

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 03, 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 27, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$182.00
Sunday 8am -	\$294.00
Sunday 10am -	\$740.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$87.00
Misc. -	\$600.00
VANCO -	\$984.00
Total -	\$2,887.00
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
(or by appointment)

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SEPT 4 — SEPT 10

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

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SEPT 4 — SEPT 10

Mon: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30

Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37

Wed: Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44

Thu: Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11

Fri: Mt 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Sat: Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5

Sun: Ez 33:7-9 /Rom 13:8-10 /Mt 18:15-20

September 3, 2023: 2 Sunday in Ordinary Time

When was the last time you let God have it in anger? I suspect lots of Christians balk at the idea of telling God off. It sounds irreverent, perhaps even blasphemous. Unlike us, our Hebrew ancestors knew that along with love, praise and petition, a deep relationship with God can withstand angry outbursts and even some whining.

Jeremiah is the champion lamenter of the Hebrew Scriptures — and that's saying something. (For another prize-winning complaint check out Psalm 22:7, 13-19 — and that's just one among a multitude of examples!) The Hebrew tradition of "fear of God" (utter awe at God's greatness and compassion) allowed for the expression of deep passion.

Remember Abraham? Questioning God took him to the threshold where God could make a promise greater than Abraham would have imagined (Genesis 15:1-6). Then we have Moses, who tried to avoid confronting the Egyptians by claiming a speech impediment; God reminded him of who gave humans the power of speech and then promised the human help he needed to do what he was called to do (Exodus 4:10-17).

When we hear Jeremiah cry, "You duped me," our translation has made his complaint polite, washing out its passion. A translation truer to what Jeremiah said is: "You seduced me, Lord, and I let myself be seduced." Once again, we seem to be treading toward blasphemy, right? But listen as Jeremiah continues to pray: "I want to quit this ministry, but your word is like a fire in my heart. When I try to hold it in, it explodes inside me. I can't withstand it! It's about to break my bones!" Now that's a lesson in praying with passion!

What had happened to Jeremiah was that he received a new perspective. God enticed him into a mindset and course of action that he didn't want but couldn't refuse. This is what Paul tries to encourage in the Romans as he says, "Don't conform to this age. Let yourself be transformed to learn what is really good and pleasing and perfect." Now, if you think we've drifted out of passion and into pious platitudes, you're missing the point.

Today's Gospel invites us to enter into the Christian adventure with countercultural passion. After last week's rendition of Peter's proclamation of faith, Jesus tells the disciples that being the Messiah is not what they would like to imagine. In response, moments after proclaiming unconditional faith, Peter became Jesus' tempter. Echoing the devil who urged Jesus to use his power for himself and make God his security blanket (Matthew 4:1-10), Peter reproached Jesus for talking about suffering. Echoing his words to the devil himself, Jesus told Peter to get behind him. Yet, Jesus' approach to Peter was not really a dismissal. Using the same vocabulary he had used when he first invited Peter to discipleship, Jesus told Peter, "You are to follow me, not vice versa."

With that, Jesus offered Peter the divine seduction. "Those who wish to save their lives ..." In other words, "Focusing on your own safety is a vicious circle — you'll never have enough of it. If you are free enough to give yourself, nobody can threaten you ever again."

Jesus was inviting Peter to remember why he had followed him in the first place. Jesus didn't call his friends to ascetic sacrifice, but to a life full of the unique joy that comes from the freedom to be for others. This was not a call to a discipleship of cheering a prophet or studying under a rabbi. Jesus was inviting Peter and company to share his very purpose in life. Matthew, Mark and Luke recount this story as we hear it today. John communicates the same idea by quoting Jesus as saying, "I am the vine and you are the branches" (John 15). In both instances, Jesus was inviting them to an all-or-nothing choice: Become a part of me, or make your own path to wherever it will lead.

Might we take these readings as teachings about prayer and discipleship? Both Jeremiah and Peter had a bone to pick with God. And for both of them it had to do with going where they had never intended to go. But, as we saw above, Jeremiah received a new perspective. Nothing was forced on him. Nor on Peter and friends. They had their own ideas and God enticed them beyond their safe havens.

Today we're reminded that, whether we like it or not, the God of Jesus is the great seducer. God simply can't let us settle for puny expectations and sheltered sanctuaries. This God who risked creation and incarnation wants us to share the divine passion — to provoke us into finding our life by letting go.



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

Saturday, September 2

5pm Seth Lester Reyes

Sunday, September 3

8am Carmela & Ralph Quarto

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Thomas Asuncion †

Monday, September 4

8am Joann Yenson Schmidt †

Tuesday, September 5

8am Norman Laufenberg †

Wednesday, September 6

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, September 7

8am Ramon Acuacien †

Friday, September 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Saturday, September 9

5pm Kevin Purcell-Welch †

**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.**



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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.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Moran, Bill Moniz, Chuck Brewster III, Dennis Kennedy, Jamie Scott, Frankie Oakley, John C. Marquez, , Will Ives, John Moore, Pam Mardo, Jonathan May, Kit Godsey, Alexandra Gariel, Manuel Ayan and Johnny Corona

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BARBEQUE

AFTER 10 AM MASS
Sunday, 10 September 2023

 Most Holy Redeemer
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MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

August 2023 - Health Care

This last installment on this month's theme of Health Care is regarding prenatal care.

Having a healthy pregnancy is one of the best ways to promote a healthy birth, and a healthy mother. Prenatal care can help prevent complications to the mother from high blood pressure and diabetes, and to the fetus/infant causing developmental harm.

Currently the country is in a crisis. According to data from the March of Dimes there has been a 4% decline in hospitals with labor and delivery services between 2019 and 2020, and the US has the worse maternal mortality rate among developed nations, especially with women of color. Access to care is also likely to worsen in the coming years as obstetrics units struggle to stay financially afloat, as more people become uninsured with Medicaid reimbursement inadequate to covering costs. In addition, new anti-abortion laws have the effect of limiting the number of physicians and nurse practitioners willing to practice in several states, where they risk losing their licensure or being charged with a felony simply by performing their job according to their oath and conscience as doctors and health care providers. Nationally, about 5.6 million women live in counties with no access to maternal care. In 2021, estimated 33 people died for every 100,000 births in the US, according to the Centers for Disease Control mortality is up 40 percent from 2020.

Many states are considered a "maternal care desert", where pregnant mothers have to drive many hours to the nearest hospital for maternal care, often literally delivering their babies on the road, which obviously puts both mother and newborn at high risk of death. So often mothers lack the transport and/or are unable to afford the gas to get them to a clinic, and lack of access to broadband has been challenging for tele-health especially in rural areas. Again the most at risk are the Hispanic and African-American women who are two and a half times more likely to die due to complications compared to non-Hispanic white women.

As a community within a Roman Catholic tradition of institutions called to provide both direct health care through hospitals and social services to those in need, what can we do to assist minority populations to get the prenatal care necessary to deliver a healthy baby?

Above are sourced from:

Center for Disease Control <http://cdc.gov/prenatal> health and health care

March of Dimes <http://www.marchofdimes.org/pregnancy/your-first-prenatal-checkup>

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/maternal-health-care-crisis-00109106>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS



Seeking donations of new or very gently used backpacks for our guests.



Something with zippers and pockets is preferred. Backpacks may be brought to Mass and dropped into the barrel in the church entrance or dropped off at the rectory during the week starting 9/2/23.

Any questions, please contact:

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