

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 15, 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!*



**MOST HOLY REDEEMER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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San Francisco, California

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Curtis Murray



**Collection - Week of October 15, 2023**

Saturday 5pm -	\$180.00
Sunday 8am -	\$174.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,209.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$260.00
Misc. -	\$55.00
<b>VANCO -</b>	<b>\$1,297.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,175.00</b>
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00

*Thank you for your  
generosity!*

*Give online*



**MASS TIMES**

**Daily Mass:** 8am (Mon ~ Fri)  
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**Holy Days:** 8am & 7pm  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm  
(or by appointment)

**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

**Oct 16 — Oct 22**

**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](http://www.MHR.org)**

[www.mhr.org/livestream](http://www.mhr.org/livestream)



**Oct 16 — Oct 22**

- Mon: Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32**
- Tue: Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41**
- Wed: 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9**
- Thu: Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54**
- Fri: Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7**
- Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12**
- Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21**



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

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

**Saturday, October 14**

5pm Betty Jean Bowser †

**Sunday, October 15**

8am Benefactor, Volunteers & Clients of ASG  
10am MHR Parish

6:30p Vincent Colelli †

**Monday, October 16**

8am Bill Matthews †

**Tuesday, October 17**

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

**Wednesday, October 18**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

**Thursday, October 19**

8am Elizabeth & Peter Toms †

**Friday, October 20**

8am Bernie Banonis †

**Saturday, October 21**

5pm Jihad Bassil †



**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

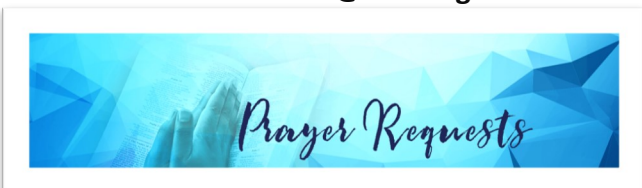
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

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.

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





Centering Prayer



Saturday,  
October 21, 2023  
10 AM —12:30 PM  
Ellard Hall  
(In-person event)

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E-mail: [centering@mhr.org](mailto:centering@mhr.org)  
to register (name @ e-mail  
address).

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*God's inclusive love proclaimed here!*

## How Peoples of the World Love: The Practice of Meditation— An Interfaith Perspective

with **Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP**

Our reflections will examine how prayer, reflection, meditation, and contemplation transcend any particular religious tradition. Deep in the heart and soul of every person is the desire to make sense of out of the life they have been given. Those who consciously and deliberately practice the contemplative arts allow and invite themselves to be open to the beauty and mystery of life. Every religion offers a pathway to the Ultimate. These pathways are to be found in the uniqueness and practice of each and every person. May we continue our journey together, each in our own unique way.



**Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP**, is a Passionist priest ordained in 1972. He has conducted hundreds of Scripture study programs throughout the Western US for over 30 years. He has ministered in the Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco dioceses teaching Scripture and conducting retreats. Fr. Tom heads the Interfaith Peace Project and teaches World Religions.



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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.

## 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.



The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for two new members

If you are interested in serving, please speak with

Fr. Matt or with a member of the council.

Thank you for your consideration

# October 15, 2023

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's the difference between an invitation and a call? We might be invited to the game on Sunday, to a party, or even to be godparent to the child of a friend. When does an invitation ("Will you marry me?") become a call? How do we know our "calling in life"?

These are some of the questions that spring from Jesus' story of the king who got stood up when he threw a wedding party for his son.

First of all, the setting. Matthew makes the king the protagonist in this story. Think about this: While you might wiggle out of a neighbor's invitation to a baby shower or potluck, in Jesus' day, an invitation from the king required acceptance — to do otherwise implied insurrection.

So, here we have this king all ready to show off his wealth and generosity by throwing an impressive feast for his son, probably the crown prince.

This is no small affair. When the menu includes calves and fattened cattle, we're talking about 750-pound calves and cattle that weigh about twice that much — not counting vegetables and wine! It's hard to calculate the insult resulting from making such preparations only to have the people you want to impress decide that they've got something better to do.

You can bet that they weren't thinking that the king was going to rule for long — nor that his heir would become a person of great power. Dissing him showed that they were counting on a change of regime. The king was not to be deterred. If the "right people" weren't going to be with him, he would find others and make them right.

That's a description of salvation and a retake on Isaiah 25's mountaintop banquet for "all peoples." These stories portray God's future as a blowout feast for everyone humble enough to accept the fact that they can never deserve the invitation and who, at the same time, know that the invitation itself makes them worthy.

What if we thought about the images of these feasts as call stories? Most of the vocation stories we hear stress the leaving everything to follow. The fishers left their nets and boats, the women who followed Jesus left their reputations and gave from their own wealth to follow. Jesus himself warned that each would need to take up their own cross.

Nevertheless, the Gospels never present the reign of God as an experience of fast and abstinence. Jesus himself admitted that others called him a glutton and a drunkard (Matthew 11:19). Jesus was never accused of being too strict or ascetic!

What if we thought of our calling, our vocation, as an invitation to "the good life" in the sense of a life of fulfillment, joy, celebration, commitment, laughter and love? Isn't that what the folks who filled the king's banquet hall found?

We might think of this party as a mirror of the sacraments of initiation. Baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, symbolized by the acceptance of the invitation, the wedding gown and participating in the feast. Here, "the bad and good alike" can enjoy everything the king has prepared for them. You can imagine them dancing and singing, going back for seconds (or thirds) and popping petit fours into their mouths each time they glide past the dessert table.

This is our invitation, our vocation. All it costs, as in Isaiah 55, is the willingness to participate fully: to accept the invitation, put on the attitudes symbolized by the wedding dress, and then fully enjoy what is offered.

Let's go for it!



Please join us for our  
**Festival of Saint & Song**

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

**Saturday, October 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm**

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

*All are welcome!*

MHR Acolyte Workshop  
**Energizing our Mission  
& Renewing Our Service**

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

**Saturday, October 21, 2023 – 10:30 am - 1:00pm**

Whether you're a seasoned Acolyte or new to the ministry, this workshop is essential.  
Lunch will be provided; please register at [mhr.org](http://mhr.org) to secure your spot