

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 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 October 1, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$747.00
Sunday 8am -	\$277.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,026.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$104.00
Misc. -	\$310.00
VANCO -	\$866.00
Total -	\$3,330.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Facilities Improvement -	2,190.00

*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 9— OCT 15

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

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OCT 9 — OCT 15

Mon: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Lk 10:25-37

Tue: Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4

Thu: Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13

Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26

Sat: Jl 4:12-21 11:27-28

Sun: Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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

Saturday, October 7

5pm Ellen James Adam †

Sunday, October 8

8am Trudy Miller

80th Birthday

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Steve Chisum †

Monday, October 9

8am Mona Lisa Guerrero †

Tuesday, October 10

8am JD & Ken Daigle (L)

Wednesday, October 11

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, October 12

8am Joanna Irene Kennedy †

1yr. Death Anniversary

Friday, October 13

8am Carlos Rodriguez †

Saturday, October 14

5pm Betty Jean Bowser †

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.



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

**We invite you to make an intentional effort
to commit to praying this Prayer for the Synod
daily through October.**

**We believe that our unity in prayer
can make a difference.**

Thank you



Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

Do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



MHR ACOLYTE WORKSHOP

ENERGIZING OUR MISSION AND RENEWING OUR SERVICE

Saturday, October 21, 2023
10:30AM – 1:00PM

Join us for an upcoming Acolyte Workshop
hosted by the MHR Liturgy Team,
featuring guest speaker Fr. Joe Nassal, C.P.P.S.

Explore the Acolyte's role in Sunday Worship,
including processions, altar table preparation,
assisting the Presider, and more. We'll also
discuss recent changes due to COVID-19 that
are now being reinstated.

Whether you're a seasoned Acolyte or
new to the ministry, this workshop is essential.

Lunch will be provided;
please register at mhr.org to secure your spot.



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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 Library. Email markwbass@yahoo.com for information.

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

**Michael Vargas, John Goulding , John Solaegui, Michael King,
Mike Mamone , Phillip Soliz, Gabriel Domenech, Linda Robertshaw,
Hugo Gonzalez, Tony Zapotoczny, Bobby Cupp, Joseph de la Rosa Jr.,
Ava Pang-Jones, Trudy Miller, Colleen Simon-O'Neill, Victor Ngai,
Francisco Salazar, Zachary Palacies, and Ramona Habib**

October 8, 2023: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who could fail to empathize with Isaiah's heartbroken planter? The poor man loved his land with all he had, molding it with his muscles, caressing it with his hands — never a mention of a servant to do the hard work. Once all was ready, he built a tower from which to gaze on its growth and protect it. Alas, his hopes were dashed; the produce didn't serve even for vinegar. What was there to do other than let it go wild and let the goats have their way with it?

Jesus turned Isaiah's song of lament into a more personal parable. He transformed the relationship between proprietor and land into one between an owner and tenants. As we listen to his tale, we hear echoes of the preface to the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer: "Again and again you offered a covenant ... and taught us to hope for salvation."

Jesus' parable recounts the underside of the story, turning it into a critique of his audience of closed-minded chief priests and elders. Underlining how the parable put the religious leaders on trial, Matthew described the treatment of the son in precise parallel to what the leaders eventually would do to Jesus: "They seized him, threw him out of [Jerusalem] and killed him."

Responding to Jesus' question about what the owner should do, the leaders pronounced sentence on themselves. Applying a theory of retribution, they said, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death." In other words, they should reap the same evil they sowed. Jesus didn't follow their avenging lead. Instead of a violent vengeance for their evil, he simply says, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you."

That sentence subtly reveals that by both their treatment of prophets and their way of dealing with sinners they disqualify themselves for the kingdom that Jesus would make present among them. Jesus' words continue to echo the preface we hear so often. Phrases like "You did not abandon us to the power of death" and "He destroyed death and restored life" reveal what Jesus teaches about God's approach to fickle humanity.

When Isaiah's friend's vineyard didn't produce, the owner took away its protection and let it go wild. In contrast, Jesus gave people the freedom to judge for themselves: Did they want to live by the forgiving, loving norms of God's reign or did they prefer a kingdom of their own making? God leaves the power in our hands.

Jesus' question about what will happen to those who reject God's messengers applies to everyone who reads the Gospel. It asks us, "What kind of realm do we hope to create among ourselves?" Over and again, when we decide how to reward or condemn others, we hear Jesus say, "Leave the judgment to me." We heard this in Matthew 13, when Jesus warned against weeding the field. As we recalled last week, that was the angel's message to Joseph: "Do not be afraid" (Matthew 1:18-25). It is also the underlying theme of Jesus' command to forgive. In the Letter to the Philippians, Paul offers another angle on this teaching. His message? "Have no anxiety."

Any sense that this is a Pollyanna approach gets kiboshed when we remember that Paul was writing from prison. He found his situation of confinement and danger of death a good place from which to teach about prayer. "Yes," he says, "make your requests known to God, ask and do it with thanksgiving!" He's not saying that the God "who makes all things work for good" (Romans 8:28) is unaware, but rather that asking for God's help will keep praying people attentive to how God would lead them forth. Thanksgiving keeps us conscious of how many ways God has been present to us. Because it is based on remembering God's good care, requesting help with gratitude becomes the recipe for knowing "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding."

Today's readings invite us into at least two styles of prayer. The first, as Paul says, is to pray with the trust that produces peace, remembering that God urges us toward unimaginable good in every circumstance.

The second might be more of a loving contemplation. Following Isaiah's lead, we open ourselves to feel with the God of the vineyard, the owner who is laden with almost unbearable sadness at what has happened to what he had created with such care.

The dynamic of both of these prayers is the same. They lead to love of God, to a life that Paul calls honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, etc. Such prayer also leads us into the mustard-seed fruitfulness that transforms the world.



MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

— Hispanic Heritage Month —
September 15 to October 15

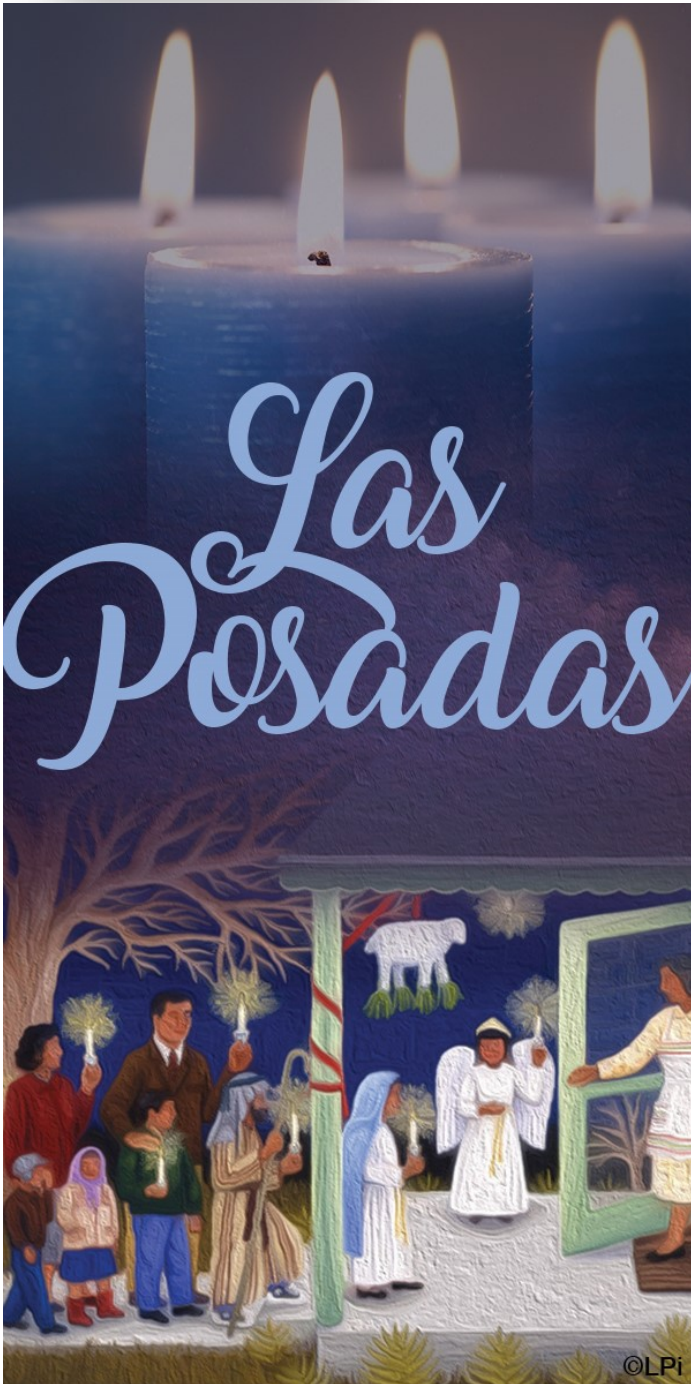
LAS POSADAS

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the “O Antiphons” of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights.

Two hundred years later, many Latinos continue to celebrate the *posadas* in the United States. I remember that when I was a child we used to sing “*E-e-en el nombree del cieee-ee-cielo*” as we ran through the streets of the neighborhood to a house where they would open the door to us with songs, tamales, cookies, and chocolate. It was fun, but it recalled a sad event in the life of Jesus, who emigrated from heaven to earth.

The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face

of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?



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