

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 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 September 3, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$269.00
Sunday 8am -	\$557.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,213.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$201.00
Misc. -	\$70.00
VANCO -	\$884.00
Total -	\$3,194.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Music Ministry	\$1,259.00

*Thank you for your
generosity!*



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 11 — SEPT 17

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 11 — SEPT 17

Mon: Col 1:24—2:3 Lk 6:6-11
Tue: Col 2:6-15 Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26
Thu: Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Fri: 1Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Jn19:25-27 or Lk2:33-35
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Sir 27:30—28:7 /Rom 14:7-9 /Mt 18:21-35



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

Saturday, September 9

5pm Kevin Purcell-Welch †

Sunday, September 10

8am Carlos Rodriguez †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Sam Codomo †

Monday, September 11

8am Joseph Hargadon †

Tuesday, September 12

8am Evangaline Laosantos

Wednesday, September 13

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, September 14

8am John R. Ludwick †

Friday, September 15

8am Jesse Madden-Fong †

& Phil Almonte †

Saturday, September 16

5pm Frances Bassetti †

**This week's flower arrangement
is in honor of:**

Joan Guerra

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.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

You are invited to join our RCIA classes in preparation for the receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is primarily for adults considering becoming Catholic and for Catholics who are seeking to receive any of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation.

Classes begin in September 13th,
please contact the parish office to inquire
— office@mhr.org or 415-863-6259—



**Ryan Douglas, Jerry Anderson, Bob Barcewski,
John Colelli, Meme Riordan and John Marez**

September 10, 2023: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On September 22, 2021, Stephen Colbert and six other late-night TV hosts featured climate change in their programs. Among other things, Colbert admitted, "I'm a great hypocrite. I'll never do anything that's inconvenient to me. That's why there has to be systemic change, to make everyone make the right choices, not the easy ones."

It's not often that comedians sound like they just read a papal document, but that night, entertainers were all but citing Pope Francis' encyclical "[*Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home*](#)."

Today, we hear God tell Ezekiel to be a "watchman" for Israel. Now, watchmen are supposed to guard those who hire them, but God commissioned this watchman to disturb his clientele. Who but God would think of that? (It doesn't bode well for long-term employment!)

God tells Ezekiel that if he doesn't speak out, he'll be responsible for all the wickedness that he lets pass him by. Now that's a heavy burden. Ezekiel's only option is to do like the comedians and warn folks that their behavior is pressing down the accelerator on their impending doom.

Growing up, Jesus surely learned about Ezekiel and his thankless vocation. Perhaps he meditated on Ezekiel's task as he went about whatever kept him busy before he began his public mission. However he came to it, Jesus took the prophetic call to heart and he figured out how to pull it off with memorable humor.

Today's teaching about fraternal correction concludes a series of Jesus' wild and witty ideas (Matthew 18:1-14). After telling the disciples that the humble are the greatest in God's sight, Jesus launched into exaggeration and wordplay.

He suggested that it would be better to drown with a 200-pound millstone necklace than to set a stumbling block before the simple. As if that weren't enough, he asserted that people should cut off their hands or pluck out their eyes rather than let those body parts lead them to sin.

Then, while everyone was laughing (nervously) at his absurd images, he hit them with a serious challenge: "If your brother sins ..." In other words: "You are responsible for one another and must do everything possible to help others find their way."

What did folks think upon hearing that? Suppose the listener were someone without much social status, perhaps a woman? To what does Jesus call her?

First, he suggests that she be a whistleblower, telling perpetrators how she views their behavior.

If she gets no results, she's supposed to risk sharing her assessment with others — perhaps people with greater social status. This step entails the chance that they could dismiss her or decide that the cost of saying something is too great.

Still, by the grace of God, they might agree and join her crusade.

What would lead others to join with her? They, like she, would need a twofold motivation. First, they would need to perceive the wrong in the situation. Secondly, they would need the commitment and hope to believe that something better is possible.



COMMUNITY
LIFE

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On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

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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

Ed Ludeman, John Crandon, Mario Donoso, Steve Foster, Chuck Wright, Marilee Hearn, Enrique Sanchez, Christine B. Van Aken, Barbara Applegate, Gerlando F. Palazzotto, Sean Vahey, Joan Guerra, Jasmine Sandoval, John Michael Briones Reyes, Adora Anderson, Eddie Vega and Sasha Dekelaita

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

September 2023

HISPANIC PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

From September 15 through October 15, **Hispanic Pride Month** in the United States celebrates the Hispanic presence that started with the arrival of the Spaniards in Florida in 1513, almost five hundred years ago. Eventually, as we well know, Florida, the Southwest, and Puerto Rico passed into the hands of the United States. Spaniards were in twenty-four of the now fifty states, almost half the country. For this reason, although many Latinos are new immigrants, Latinos have been in what is now called the United States of America for nearly five centuries.

Since our first arrival in this country, Latino influence has increased until we now have a large and fruitful presence here. The first Spanish literary work published in the United States was an 1804 sermon by Don Jose Agustin Caballero. In 1808, the Spanish press was established in the United States, in New Orleans, with the newspaper *El Misisipi*. It was the first medium of Latino communication in the country. In 1822, the first Hispanic politician was elected as a state representative in Florida. In 1865, the first Catholic Hispanic ministry program named Reverend Gabriel Serrano *pastor Hispanorium* in San Francisco, Ca. In 1970, Patricio Flores was consecrated the first Hispanic bishop. Today Hispano/Latinos are important in the fields of entertainment, music, education, politics, and medicine. In 2008, the Census Bureau found us to be the largest ethnic group on the United States. Almost 75 percent of us are bilingual and in almost five hundred years we have not stopped speaking Spanish. Recently, *Despierta* ("Wake up") *America* on Univision became the most popular morning show in the country. As you can see, we are here and we are not leaving.

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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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