

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 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
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Collection - Week of October 29, 2023

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| Saturday 5pm - | \$322.00 |
| Sunday 8am - | \$203.00 |
| Sunday 10am - | \$752.00 |
| Sunday 6:30pm - | \$195.00 |
| Misc. - | \$480.00 |
| VANCO - | \$744.00 |
| Total - | \$2,696.00 |
| Budgeted - | \$4,200.00 |
| SVDP - | \$1,504.00 |

*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

Nov 6— Nov 12

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Suppers 1pm - 7pm

Friday

Office Closed - Veterans Day

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



Nov 6 — Nov 12

Mon: Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14

Tue: Rom 12:5-16b Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33

**Thu: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22**

Fri: Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15

Sun: Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

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

Saturday, November 4

5pm Tomasina Sandoval †

Sunday, November 5

8am Lucy & Jerry Lamia †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Bob Benetti †

Monday, November 6

8am Yrbyn Deza

Tuesday, November 7

8am Gary S. Weaver †

Wednesday, November 8

8am Giuseppe & Angelina Fazio †

Thursday, November 9

8am Walter & Pauline Thomas †

Friday, November 10

8am Vincent Colelli †

Saturday, November 11

5pm Fr. Matt - *Birthday*

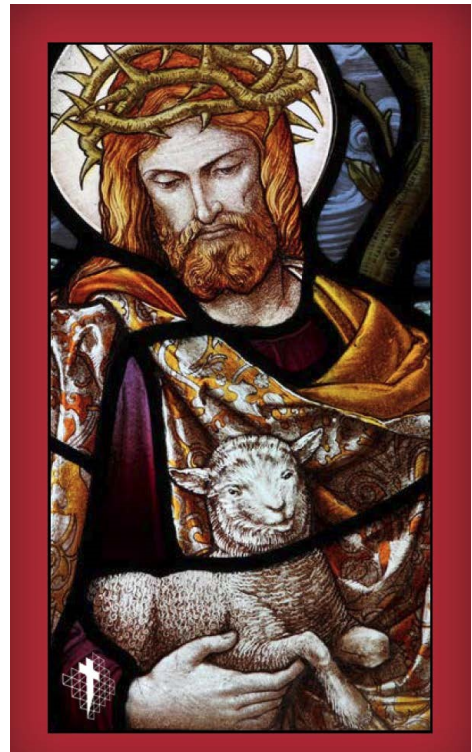
***Altar Flowers in Memory of:
Gary S. Weaver †***

**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.**



Maria Palma, Christian Irizary and Joshua Filho



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, our Father,
in Your love and providence,
You call each of us to a holy life.
We pray for young people in the Archdiocese
of San Francisco. Open their hearts and
minds to know the vocation You have
planned for them for all eternity.
If they are being invited to follow You as a
priest, brother, or sister,
give them a generous heart to respond to
Your challenging call and the strength to
follow wherever You lead them.
May families desire to please you
by encouraging and supporting
vocations within their homes.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Good Shepherd. Amen.

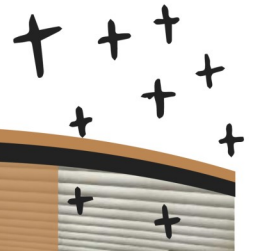


ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



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THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WHAT DOES IT MEAN AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Guest speaker
**MARY ROMO,
D.MIN**

"Church of Synodality," a vision for the present and the future. Coffee and pastries will be available

NOV | 11th | 2023

9:30 AM - 12 PM

Most Holy Redeemer in Ellard Hall
100 Diamond Street, San Francisco





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,

please contact Pete Toms at 415-612-0651 or email asg@mhr.org.

Parish Office will be closed this

Friday November 10, 2023

In Memorial of Veterans Day



Website Redirection Issue for our Site

Please note that our website server has been down intermittently. We are aware of the issue and working to resolve this as soon as possible.

You may locate our website by typing into your browser:

mhr.org

(not www.mhr.org)

Thank you for your understanding!

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.

November 5, 2023 : 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

How many times have you heard St. Paul bashed for what he says about women? Today's selection from his first letter to the Thessalonians offers a very different take on Paul's attitudes. Sandwiched between two readings that berate religious leaders for failing their vocation, Paul's reflection portrays authentic ministry in distinctly feminine terms.

This, the first of Paul's letters, is probably the oldest text in the Christian Scriptures, giving us fascinating hints about the life and thought of our earliest Christian sisters and brothers. The Thessalonians, people of Greek heritage, were not steeped in the Hebrew Scriptures, so Paul was not concerned about connecting his preaching to them with Jewish traditions. Thessalonica was, so to speak, virgin territory for the Gospel — a situation that called Paul to discern about how to make the Gospel alive for cultures other than his own.

Coming from Greek and Jewish patriarchal societies in which women's contributions were undervalued, his contemporaries might have thought Paul had gone off the deep end with his description of his mission. Presumably an unmarried man, Paul compares the way he and his companions approached the Thessalonians to the loving action of a nursing mother. Steeped in a religious tradition that prized dogmatic teaching and theological debate, Paul described his ministry as filled with gentleness and affection. Finally, closing the circle of images, he said that he and his companions longed to share their very selves with the community — an image of exactly what a nursing mother does for her child.

In contrast to the Lord's warning to the priests who "have caused many to falter" (Malachi 1), Paul thanks God for the way his word has reached the community as the very word of God. Unlike the officials Jesus criticized for posing as teachers without interiorizing the message they preach (Matthew 23), Paul and his companions strove to give witness by their lives as much as by their words. They rejoiced in the fact that their community has discovered the same power of God working in their own lives. In this short segment of his letter to the Thessalonians, without necessarily intending to do so, Paul outlined a theology of vocation and ministry. He described his approach to evangelization as being as natural and wondrous as the way a mother's body produces nourishment for her hungry infant. Because she is willing to provide and because the child is hungry, she is capable of giving of herself in what is one of the most unique and intimate ways any creature can give to another. By describing his ministry as like that of the mother, Paul echoed the Last Supper scene in which Jesus offered his own body for others and commanded them to do the same.

We hear these readings at the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11). While the bishops' conference calls this "Vocation Awareness," the website of the U.S. bishops' conference concentrates on "religious vocations": vocations to religious communities, the diaconate and priesthood. In a video produced for the week, several women and men describe the joy they find in living their vocation.

Augustinian Fr. Richie Mercado explains that the witness of his parents' joy in their married vocation inspired him to seek what would bring him the greatest joy. He added that anyone will be happy in life as long as they are authentic in their response to God's call. Highlighting the mystery of vocation, Sr. Vicki Lichtenauer of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, Kansas, described the fit of her choice for religious life saying, "I don't know if I ever felt like I was falling in love, but essentially I was falling into something." Each in their own way, these people explain that their vocation has called the best out of them and led them to the service of others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus ended his tirade about hypocritical ministers with one of his pet themes: "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts self will be humbled; but whoever humbles self will be exalted." Paul's self-giving response to others' needs reflects that. By using the image of the nursing mother, Paul assures us that the living of our vocation will come naturally as long as we are willing to be generous and responsive to others.

Paul didn't ask the Thessalonians to be missionaries like himself. He only asked them to allow the word of God to continue to work in them as it had in him. To say that no one could ask more is an understatement! Young or old, celibate or in a committed relationship, no matter our gender, all God asks is that we give of ourselves exactly as we are — and that we give our all. Then, as happens through the nursing mother, God's grace will flow through us for the good of all.