

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 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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CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Curtis Murray



### Collection - Week of September 24, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$418.00
Sunday 8am -	\$150.00
Sunday 10am -	\$751.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$227.00
Misc. -	\$345.00
<b>VANCO -</b>	<b>\$1,756.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,647.00</b>
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Priest's Retirement -	1,087.00

*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**

**OCT 2 — OCT 8**

### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

### Monday

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

### Wednesday

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

### Friday

Mass & Anointing of the Sick - 8am

### Saturday

Vigil Mass - 5pm

### Sunday

Masses: 8am, 10am & 6:30pm

Blessing of the Animals: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

*Join us for Coffee Hour after the  
8am & 10am Masses*

**Livestream the 10am Sunday Mass**

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**OCT 2 — OCT 8**

**Mon: Zec 8:1-8 Mt 18:1-5, 10**  
**Tue: Zec 8:20-23 Lk 9:51-56**  
**Wed: Neh 2:1-8 Lk 9:57-62**  
**Thu: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Lk 10:1-12**  
**Fri: Bar 1:15-22 Lk 10:13-16**  
**Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Lk 10:17-24**  
**Sun: Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43**



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

**Saturday, September 30**

5pm Vincent & Barbara Colelli †

**Sunday, October 1**

8am Chuck Bold †

2nd Year Death Anniversary

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Barrie L. Johnson †

Daniel Martinez †

**Monday, October 2**

8am Rita, Al & Barbara Ludeman †

**Tuesday, October 3**

8am George & Eva Roberts †

**Wednesday, October 4**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

**Thursday, October 5**

8am Stephen Laurence Faulkner †

**Friday, October 6**

8am Jose Gonzalez (L)

**Saturday, October 7**

5pm Ellen Jane Adams †

***Flowers Offered in Memory of the  
Second Death Anniversary of:***

***Chuck Bold †***

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](mailto:office@mhr.org).



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

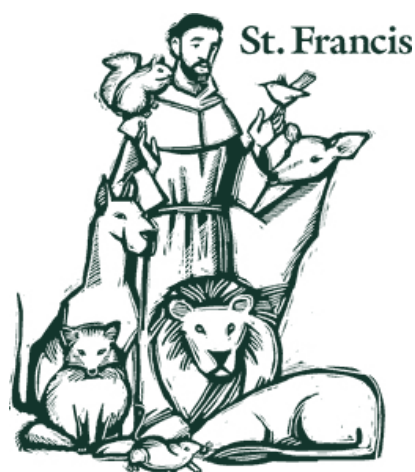
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Everyone is invited to bring your pet  
to mass & garden

**THIS WEEKEND**

**Sunday October 1st**

**12 noon to 1pm**



for a blessing in celebration of the  
**Feast of St Francis**

*All are welcome and invited!*



Our MHR parish  
custom is to offer  
Anointing of the Sick  
at the 8am Mass  
on the first Fridays  
of the month.

Please join us next Friday, October 6,  
as we welcome Archbishop Cordileone,  
who will celebrate Mass and the Sacrament  
of Anointing with us.

A small reception in the rectory will  
follow the Mass.

Thank you



## October 1, 2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A friend recently asked me, "How do you think God looks at what's happening in the world?" Shortly after that, I began to contemplate today's first reading. Listen as God complains about our grievances: "You say I'm not fair! Who's really unfair in this universe? It seems to me that you like to freeze people in place, deciding that people will forever be what they once were. ... What about allowing for a bit of change?"

This comes from Ezekiel 18. Scholars such as Margaret S. Odell suggest he was refuting the proverb, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." That would make this a teaching about individual responsibility — which is surely one way that we can understand it. At the same time, if we read Ezekiel in the light of today's other two readings, we might discover a different approach.

First, a look at Jesus' parable about two children. In this vignette, a father needed help in his vineyard. When he sent his children, one of them committed the unthinkable offense of openly defying the father — an attitude tantamount to denying that he was father to him or her. (The Greek word translated "sons" does not designate a gender.) The second child responded with great formal respect but did nothing to satisfy the father's need.

Obviously, neither child acted rightly. One defied the father, the other replied politely and then rendered the words meaningless. Then Jesus says that the disrespectful child had a "change of mind." We use that phrase lightly, but the Greek original, *metamelomai*, suggests a deep emotion, an adjustment of a person's basic priorities. This change of mind implied a refocusing of values, internalizing the father's desires — a course of action that effectively (and affectively?) reversed the original insolent "not-your-child" response.

The people who replied to Jesus' question had to swallow hard before saying which child did the father's will. How could they say that a child who acted disrespectfully was in the right? (Would it have been worse if the child were a girl?) Interestingly, Matthew's infancy narrative subtly anticipates the gist of this parable. In telling of Jesus' origins, Matthew focused on Joseph. As a righteous and merciful man, he intended to divorce Mary, the unwed mother, in quiet — until an angel caused him to change his mind. As a result, he transgressed the formal law, doing instead what he perceived to be God's will.

This week, our second reading casts an unexpected light on the other readings. When St. Paul calls his community to allow Christ's mind to be active in them, he refers to both attitudes and actions. Christ's mindset (attitude) led him to ignore the status often attributed to God — the sort of prestige that would allow him to do whatever he wanted and awe others. Christ Jesus presented himself as the anti-celebrity, the servant son who revealed that God is not like we might like to think. Jesus revealed a God who waits for people to come around to internalizing the divine will — no matter how long it takes or how much they may resist along the way. It appears that God prefers scandal to lip service.

What if the answer to Jesus' question were, "Both children did the father's will — at least in part"? Neither was an ideal child. One made a display of proper respect, but never incarnated that verbal devotion in deed. The other gave the appearance of being sacrilegious, but carried out the father's will.

What if we took this parable as an invitation to stop dividing people into camps, contrasting Republicans and Democrats, pro-lifers and the ecology-minded, liberals and conservatives, and on and on? Both children failed the father and both respected him. What about a conclusion that says they were to learn from one another and from the attitude of Christ, who was telling the story?

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



COMMUNITY  
LIFE

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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 Monday of each month at 2pm in the Library. 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

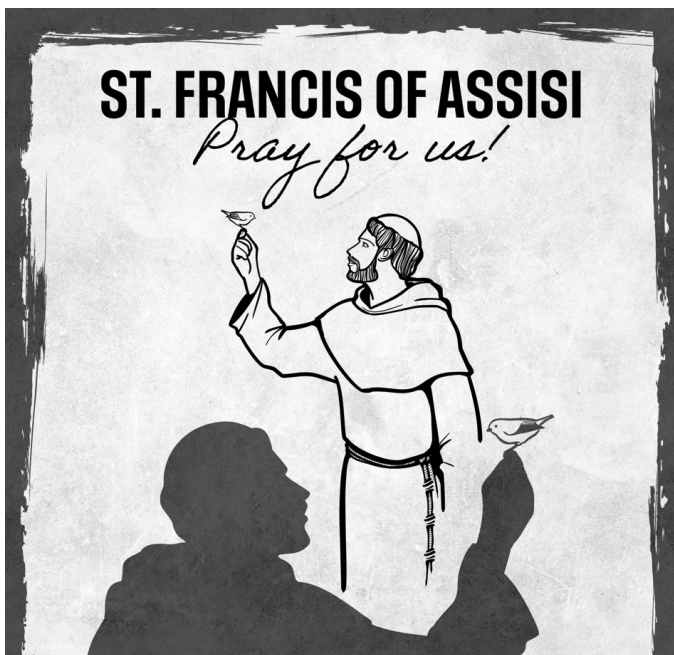


### Volunteers Needed:

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.



## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Vargas, Marc Colelli, Tedosio Samora,  
William Silveria, Marguerite Engel, Susan Fandel,  
Mark Santos, Linda Pillay, Liezl Chin,  
Sheila Normile - Thompson, Kellyn Lakhardt,  
Olivia Meece, Noah Meece, Steven Hatton, Bob  
Zorad, Lauren May, Bekah Buckels, and  
Desiree Salazar



# MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

— Hispanic Heritage Month —

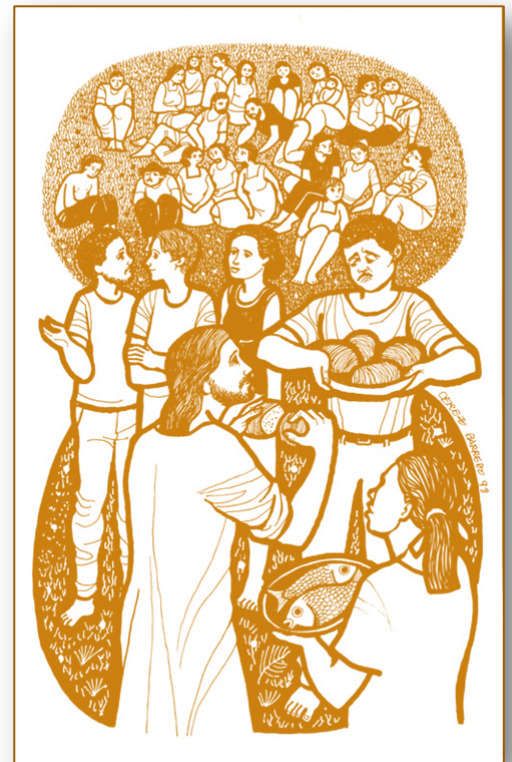
September 15 to October 15

## PREJUDICE AND RACISM

Within our memory, Hispanics in this country have experienced cruel prejudice. So extensive has it been in some areas that they have been denied basic human and civil rights. Even today Hispanics, blacks, the recent Southeast Asian refugees and Native Americans continue to suffer from such dehumanizing treatment, treatment which makes us aware that the sin of racism lingers in our society. Despite great strides in eliminating racial prejudice, both in our country and in our Church, there remains an urgent need for continued purification and reconciliation. It is particularly disheartening to know that some Catholics hold strong prejudices against Hispanics and others and deny them the respect and love due their God-given dignity.

This is evident even in some parish communities where one finds a reluctance among some non-Hispanics to serve with Hispanics or to socialize with them at parochial events. We appeal to those with this unchristian attitude to examine their behavior in the light of Jesus' commandment of love and to accept their Hispanic brothers and sisters as full partners in the work and life of their parishes. Our words in our pastoral letter on racism deserve repeating: "Racism is not merely one sin among many, it is a radical evil dividing the human family and denying the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it demands an equally radical transformation in our own minds and hearts as well as the structure of our society" (BSU, P. 10.)

We urge those who employ Hispanics to provide them with safe and decent working conditions and to pay them salaries which enable them to provide adequately for their families. The inhuman condition of pervasive poverty forced on many Hispanics is at the root of many social problems in their lives. Decent working conditions and adequate salaries are required by justice and basic fairness.



Please join us for our

# FESTIVAL OF SAINTS AND SONG

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WE REMEMBER THE SUPREME LOVE OF CREATION,  
THE BLESSING OF THE SPIRIT, AND THE WISDOM OF THE WORD



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 - 7:30 PM**

The festival includes music, storytelling, saintly narratives,  
dance, and commemorating loved ones who have passed.

All are welcome!



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