

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 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!



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
100 Diamond Street
San Francisco, California

Phone (415) 863-6259
www.mhr.org

Pastor

Fr. Matt Link, C.P.P.S.
frimmatt@mhr.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ty Henderson, Director of Music
ty@mhr.org

PARISH OFFICE

Michael Poma, Business Manager
mpoma@mhr.org

Cristy Torres, Administrative Assistant

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Kirkland
Richard Levy
James Lonergan
Trudy Miller
Cyndy Zimmer

FINANCE COUNCIL

Marc Colelli, Chair
Steve Adams
Micaela Connery
Stephen McCarthy
John Solaegui
Diane Trewin

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Ty Henderson, Chair
Hugo Gonzalez
Jacque Grillo

Pablo McLachlan
Sr. Marilyn Morgan
Curtis Murray



Collection - Week of July 23, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$486.00
Sunday 8am -	\$484.00
Sunday 10am -	\$716.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$193.00
Misc. -	\$115.00
VANCO -	\$1,597.00
Total -	\$3,591.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
 Holding Institute -	 \$2,000.00

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 31 ~ AUG 6, 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 31 ~ AUG 6, 2023

Mon:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34	Mt 13:31-35
Tue:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28	Mt 13:36-43
Wed:	Ex 34:29-35	Mt 13:44-46
Thu:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38	Mt 13:47-53
Fri:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37	Mt 13:54-58
Sat:	Lv 25:1, 8-17	Mt 14:1-12
Sun:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19	Mt 17:1-9

July 30, 2023: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the divisions of the Hebrew Bible is the [*Ketuvim*](#), the Writings, or otherwise called Wisdom literature. The wisdom tradition [is an ancient one](#), originating in Mesopotamia, Canaan and Egypt. Ancient Egyptian wisdom [consisted](#) of formal instructions and lessons taught by parents and elders to children in their communities and societies.

In the ancient cultures, of which Israel is a part, wisdom was oftentimes understood as either practical or speculative. Practical wisdom dealt with everyday attitudes, beliefs, customs, manners, forms of behavior, and economic, social, and ethical issues. This kind of wisdom was passed down from generation to generation through families, clans and tribes.

Speculative wisdom was more philosophical as people tried to make sense of natural disasters, untimely deaths, the dilemma of innocent suffering, and the irony of why injustice continued to prosper. The biblical cultures maintained that wisdom could be found in daily life, in the community, in the "marketplace," in all creation. The Hebrew word for wisdom is [*chokmah*](#), a feminine noun, and [*sophia*](#) in Greek. The question for 21st-century readers is this: Do ancient stories and poems have any wisdom for us today, or are they merely dusty relics of past times that need to be buried? This Sunday's readings from the book of Kings and the Gospel of Matthew offers some perspectives on this question.

In 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, the contents of a dream unfolds. Significant here is the role that dreams can play in the communication between humans and the divine. In the Bible, dreams may be symbolic, associated with invitations as in the call narratives, or serve as guidance from the divine to the human. Oftentimes, intuition, the highest form of intelligence, comes into play. In today's story from the Book of Kings, God and Solomon dialogue in a dream. The all-wise one extends an invitation: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." The self-aware, reflective young leader, realizing his own inadequacies and sensing the gifts needed for leadership, asks for an understanding heart.

In a time of political strife, with empires jockeying for positions in the global arena, Solomon asks not for an increase of power, prestige, wealth or longevity. He asks instead for an understanding heart so that he can exercise proper judgment. This deed would likely include justice tempered with compassion and empathy, three virtues essential for good governance.

In essence, Solomon is asking for wisdom, and the all-wise one bestows the gift fully and deeply. This young leader, with a lot of self-knowledge, possesses the humility to ask for the gift most needed to be of service to the people without ruling "over" them. This dialogue that we readers are privileged to share showcases the internal character of Solomon. Some today might see him as an "old soul."

Carol J. Dempsey, Ph.D., a Dominican Sister from Caldwell, New Jersey, and professor of biblical studies at the University of Portland, Oregon, is the author of eight books, editor of 10 books, and is currently working on Isaiah for Liturgical Press' Wisdom Commentary Series. She specializes in prophets and feminist hermeneutics.



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

Saturday, July 29

5pm Ukraine

Sunday, July 30

8am Javier Franco

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Mariom Poma's

92nd Birthday

Monday, July 31

8am Kathy Denucci †

Tuesday, August 1

8am Jack Schranim †

Wednesday, August 2

8am Steven D. Keller †

Thursday, August 3

8am Sr. Nadine Hargadon †

K. Kuzou Ishikawu †

Friday, August 4

8am Xyrus Deza

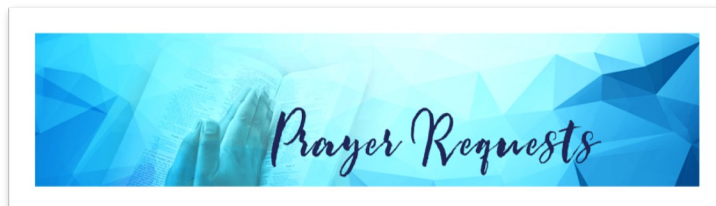
Saturday, August 5

5pm Chieko Ishikawn

Ramona Michael's 90th Birthday

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,**



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.

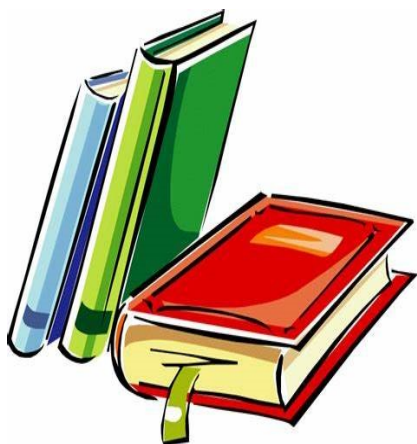
An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the women's restroom in Ellard Hall.

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.

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:

Poverty by America

Matthew Desmond draws on history, research, and original reporting to show how Americans who are financially secure, knowingly and unknowingly, keep poor people poor.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Kearney, Paul Colfer, Kenneth Mills, Nick Andrade, Mary Henry, Christian Irizarry, Thomas Miles, Carol Fong, Marisa Guerra, Christopher Punongbayan, Adam Jones, Pierre Gousseland, Brennan Magdziarz, Keith Upton, Alex Amalaraj, Fernando Dehlinger, Mason Talento-Mirador & Ephrem Callanta



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.



tion, "Where is your brother?"— highlighting the need for solidarity and compassion.

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)



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*100 Diamond Street
San Francisco, California*

Phone (415) 863-6259
www.mhr.org



**ON SOCIAL
MEDIA**

fb.com/mhrsf



[@mhrcatholicssf](https://www.instagram.com/mhrcatholicssf)



Join us each Sunday for
10 AM PDT Mass
MHR.org/livestream