

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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 10, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$374.00
Sunday 8am -	\$244.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,113.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$135.00
Misc. -	\$670.00
VANCO -	\$1,897.00
Total -	\$4,433.00
 Budgeted -	 \$4,200.00
Church of Latin America	\$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 18 — SEPT 24

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

www.mhr.org/livestream



SEPT 18 — SEPT 24

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10

Tue: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17

Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35

Thu: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13

Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a



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

Saturday, September 16

5pm Frances Bassetti †

Bob Benetti †

Sunday, September 17

8am Bill Matthews †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Susan Nicholson †

Monday, September 18

8am Eduardo Flores Sr. †

Tuesday, September 19

8am Bernie Banonis †

Wednesday, September 20

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, September 21

8am Constance & Thaddeus Mazurski †

Friday, September 22

8am Marta Sarabia †

Saturday, September 23

5pm Lonnie Rodriguez †

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.

please contact the parish office to inquire
— office@mhr.org or 415-863-6259—



**Bryan Vouglas, Raul Garcia, Jerry Anderson,
Bob Barcewski, John Colelli, Meme Riordan and
John Marez**

September 17, 2023: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Years ago, one of our wise sisters told me, "Be careful about over-tending your wounds. Some people go through life pressing a bruise so that neither they nor (they hope) the world will ever forget it." It was quite an image. I could just see myself focusing on a purple mark on my arm, remembering exactly who had bumped up against me and my schemes and thrown my perfect plans out of whack.

Sister Margaret's advice was a gentler version of Sirach's opening observation: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner holds them tight." What motivates us to cherish wrath? Sirach doesn't say, but he suggests that a remedy is to "remember our last days and set enmity aside." Where Sirach the sage gives us clear maxims, Jesus tells a story to confound us from multiple angles.

When Jesus talks about a king and two servants, the story sounds pretty straightforward. One person forgave, another didn't, so the stingy guy loses in the end. Most third graders will get the message. But what if we dig deeper? First of all, we have the king. He, of course, is omnipotent. He can buy and sell both people and things at will. He calls one of his slaves (that's the literal translation) to "settle accounts."

Now the slave is in big trouble; he owes the king something on the order of 6,000-10,000 days' worth of wages — that's about 20 years of work. Nobody but another king could come through with that amount. When the slave begs, the king spares him and his family from being banished into obscurity.

What did the king accomplish? He demonstrated and acted with the full extent of his power and authority. The power to erase a debt is even greater than being able to collect on it. As we know from the reaction of the servants, the public saw what he did. What did the slave perceive? We might say that he pleaded with the king and got what he asked for. Did he think he had pulled one over on the king? Did he feel ashamed that he had to stoop to begging? Did he feel like he had gotten let off? Did he think the king was stupid?

All those attitudes are possible at the same time. Even if the slave had conned the king, the entire situation made the vast difference in their power immensely, painfully, obvious. As slave, whether debtor or released, he would always see himself as beholden to the king — as would others.

In the next act, the tables turn; the absolved debtor has the upper hand over someone who owes him. And what does he do? Having learned nothing about real power, he exposes the puniness of his mind and heart by sending his fellow debtor to prison until the debt is paid — a highly unlikely outcome.

When others see how things progressed, the original debtor ends up in torture that he brought upon himself. When we go beneath the surface of the story, we see that even after being relieved of his debt, the first slave chose to live in a world of oppression and domination. Although the king's forgiveness had created an alternative to strict economic justice or tit-for-tat relationships, the slave rejected that option.

Given the opportunity to increase the bounteousness in the world, he instead supported a caste system that offered him petty superiority. By reinforcing a strictly transactional system and the power of domination, he ultimately became his own torturer. As Sirach warned, he held tight to terrible things: there would always be someone over him and that would always torment him.

What can we take from this in September 2023? In the middle of the Season of Creation (Sept. 1-Oct. 4), we might read this parable from the vantage point of being creatures given an undeserved bounty of life and possibility. None of us has done anything to deserve the life we have, it is a pure gift of God — to us and to every other part of creation. What does this suggest about the relationships we create with the rest of God's creation?

Sirach talked about cherishing wrath. That seems to be the direct route to self-inflicted torment. How about the alternative of cherishing gratitude? Instead of pressing the bruise, we might marvel out our bodies' remarkable powers of regeneration and healing. Before we call in any debts, we might take account of what we have been given, beginning with life itself, and then all the unmerited advantages of our time and place in history.

God's creation is lavish. We can be, too.

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



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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 Monday 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



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

**Paul Thaine, Gloria Stansbury, Michael Nava, John Crandon, Sean Gallegos,
Ted DeSaulnier III, Marilee Hearn, Christine B. Van Aken, John Robbins,
Barbara Applegate, JC Cadiz, Gabriel Gonzales-Roybal, Stephanie Deignan,
Dominique Dollenmeyer and Sasha Dekelaita**

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

September 2023 — Hispanic Heritage Month

HOME ALTARS

A Baptist minister wrote recently about the necessity of having an altar at home in order to educate our children about faith and prayer. I read this with interest, as the use of a small home altar has a long history in the Catholic Church. I did not know that this tradition had spread to the other Christian churches. In the home of my father's parents in Mexico, a beautiful altar in the form of a pyramid contained flowers, candles, and pictures of Jesus, Mary and some saints. In addition, there were some instruments of devotion, such as a



rosary, a Bible, and some books of prayers. My maternal grandmother's home in Texas also had a small sacred corner. Many Latinos have family home altars. Some are real altars like that of my grandmother, Mama Lilia. Others are special small corners like that of Mama Maria, with images, prayer books, and photographs of our relatives. Actually, neither the size nor the form matters; what matters is the fact that they exist, and above all that they remind us of the presence and importance of God in our homes and in our families.

The small home altars are not only decoration, they are true centers of prayer, especially where there are no priests, or where the priests do not know how to work with the popular religion of Latinos. May times, Latino mothers or grandmothers become the priests who animate the faith and prayers of the family. Home altars decorated with photographs unite the family with faraway relatives and deceased members of the family. In addition to uniting the family, the home altar is a symbol of our union with the universal Church.

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Please Help Us To Raise Funds for

AIDS Support Group

By Volunteering A Few Hours During The Fair.

Sunday, October 1st



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO:

Greet Guests

Collect Free-Will Contributions

*The Fair Committee Awards Grants to Our Aids Support Group Based on the Number of Volunteer Hours Worked.

For More Information and to Register, check out : castrostreetfair.org

**A VIEW FROM WITHIN
and
How Everything Seems To Change**

with Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

The view from within is the way in which the contemplative views the world around them. From the outside ego view, people, places and situations may seem to stay the same. Or we simply don't notice many beautiful aspects of God's creation, due to preoccupations with False Self issues. The ego has blinders. The heart- center sees. And yet so much around the contemplative did not change. Then who or what changed? And how did this take place? The contemplative way is a movement, a practice, by which one can move from judgment, resentment, and anger, to acceptance, compassion, and love. It becomes a way of life, called Non-Duality.

Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP, a Paulist priest whose life-long focus of study and teaching has been ancient and contemporary mystics and contemporary mystics and contemplative prayer. A Centering Prayer practitioner, Fr. Terry lives for several months each year in Snow-mass Monastery in Colorado, heart of the International Centering Prayer movement.

Saturday, September 16, 2023 10 AM —12:30 PM

Ellard Hall (In-person event)

E-mail: centering@mhr.org to register.