

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 27, 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 August 20, 2023**

Saturday 5pm -	\$201.00
Sunday 8am -	\$278.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1207.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$173.00
Misc. -	\$591.00
<b>VANCO -</b>	<b>\$1,548.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,998.00</b>
<b>Budgeted -</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>
<b>Assumption -</b>	<b>\$464.00</b>

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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  
(or by appointment)

**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

**AUG 28 — SEPT 3**

**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**

**@ [www.MHR.org](http://www.MHR.org)**

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**AUG 28 — SEPT 3**

Mon: [1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10](#) [Mt 23:13-22](#)  
Tue: [1 Thes 2:1-8](#) [Mk 6:17-29](#)  
Wed: [1 Thes 2:9-13](#) [Mt 23:27-32](#)  
Thu: [1 Thes 3:7-13](#) [Mt 24:42-51](#)  
Fri: [1 Thes 4:1-8](#) [Mt 25:1-13](#)  
Sat: [1 Thes 4:9-11](#) [Mt 25:14-30](#)  
Sun: [Jer 20:7-9](#) [Rom 12:1-2](#) [Mt 16:21-27](#)

## August 27, 2023: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, Isaiah prophesies that God will depose an unworthy leader. When he depicts a different, worthy leader, he describes someone as committed as a parent to provide for the total well-being of the people. Such loving dedication is what gives this leader the "power of the keys," the authority/ability to help the people flourish by providing opportunities and prohibiting harmful behaviors. The exercise of this nurturing guidance gives stability to everyone blessed by the influence of such servant-leaders. Isaiah gives us the sense that leaders chosen by God inspire reverence and show it to others.

These ideas provide the background music to today's Gospel — an incident we might see as another rendition of the call of Peter.

This scene opens with the most important, intimate, and serious question one person can ever ask another: "Who do you say that I am?" The disciples couldn't dodge the question with an indirect, "They say ..." So, Peter took the risk and blurted out what they had been thinking and hoping: "You are the Christ."

That was no simple statement. Although he surely didn't understand all its ramifications, calling Jesus "the Christ" entailed a commitment as radical as any vow. It's as strong a statement as, "Yes, I will marry you," or "I am consecrating my whole life to this." Peter's confession that Jesus was God's Son, implied a promise to follow, to listen, to obey Jesus as one would obey God alone. His statement indicated that absolutely nothing in the world could take precedence over his response to what Jesus would ask of him.

Of course, Peter did not fulfill his promise immediately or flawlessly. He continued to dispute Jesus' predictions about suffering, he wanted to put limits on forgiveness, he bragged and argued with other disciples. Matthew and Mark probably summed up Peter's discipleship with the sentence, "Peter followed at a distance" ([Mark 14:54](#), [Matthew 26:58](#)). But the important point was not the distance, but the following. Peter took the risk over and over. He had committed himself by saying, "You are the Christ," and he strove to live that commitment for the rest of his life.

Upon hearing him, Jesus responded, "How blessed you are, Peter! This is not something you could figure out on your own." Peter did not figure it out alone and he could not live it out alone. His religious heritage, his relationship with Jesus, his prayer, the companionship of the other disciples — all these people and experiences were included in God's revelation to him. All of them enabled him to keep growing into the commitment he had professed.

It seems that Jesus chose Peter, not for what he could accomplish or for his wisdom or strength, but for his capacity for metanoia, his willing ability to change and learn, to cultivate an ever-larger vision. Peter's faith allowed him to grow into his commitment and that faith is the rock Jesus chose as the foundation of his church. Peter's faith allowed him to weep for betraying Jesus: Knowing his need for conversion, he could be a worthy leader, the keeper of the keys for a frail church.

Jesus' question was at least the second time Jesus called Peter and the disciples to their vocation. By professing that Jesus was the Christ, they pledged to follow him. They would not do it flawlessly, but they would continue on the way, faithful enough to get up and keep going after falling.

So much for Peter and company. What do we say when Christ asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

Every Sunday we profess the creed. Is it possible that its philosophical and historical language cushion us from the radicality of Peter's simple, commitment-compelling statement? Do we ever feel implicated by what we are saying? Is there any statement in the creed that feels so risky that we think twice before saying it? What phrase could move us to awe?

All the components of today's liturgy — from readings to the creed to the command, "Do this in memory of me" — conspire to shake us up. Today, we find ourselves called to answer Jesus' question for ourselves. Happily, we don't need to figure it out alone, nor live it alone. God's revelation comes through community, word and sacrament. In that, we can believe, and that's awesome.

Mary M. McGlone, Sr. Mary M. McGlone serves on the congregational leadership team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.



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

**Saturday, August 26**

5pm Sr. Mary David Callahan †

**Sunday, August 27**

8am Denise Drury Gaynor †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Peter (PJ) Ballard †

**Monday, August 28**

8am Carlos Rodriguez †

**Tuesday, August 29**

8am Terry Avery †

**Wednesday, August 30**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

**Thursday, August 31**

8am Erwin & Taeka Wong †

**Friday, September 1**

8am Maui Fire Victims (†)

**Saturday, September 2**

5pm Seth Lester Reyes

**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, Bob Barcewski, Laura Barrera,  
John Colelli, Jacqueline Farah, Katherine Ayman Farah, Torchy Garcia,  
Eileen Gayton, Wallace Greene, Paul Haire, Serge Hubert,  
Joh Johnson, Ashley Kline, Alexander Konchine, Ed Le Clair, John Maurer,  
Cliff Morrison, John Notor, Nadia O'Donnell, Maureen O'Sullivan, Kate Raymundo,  
Meme Riordan, Maggie Rousseau, and John Marez**





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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.

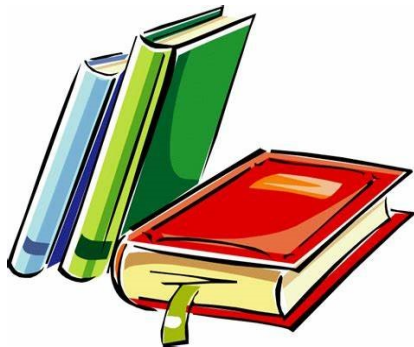
**An Auto External Defibrillator is located in hallway next to the women's restroom in Ellard Hall.**

### 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:**

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

**Jerry Moran, Tony Espinosa, Paul Saccone, Jean Doyle, JD Schramm II, Paul Alegria-Donaher, Ian Alegria-Donaher, Eva Szabo, Richard Giardina, Eugene McMullan, John C. Marquez, Marisa Martinez-Lusinch, Ramon Espinoza, Maria Gonzalez, Dana Martinez, Rick Segovia, Todd May, Owen O'Neill-Rosales, Kathleen Wesner, Charlie McGrath**

# MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

## August 2023 - Health Care

Catholic health care in this country has long had a conflicted relationship with the health-care system at large...Catholic health care thus faces a challenging future. Those who want Catholic institutions to remain substantively Catholic and to provide medical care within the constraints of Catholic medical ethics must articulate a more robust definition of pluralism and conscience rights. Here are four considerations for articulating that vision.

**First, some Catholic health-care policies** do discriminate against transgender people. Does this mean that Catholic practitioners and providers should be forced to violate their consciences and sincere religious beliefs? No. But it means Catholic hospitals are going to need an affirmative carve-out from nondiscrimination law. They need to *convince* lawmakers, and the voting public, that Catholic hospitals deserve an exception. It's no longer good enough, if it ever was, to argue that Catholic hospitals don't discriminate, when they do.

**Second, not all consciences are equally protected in health care.** If the best defense of Catholic health care is conscience rights, Catholics must answer: Whose conscience? Patients, institutional providers, and individual providers can all be said to have one, and Catholic social teaching [speaks powerfully](#) in favor of religious liberty and freedom of conscience. But Catholic application of that principle can feel self-interested, as though it is only concerned with the kinds of restrictions that bear on Catholic consciences per Catholic theology. Catholic advocacy for conscience rights in health care has resulted only in concern with the kind of positive coercion that is the focus of Catholic moral teaching (the need not to participate in evil) while being uninterested in protecting others, especially religious minorities, who understand religious liberty as being more about the right to *do* things that are ethically mandatory.

**Third, without better access to health care,** patients have no conscience rights of their own. Health care should always focus on patients. The best defenses of conscience rights for providers should, too: it's important for patients to be able to choose doctors who align with their values. If a patient wants a procedure that a Catholic hospital can't provide, that patient has the freedom to go somewhere else. But providers who are forced out by laws that don't respect their consciences have no immediate recourse to other livelihoods. However, this articulation of compromise assumes a fully functional, expansive, and affordable health-care system. We don't have one. We have a system that makes it very hard to just "go to another doctor." Somewhere between [one-third](#) and [45 percent](#) of young adults have no primary-care physician.

The question is not whether conscience can be a limiting factor in health care but how to balance all the consciences at play. A basic starting principle is clear: A person who believes only in conscience rights for people who agree with them does not, by definition, believe in conscience rights. Conversations about conscience are fundamentally conversations about compromise.

*Above are excerpts from "Conscience and Catholic Health Care: Catholic hospitals need a new approach," by Jacqui Oesterblad, Commonweal, July 3, 2023.*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL BARBEQUE



**AFTER 10 AM MASS**

Sunday, 10 September 2023



Most Holy Redeemer  
Catholic Church  
100 Diamond St.  
San Francisco, CA



**MORE INFO:**

Kathleen @  
[Kwesner@live.com](mailto:Kwesner@live.com)

The Social Committee is looking for volunteers to help out with the annual Back-to-School Barbeque. Your assistance is essential to make this event a resounding success! Here's how you can lend a hand:

- **Set Up Tables and Chairs:** Help create a welcoming atmosphere by assisting in arranging tables and chairs, ensuring everyone has a comfortable place to sit and enjoy.
- **Grill Master:** Fire up the grill and showcase your grilling prowess as you prepare succulent hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone to savor.
- **Cleanup Crew:** After the delightful meal, join the cleanup team to tidy up the kitchen area, take down tables and chairs, and return them to Ellard Hall, ensuring the space is left as pristine as we found it.

*Your involvement is immensely valued, as the saying goes, "many hands make light work"! Let's come together as a community to make this event memorable and enjoyable for all.*

To contribute your skills and dedication, kindly reach out to Kathleen at [Kwesner@live.com](mailto:Kwesner@live.com). Let her know which task you'd like to assist with and be a part of this wonderful event.