

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 12, 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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### Collection - Week of November 5, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$505.00
Sunday 8am -	\$603.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1233.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$96.00
Misc. -	\$425.00
<b>VANCO -</b>	<b>\$1495.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$4,357.00</b>
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
St. Patrick's Seminary-	\$806.00

*Thank you for your  
generosity!*

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### **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 13— Nov 19**

### 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)



**Nov 13 — Nov 19**

**Mon: Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6**

**Tue: Wis 2:23—3:9 Lk 17:7-10**

**Wed: Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19**

**Thu: Wis 7:22b—8:1 Lk 17:20-25**

**Fri: Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37**

**Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8**

**Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6  
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21**



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

**Saturday, November 11**

5pm Fr. Matt - *Birthday*

**Sunday, November 12**

8am Benefactors, Volunteers & Clients of ASG

Carla Campodonico †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Cristina De la Cruz †

Paul Schwartz †

**Monday, November 13**

8am Patrick Hargadon †

**Tuesday, November 14**

8am Maria Palma

**Wednesday, November 15**

8am Carlos Rodriguez †

**Thursday, November 16**

8am Jack & Roma Schramm †

**Friday, November 17**

8am Bill Matthews †

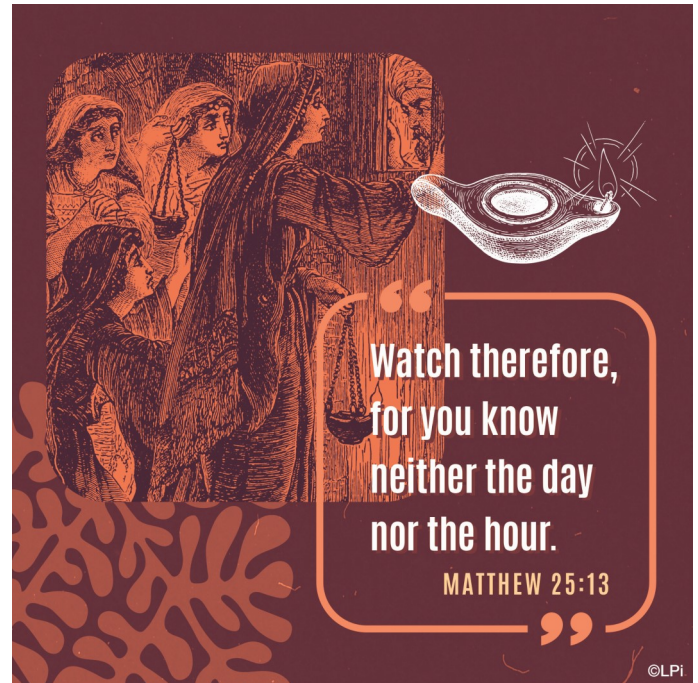
**Saturday, November 18**

5pm Lou Montoya †

**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).**



**Maria Palma, Christian Irizary , Joshua Filho,  
Leigh Thorup-Murray and John Johnson**



## 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**

All are welcome!

# HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR WEEKEND 2023

## Saturday Fun For All

**December 2 | 11:00 - 2:00**

Cookie Decorating & Photos with Santa  
Wreath Making Workshop

Make a wreath for your door or to donate to Sunday's craft fair. All materials provided but **space is limited & reservations are required by November 10. To reserve a spot, send email to [office@mhr.org](mailto:office@mhr.org); subject line Wreath Making Workshop.**

**December 2 | 4:00 - 7:00**

Wine Tasting & Sale with Live Music

Enjoy a glass of wine & appetizers or buy a bottle with a custom MHR label.

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## Sunday Art & Craft Fair

**December 3 | 9:00 - 2:00**

Shop for friends and family...or a treat for yourself!  
Homemade baked goods, unique jewelry & accessories, handmade soaps, hand knit accessories, home decor, books, watercolor art cards and stationery, succulents, handmade wreaths and more.

Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church  
Ellard Hall  
18th & Diamond Streets

**25% of proceeds benefit St. James Elementary School Arts Program**



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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.



## 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).

## 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](http://mhr.org)**

**(not [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org))**

**Thank you for your understanding!**





# LAUDATE DEUM

To All People of Good Will  
on the Climate Crisis  
04th October 2023



## THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS

Pope Francis is critical of climate denialism and insists on the urgency of taking action for the worsening crisis, saying what is required of us is "a certain responsibility for the legacy we will leave behind, once we pass from this world."



## A GROWING TECHNOCRATIC PARADIGM

Our obsession with growth and progress is working against us. "The mentality of maximum gain at minimal cost, disguised in terms of reasonableness, progress and illusory promises, makes impossible any sincere concern for our common home and any real preoccupation about assisting the poor and the needy discarded by our society."



## THE WEAKNESS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Francis exposes the self interest and lack of care that is inherent in multilateral power structures which currently exist. Instead we need power to come from the ground up. "It is no longer helpful for us to support institutions in order to preserve the rights of the more powerful without caring for those of all."



## CLIMATE CONFERENCES: PROGRESS AND FAILURES

Pope Francis notes the agreements made at previous COP climate and biodiversity conferences, to loss and damage adaptation support to a commitment to transition to renewable energy. None have been implemented, despite much discussion at the time about them.



## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM COP28 IN DUBAI?

The timing of Laudate Deum suggests it is directly aimed at the delegates at the COP28 climate conference in Dubai. We will only know COP28 has been a success if there is a binding agreement to a just transition that is drastic, intense, and demands the commitment of all nations.



## SPIRITUAL MOTIVATIONS

A reminder that God "has united us to all his creatures" and to the world in which we live, therefore we must care for it. Francis urges individual action to cut down our carbon footprint as a way to transform society, but recognises that the big change must come from political decisions. He ends "Praise God" is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies."



# MHR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation: Laudate Deum

By taking the name Francis (for the familiar saint from Assisi, patron saint of ecology), the Holy Father indicated early in his tenure that environmentalism would be a signature issue of his papacy. Last month, Pope Francis released "Laudate Deum," an apostolic exhortation to take seriously the dire environmental situation brought about by humanity's lack of good stewardship. This document provides an update to the analysis in his seminal encyclical Laudato Si. In honor of the Pope's recent re-emphasis on environmental issues, the Peace and Social Justice Corner of the bulletin will focus for the next few weeks on examining the existing dynamic between humans and nature, and how through Christ's teaching and the Church's guidance we may achieve a more concordant relationship with God's creation.

To begin, we echo Pope Francis's assessment of our current – worrying – situation. Global average temperatures continue to increase, and are likely to surpass the 1.5° C international target. Extreme weather phenomena, including droughts, hurricanes, and heat waves, have increased in frequency (while no individual occurrence of extreme weather can be attributed directly to climate change, large-scale trends are interpretable in this way). Some areas, such as ocean acidification and sea ice melting around the poles, are not easily reversible; instead, recent destructive trends act as a ratchet, where each subsequent year of degradation establishes a new baseline which we cannot reasonably hope to improve – rather, our only option is to staunch the bleeding. Our worsening environment has resulted in a measured increase in climate-related diseases, primarily via food- and water-borne illnesses. By all accounts, human activity is degrading, rather than benefiting, the environment around us.

All of the facts above have been gathered from the following sources. For a holistic and authoritative accounting of the effects of climate change, read the yearly reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (the most recent can be found at <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sixth-assessment-report-cycle/>). For other (US-based) environmental issues, see the EPA's issue reports at [www.epa.gov/environmental-topics](http://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics). Lastly, Pope Francis's "Laudate Deum" is relatively short and worth reading for all concerned Catholics: <https://www.vatican.va/content/>

# November 12, 2023 : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently the NPR program "Science Friday" featured a young biologist named Danielle Lee. In the course of talking about the excitement of her career, she commented that individual curiosity is the springboard of all the cumulative knowledge we have. Today's liturgy invites us to consider the difference between the search for knowledge and the acquisition of wisdom.

In her commentary on the Sunday scriptures, Sr. Dianne Bergant of the Congregation of St. Agnes says that while human beings search for wisdom, "human wisdom cannot plumb the depths of reality. The deepest questions of life do not seem to be satisfied with answers derived from experience."

The Book of Wisdom, like Proverbs, presents Wisdom as a personification of God, the God beyond human fathoming and whom we still seek. Where can we find wisdom or knowledge of God? Today's first reading makes an exceptional promise: She is "found by those who seek her," and, "She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire." There's a conundrum in this: We seek her, and she anticipates our desire. It's a bit like the poem, "The Hound of Heaven." The poet, Francis Thompson, speaks of God's pursuit of him: "I fled Him, down the nights and down the days; / I fled Him, down the arches of the years; / ... I hid from Him, and under running laughter." Thompson ends the poem with the insight that by fleeing God, he was fleeing his own life.

With today's psalm we pray, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." What better response could we make to the response to the promise of Wisdom and Thompson's discovery of God's love?

Jesus' parable about the wise and foolish virgins is confusing at best. Perceptive children hear it and ask, "Why does Jesus praise the selfish ones?" and, "Why didn't they just share what they had?" These same children might make a connection between the parable and competition they learn through their school's grading system. In this practice, everybody gets ranked on a scale from knowledgeable to ... some euphemism for foolish. Additionally, the children are taught not to cheat by sharing their answers. Is this the Gospel? The reign of God as the survival of the fittest?

Our first reading and psalm subtly offer an interpretation of the strange parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Using the wisdom reading as a guide, we can come to a different interpretation of Jesus' riddle-story (parable). Wisdom says, "She is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Wisdom 6:11, the verse preceding our selection, says, "Desire therefore my words; long for them and you will be instructed." This suggests that seeking wisdom, that keeping plenty of oil for our lamps, is not a question of being more or less knowledgeable, nor of being stingy. The search for wisdom is a question of love and deep desire.

The Jesuit spiritual director Mark Thibodeaux said, "Much of Christian spirituality presumes that our desires are bad. ... Ignatius believed that our problem was not desiring too much but rather desiring too little." Because we are made for God, the only thing that can satisfy us is relationship with God and growing in love with all that God loves. All the rest — knowledge, fame, wealth, beauty, accomplishment, popularity — are nothing more than two-bit substitutes for the love that fills the human heart.

The wise women were the ones whose desire led them to be prepared for the long haul. Nothing they owned or hoped for mattered more than being ready when the bridegroom came. The "foolish" ones (wiser in the estimation of some), were more circumspect with their priorities, not putting all their eggs in one basket. They were ready to pay a price, but they weren't handing over a blank check.

Like the curiosity that leads to a passionate search for new knowledge, getting in touch with our deepest desire and giving it our all is what, in Wisdom's own words, makes us worthy of her, worthy of the God who planted those desires in us and who meets us "in anticipation of [our] desire."

Wisdom turns out to be qualitatively different from knowledge. We can acquire knowledge through study, practice and even the internet. According to these Scriptures, wisdom is not so much an acquisition as it is a relationship of love. More than possessing it, it captures us. Understanding wisdom as a name for God, we realize that we may seek her, but she who embedded the desire in us longs even more to find and live in us.