

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 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 17, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$262.00
Sunday 8am -	\$217.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,052.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$193.00
Misc. -	\$622.00
VANCO -	\$1,306.00
Total -	\$3,652.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00

*Thank you for your
generosity!*



Give online

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 25 — OCT 1

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 25 — OCT 1

Mon: Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18
Tue: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6
Thu: Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45
Sun: Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



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

Saturday, September 23

5pm Lonnie Rodriguez †

Sunday, September 24

8am Benefactors, Volunteers
& Clients of ASG

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Warren Lubich †

Monday, September 25

8am Stephen & Geneva Toms †

Tuesday, September 26

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday, September 27

8am SVDP Ministry

Thursday, September 28

8am Mary Foley †

Friday, September 29

8am John Marez †

Saturday, September 30

5pm Vincent & Barbara Colelli †

**To schedule a Mass Intention
or sponsor the weekend altar flowers,
please call the parish office at 415-863-6259
or email office@mhr.org.**



**Bryan Vogel ,Raul Garcia, Jerry Anderson, Bob
Barcewski, John Colelli, Meme Riordan**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Everyone is invited to bring your pet
to mass & garden

**Sunday October 1st
12 noon to 1pm**



for a blessing in celebration of the
Feast of St Francis

All are welcome and invited!

THIS WEEKEND

The Verbum Dei sisters are raising funds for an immersion experience in Jerusalem, Israel to engage in interreligious dialogue for their theology studies. We students will visit significant religious sites and participate in learning opportunities with Jewish, Muslim, and Christian women living there.

We are selling Verbum Dei art after the 5pm Saturday Mass and the Sunday morning 8am & 10am Masses.

Contact Sr. Laryn at lkovalik@scu.edu
for more information.

Thank you! Peace

September 24, 2023: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid, Mom used to sing this ditty to me: "Mother, Mother, may I go out to swim? Yes, my darling daughter. Hang your clothes on a hickory limb, but don't go near the water." (Would it have been different had I been a boy? Perhaps, "Yes, my beloved son. Take off your clothes and dive right in, I want you to have fun.")

That time is long past. Now I can swim when I want and instead find myself bamboozled by Isaiah who tells us, "Seek while God can be found!" and quotes God as saying, "My thoughts are not your thoughts . . . as high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above yours." What are we to do? Where are we to seek God? And ultimately, why?

Responding to, if not exactly answering, this question, we have today's parable of the landowner and the day laborers who got paid equally, no matter how long they worked. Except for the prodigal son, few parables disturb people more than this one. It's not fair. Who wants a kingdom of heaven that runs on this sort of rule?

Really, what's the point of spending oneself all day if people who only work an hour get the same reward? It reminds me of the story of Constantine. They say that in the year 312, Constantine had a vision of a cross and the phrase, "In this sign, conquer." After winning a key battle under the sign of Christ, he and another emperor issued the Edict of Milan, legalizing Christianity. While Constantine claimed to believe in Christianity, he realized that its moral demands would have hindered his style — activities like the murder of his wife and son — so he waited to be baptized until he was on his deathbed. Forgiveness of sin and a straight path to heaven! Was he following the moral of this week's parable?

One line in the parable of the vineyard workers suggests a key to understanding it. Replying to the disgruntled folks who "bore the day's burden and the heat," the owner asked, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Let's take a look at the workers' envy. What did they want from the owner? It seems they had no concern about the vineyard itself, only the salary. Like hired shepherds, they were contract workers, they had no stake in the produce; any job would have been the same to them as long as they received the payment they thought they deserved.

This is not to say that the latecomers (and Constantine?) were any more sincerely committed to the owner and the crop. The generous proprietor might not have even expected their loyalty. He focused at least as much on the good of the workers as on the work itself. None of the workers had more need of a wage than others; the families of those who had waited all day to be hired would be just as hungry as the families of those who worked all that time. The owner gave all of them what they needed to survive.

Taking this one step further, we might ask who among the workers might have cared as much about the landowner as he cared for them? A worker who is identified with the owner shares his care for the vineyard. For that person, the work itself is a reward and the pay is just one dimension of belonging to a group with a shared project. A worker who shares the owner's motivation becomes one with the owner.

This thinking may help lead us to a better understanding of the God whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are far above ours. Sometimes we look at religion as a transactional affair: If we do good, we'll get rewarded, if not, we'll be punished. Thus, like Constantine, we shoot for the best we can get with the least disturbance to other priorities.

Jesus said that this parable was about the kingdom of heaven — a realm that doesn't operate as a transactional system. This parable introduces us to an owner who cares for both workers and the vineyard, an owner criticized primarily for his generosity. This is the sort of owner that one can trust to look out for the common good. This owner seeks others who will share his priorities, who can catch some of his spirit. In Paul's words, he looks for people who will live for something more than themselves.

Isaiah left us asking how to find God. Jesus' parable of the owner and workers suggests that getting caught up in God's work will reveal who God is and draw us into the joy of living generously. That's more than fair.

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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On the web: www.mhr.org

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Instagram: [mhrcatholicsf](https://www.instagram.com/mhrcatholicsf)

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 Streets Be sure to mention that MHR AIDS Support Group is your charity ---Charity # 242. Thank you.



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—



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Len Stec, George Smith, John Ottersberg, Jim Boll,
Eamon Dwyer, Joseph D. Marko, Jesus Lagbao,
Connor Green, Tony Tabangcura, Emily Simas, and
Christopher Westergaard

MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

— Hispanic Heritage Month —
September 15 to October 15

THE PINATA

Today, the *pinata* makes us think of birthday parties. Many do not know that the *pinata* is a symbol of Advent. The Mexican tradition of *Las Posadas* is also accompanied by a *pinata*. Although there are *pinatas* of animals, caricatures, and other images, the *pinata* of *Las Posadas* is a star with seven points.



The origin of the Mexican *pinata* has two sources. The *pinata* arrived with the Spanish missionaries who had received it from the Italians. The latter obtained it from Marco Polo, who observed decorations of brightly colored animals in China. The association of the *pinata* with *Las Posadas* comes from the Nahuatl culture that celebrated Huitzilopochtli (the god of war) from 17th to the 26th of December. The Nahuatl used to put clay pots decorated with ribbons and feathers on poles in the temple. When the pots were broken treasures and jewelry fell to the feet of the god.

The Spanish missionaries mixed the two customs to teach catechism. They added seven points to the pots to make a star. But instead of representing the star of Bethlehem, the seven-pointed star represents the devil and the seven capital sins; pride, avarice, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth. The blindfold represents faith in Christ, which at times can seem to be useless and incomprehensible. The act of hitting the *pinata* represents our Christian efforts and values. When the *pinata* breaks instead of the treasures and jewelry for a pagan god, candies and gifts fall for those who break the *pinata* to share with their friends. This indicates that we, the faithful, are showered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

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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

Upcoming Events at MHR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Festival of Saints and Song

– Saturday, October 28, 7:30PM–

We remember...

the supreme love of Creation,

the blessing of Spirit,

and the wisdom of Word.



Concert entitled "Journey Home"

– Sunday, November 5, 3:00PM–

The music explores the journeys of self-discovery that we undertake individually and as a community, seeking home, refuge, and inclusion.

At the heart of the program is a new treble-arrangement of "Meet Me Here" from Considering Matthew Shepard.