

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 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 9, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$415.00
Sunday 8am -	\$295.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,511.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$137.00
Misc. -	\$544.00
VANCO -	\$1,985.00
Total -	\$4,887.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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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 17~ 23, 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 Facebook page:
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JULY 17 ~ 23, 2023

Mon:	Ex 1:8-14, 22	Mt 10:34—11:1
Tue:	Ex 2:1-15a	Mt 11:20-24
Wed:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Mt 11:25-27
Thu:	Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30
Fri:	Ex 11:10—12:14	Mt 12:1-8
Sat:	Sgs 3:1-4b	Sgs 3:1-4b
Sun:	Wis 12:13, 16-19	Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

July 16, 2023: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You gotta love it. Jesus, the son of a *tekton* (Greek for a woodworker, stone mason or builder/architect), invited fishermen to follow him, and then went around telling stories about farmers, baker women, shepherds and rich landowners — not a carpenter in the collection.

Jesus' forays into the realm of other professions reminds us of 19th-century Catholic sisters who did the work most needed at any given time and place. They turned schools into hospitals and their homes into orphanages. One even befriended Billy the Kid. They did it all, certain that with God's help, they were capable of serving their neighbor, no matter their preparation or preferences. These sisters exemplified the promise we hear from Isaiah: Like the rain, the word/work of God will never be in vain. If God calls you to do something, it will work out somehow — with or without your understanding.

Not only did Jesus talk about a wide variety of occupations, but he did it with parables — stories designed to leave people wondering. That was the key to his teaching technique. No pat answers, but examples that could be understood in a number of ways, all of them designed to knock people off their high horses. We know that if a parable doesn't upset or challenge us, we haven't heard it right.

That's part of what we learn from today's selection from Isaiah. Isaiah assures us that no matter what we think is going on, as surely as rain waters earth, God is working deep inside evolution. Although it may be subtle and slow, as frustratingly invisible as irrigation from snow melt, God's word is never without effect: It gradually draws all things toward their fulfillment. That is Paul's proclamation in today's selection from Romans; he paints the image of all of creation groaning in giving birth to God's unimaginable future — the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Paul's image of giving birth is very much like Jesus' parable of the seeds: we plant something, believing that what will come of it will be much greater, newer and full of life than what we began with. In the interpretation the evangelists have given Jesus' parable of the farmer sowing seed, the focus is on the soil — on how God's word is received. But what if we looked for a minute at the sower?

Dom Hélder Camara, the late archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, wrote one of his poem-prayers, "King's son," in *The Desert is Fertile*, about God and the seed. He began by asking God why creation is so wasteful, why fruits never equal the seedlings' abundance, why springs scatter water and why we can never take advantage of all the energy the sun sends out. Instead of waiting for an answer, he prays, "May your bounty teach me greatness of heart. ... Seeing you a prodigal and open-handed giver, let me give unstintingly, like a king's son, like God's own."

We can think about our failures, the times we've been like seeds on the path and not paid reverent attention to someone. We can lament our lack of hope or courage to be faithful, the times when we've let stuff, popularity or status override our value systems. We can spend a lifetime bemoaning what we have done and focusing on ourselves.

Suppose that instead we look to God's bounteousness? Suppose that we concentrate on that crazy sower who thinks he has enough seed to scatter it all over, figuring that what sprouts but doesn't flourish will provide nourishment to the soil and that the birds will carry seed to far off places that he could never reach on foot? Suppose we thought of God as giving us chance after chance, not worrying much about what withers but rejoicing in the thirty, sixty and hundredfold — or maybe even just ten?

What will make us more God-like, focusing on our failures or exulting in those moments when we know God has worked through us to bring about something wonderful? That could be the birth of a child, the moment when the right word came to us to console someone or more unusual things like a friendship with Billy the Kid. What if we took Isaiah seriously, believing that God's work keeps on keeping on, whether we notice it or not?

Jesus recognized and rejoiced in God's fruitful work in the world. He saw it in plants and animals, fishers, bakers, rich and poor. Today he sees it in parents, teachers, garbage collectors and all sorts of others — including, of course, carpenters. Blessed are our eyes when we can see others as he did; for that's how the power of his word gets into us, making us and our communities fertile and fruitful, fulfilling the will of the God who gives us life.

[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 15

5pm Michael Gorman †

Sunday, July 16

8am Carlos Rodriguez †

10am Joseph Hargadon

6:30p Kevin Fisher Paulson

Pete Hopke

Monday, July 17

8am Bill Matthews †

Tuesday, July 18

8am Bernie Banonis †

Wednesday, July 19

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, July 20

8am Claro Theodore

Friday, July 21

8am Jim Hargadon

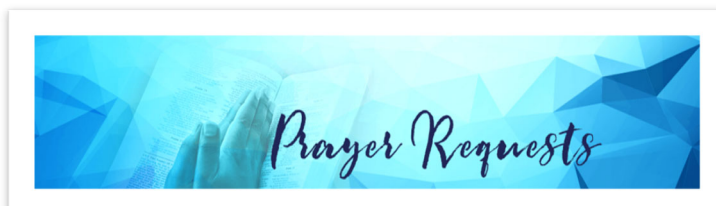
Saturday, July 22

5pm Pamela Pope †

This weeks flower arrangement is in loving memory of Alice Carbo

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, Michael Maurer, 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.

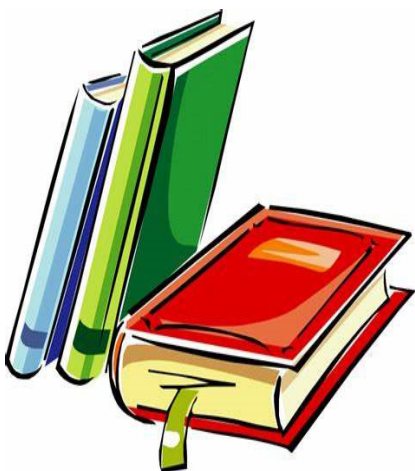
An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the women's restroom in Ellard Hall.

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

**William F. Garland , Brian Mayfield, Richard A. Haley,
Carol A. Zweifel, Kevin Thaddeus Fisher-Paulson,
Kelly A. Briggs, Nicolas Volante, Dannelle Cejudo,
Edvard J. Hebert, Davis B. Farmer, Iris Sanchez,
Matthew Marquez and Michael Leszczynski**



MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

July 2023: Embracing Diversity: Celebrating the Journey of Immigration

In keeping with our July Social Justice Theme of immigration, this weekend's Second Collection at Mass will be going to the Sisters of Mercy in cooperation with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo, Texas. Sister Rosemary Welsh in Laredo, Texas, recently contacted our Peace and Social Justice Committee to assist in meeting some of the immediate needs they see in Laredo based on an increase and anticipated increase of migrants crossing the border. Sister Rosemary's work coordinating efforts on the ground there across numerous organizations dedicated to helping those immigrating to the United States from Mexico is noteworthy and long-standing.

Mercy Sister Rosemary Welsh is a nurse and for the past 44 years she has immersed her ministry in the Latino culture.

Through the lives of thousands of migrants from Mexico and Central America as well as Texans of Hispanic descent, Welsh has seen in her work in Laredo, Texas, and for a decade in Guatemala, that the needs of poor people remain much the same today as they did in 1976 when she arrived at the U.S.-Mexico border.

For that, she expressed gratitude.

"I just love it here," she told Catholic News Service. "I love the people."

Today, Welsh, 75, works with Casa de Misericordia, (House of Mercy), a domestic violence shelter run by her order, and a health clinic that includes a van that visits 14 sites around Laredo.

The needs of migrating Latinos are great, she said, because they arrive in the U.S. with little more than the clothes they are wearing. Her time in Guatemala from 1981 to 1991, in the midst of a violent civil war, led her to understand why people fled then and continue today to flee northward: They live in deep poverty and fear violence and they seek a safe and secure future for their families.

In recent years, however, the ministry has become more difficult. Often, migrants are afraid to come to the clinic or even seek help from the shelter because they fear being discovered by U.S. immigration agents. In years past, she said, women who would present themselves at the border as a victim of domestic violence would be let into the country. "That is not working now," she said.

Welsh said that she tells the people to whom she ministers that they will never be turned in by the Sisters of Mercy.



Please email socialjustice@mhr.org if you are interested in joining MHR Peace and Social Justice Network Facebook Group. #AllAreWelcome #AllBelong #GodsInclusiveLove #Catholic #SF #mhrSF #Peace #SocialJustice #CatholicSocialTeaching #CST



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SUNDAYS, JULY 16TH & 23RD

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

