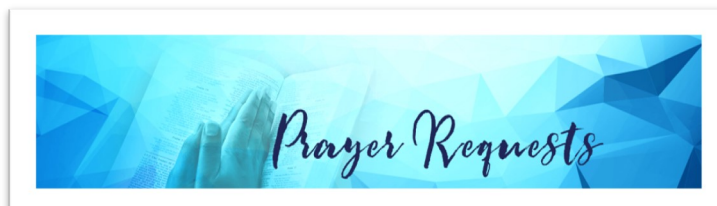
8am Elisa Torres

Saturday, July 29

5pm Ukraine

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, Bob Barcewski, Laura Barrera, John Colelli, Silvia Cox
Jacqueline Farah, Katherine Ayman Farah, Torchy Garcia,
Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Paul Haire,
Serge Hubert, Joh Johnson, Ashley Kline, Patricia Ligos, John Mauerer, Cliff Morrison,
John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Meme Riordan,
Maureen O'Sullivan, Kate Raymundo, Yoko Yoshi,
and Ryan Zuniga,**



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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.

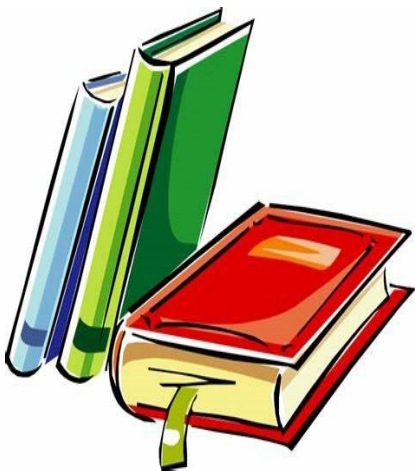
An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the women's restroom in Ellard Hall.

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.

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

Jerry Anderson, Richard Fraumeni, Bill Vicini, Fred Siegel, Richard Hardy, John Sedlander, Bob Kraynak, Connor Santos-Stevenson, Mike Murphy, Amy Miller, Christine Kosche, Zel Guerrero, Lily Boucher, Kevin Barlow, Armani R. Rosiles, Charles Burd and Melissa Morelli



MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

July 2023: Embracing Diversity: Celebrating the Journey of Immigration

This week's the MHR Peace and Social Justice Corner highlights an article that reflects on the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' visit to Lampedusa, where he prayed for refugees and migrants lost at sea. The Pope's visit aimed to draw attention to the plight of migrants fleeing war, persecution, and poverty. He denounced the "globalization of indifference" and posed the question, "Where is your brother?"— highlighting the need for solidarity and compassion.



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The article notes that illegal migration through Lampedusa has remained a significant issue, with the Mediterranean Sea often referred to as the "biggest cemetery in Europe."

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has recorded over 17,000 deaths and missing individuals in the Central Mediterranean migration route since 2014. The number could be higher due to unaccounted shipwrecks. Despite efforts to curb migration through other routes, some migrants attempt dangerous sea crossings to reach Italy.

In response to these tragedies, Pope Francis emphasizes the complexity of the migration issue. Paolo Ruffini, the Vatican Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, highlights the importance of listening, understanding, and managing migration rather than seeking simple solutions. Ruffini emphasizes the need to remember past events and avoid slogans, urging heartfelt dialogue and sharing to address the challenges.

It is noteworthy that attention and resources are sometimes disproportionate. The recent Titan expedition, which involved the search for five missing millionaires, received far more attention and resources compared to the hundreds who died when a boat carrying migrants sank in Greek waters. The disparity in attention and resources between high-profile events like the missing millionaires' expedition and the tragic deaths of migrants at sea serves as a reminder of the ongoing need for compassion and action in addressing the complexities of migration, while urging society to prioritize and allocate resources in a just and equitable manner.

For further reading on this topic, please visit the provided link: (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-07/ruffini-we-must-address-migration-with-our-hearts-not-slogans.html>)

Photo: Pope Francis threw a bouquet of flowers into the Mediterranean in 2013 in memory of migrants who died at sea (ANSA)



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SUNDAYS, JULY 16TH & 23RD

A BARREL WILL BE PLACED IN THE
NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH.

