

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 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 22, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$461.00
Sunday 8am -	\$369.00
Sunday 10am -	\$879.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$110.00
Misc. -	\$722.00
VANCO -	\$934.00
Total -	\$3,475.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Propagation of Faith -	\$1,465.00

*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 23 — OCT 29

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



OCT 23 — OCT 29

Mon: Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21

Tue: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21 Lk 12:35-38

Wed: Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48

Thu: Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53

Fri: Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59

Sat: Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16

Sun: Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40



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

Saturday, October 21

5pm Jihad Bassil †

Sunday, October 22

8am Bernadette Asuncion

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Raul Garcia †

Monday, October 23

8am Ming Cheuk Gee †

Tuesday, October 24

8am Emmanuel Maliksi †

Wednesday, October 25

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, October 26

8am Amari Ainzley Asuncion

Friday, October 27

8am Maria Palma

Patricia Brooks †

Saturday, October 28

5pm Ernest A. Maggioncalda †

Flowers donated in the memory of:

Reginald Miller †

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, Jerry Anderson, Bob
Barcewski, John Colelli, Meme Riordan
and Maria Palma

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 to-
gether 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 jour-
ney 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.

THANKSGIVING PIE BAKE OFF



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Enter to win prizes and be crowned the
MHR Pie King/Queen of 2023.

Rules:

- All pies must be home-baked
- List ingredients for possible allergies

PLEASE DELIVER PIES TO ELLARD HALL BEFORE THE 10 A.M. MASS. FOLLOWING THE MASS, OUR ESTEEMED JUDGES WILL CONDUCT THE JUDGING, AND A CHAMPION WILL BE CROWNED. EVERYONE WILL THEN SAVOR THE DELICIOUS PIES.



COMMUNITY
LIFE

Visit us:

On the web: www.mhr.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/mhrsf

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,

October 9, 2023

Missionaries of the Precious Blood
Peace and Justice Committee
431 E. 2nd Street
Dayton, OH 45402- 1764

Dear Peace and Justice Committee:

Many thanks to you and all the Missionaries of the Precious Blood for the very generous September 25, 2023, grant of \$5,000.00 to the Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group. In our 38th year of providing emotional and practical support to those with debilitating HIV/AIDS, this donation will be most useful.

The grant will help us continue the professionally facilitated support group, begun with your funding, that has provided a safe space over the years to many of our clients. It continues as a weekly meeting with a base group which has grown into a mutually supportive community open and welcoming to new members, drawing others from isolation into community.

The support of the Precious Blood family has been a great blessing for us. You are in our prayers. May the Spirit continue to lead us all in Christ's path.

Sincerely,

Peter Toms
Program Coordinator

October 15, 2023 : 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The cartoon character Charlie Brown never ages, and seems not to learn much either. Every fall since 1953, Lucy has been snatching away the football just before Charlie can kick it, leaving him sprawled on the ground, lamenting. Poor old Charlie Brown. It often seems that Jesus' opponents were as naïve as Charlie Brown and as unkind and double-crossing as Lucy. Over and again, they failed to realize that they were no match for the wit and wisdom of their prey. Time after time, they tried to trap Jesus, only to find themselves caught in the spiraling conundrums that flowed from their attempts. As often happens, the Gospel we hear today has multiple levels of significance.

Jesus must have enjoyed the rich irony of the group that marshaled to approach him that day; they were Herodians and disciples of the Pharisees — groups with significant ideological differences brought together because they chose to see Jesus as a rival. The combination of these two groups intent on cornering Jesus made for great public theater. Like prosecuting attorneys, they planned to bamboozle him with a question about paying taxes: If he said, "Don't pay," he was rebelling against the Romans; if he advised payment, he was affirming the Roman right to collect a hated tax — something like the British tax of 1773 that led to the Boston Tea Party. Unfortunately for them, Jesus was quick on his feet and led them to get snared in their own trap.

He said, "Show me the money!" Money always talks. In this case, when one of them produced the type of Roman currency required for paying that much-loathed tax, the coin made a visual announcement that at least one of those purists was walking around with a portrait of Caesar in his purse. That coin not only had an image, but it bore the inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, Son of the Divine Augustus." That announced that the holder was ready to comply with the tax and also carried a "graven image" of a false God: flagrant violations of God's command. (In the Catholic list of the 10, this is part of the first commandment; in the usual Protestant version it is the second.) Simply by showing Jesus the coin they had, they incriminated themselves both of being compliant with Rome and as breaking the law of God. This much of the entertainment is obvious. Now for the spiraling conundrum. Jesus asked, "Whose image (literally icon) is there?" When they identified Caesar, he said, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God, what belongs to God." That short interchange included two key points.

First, "icon" is the word used in Genesis to speak of human beings created as images of God. Genesis 1:26-27 uses the word icon three times as it teaches that male and female are created in the divine image. Hearing the question, "whose image?" created an echo of Genesis in the minds of anyone steeped in the scriptures, reminding them that every person is an august icon of God.

Second, the word, "render," means more than "pay" or even "repay." It implies that the person in question is handing over something very personal — this isn't just a random silver dollar; "rendering" something indicates that the givers are handing over a bit of themselves and admitting that the receiver has the right to it. This raises the question of what really belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. Because Jesus had brought Genesis to mind, the answer was obvious: Everything is part of God's creation, destined to be consecrated to God's purpose.

Just like Charlie Brown running toward Lucy, the team of Pharisees and Herodians fell into Jesus' trap and were left sprawling. Instead of forcing Jesus' hand, the evidence they produced implicated them in the very transgressions they were trying to pin on Jesus. He, in turn, had transformed their interrogation into a proclamation of God's unique sovereignty.

Note: In the process of taking the lead role in this skit, Jesus didn't really answer his opponents' question — at least not directly. He taught unequivocally that love of God and neighbor summarize the human vocation, but he avoided giving details about how love should be incarnated in particular situations — the only hard and fast rule would be love. As disciples who realize that Jesus did not give a definitive answer, we need to revisit the scene, seeking what the incident teaches. Avoiding meticulous mandates, Jesus invites us to deeper considerations. By recalling Genesis and the human vocation to be icons of the divine, he calls forth our creativity. While he does not give us hard and fast rules, he promises to be there for us, more trustworthy than Lucy, sending the Spirit who helps us learn better than Charlie.



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!

