

# MOST HOLY REDEEMER

## *Parish*



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023

### Worship Hours

Monday - Friday Daily Mass: 8:00am  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am & 6:30pm  
Thanksgiving Day: 10:00am

### 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**  
100 Diamond Street  
San Francisco, California

Phone (415) 863-6259  
[www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org)

### Pastor

**Fr. Matt Link, C.P.P.S.**  
[frmatt@mhr.org](mailto:frmatt@mhr.org)

### MUSIC MINISTRY

**Ty Henderson**, Director of Music  
[ty@mhr.org](mailto:ty@mhr.org)

### PARISH OFFICE

**Michael Poma**, Business Manager  
[mpoma@mhr.org](mailto:mpoma@mhr.org)

**Cristy Torres**, Administrative Assistant  
[office@mhr.org](mailto:office@mhr.org)

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Kirkland  
Richard Levy  
James Lonergan  
Trudy Miller  
Cyndy Zimmer  
Shaan Bijwadia  
Marnie Pira

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Marc Colelli, Chair  
Steve Adams  
Micaela Connery  
Stephen McCarthy  
John Solaegui  
Diane Trewin

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

Ty Henderson, Chair  
Jacque Grillo

Pablo McLachlan  
Sr. Marilyn Morgan  
Curtis Murray



### Collection - Week of November 12, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$347.00
Sunday 8am -	\$265.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,274.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$144.00
Misc. -	\$1,097.00
<b>VANCO -</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$3,222.00</b>
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Christmas Flowers -	\$1,020.00

*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 20— Nov 26**

### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

### Monday

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

### Thursday

Thanksgiving Mass 10am

Office Closed

### Friday

Office Closed

### 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**

**@ MHR.org**



**Nov 20 — Nov 26**

**Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43**

**Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10**

**Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28**

**Thu: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44**

**Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48**

**Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40**

**Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,  
28 Mt 25:31-46**

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

**Saturday, November 18**

5pm Lou Montoya †

**Sunday, November 19**

8am Bernie Bandis †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Maria Brann †

**Monday, November 20**

8am Andrea Hoffman †

**Tuesday, November 21**

8am Tony & Lena Floreno †

**Wednesday, November 22**

8am Jose Pantojas Sanchez †

**Thursday, November 23**

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

**Friday, November 24**

8am Nancy McDevitt

**Saturday, November 25**

5pm William & Elle Jane Adams †

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**

*Happy Thanksgiving*  


**Thanksgiving Mass**

**Thursday**

**November 23, 2023**

**10:00 am**

*All are Welcome!*





# November 19, 2023 : 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the early 1600s, an Inca nobleman named Guamán Poma wrote a long letter to King Philip III of Spain, informing him about how Spanish conquistadors had fulfilled their charge to bring Christianity to the people of his territory, including what is now known as Peru. With the text of the letter and hundreds of illustrations, he explained that while the Spaniards did bring Christianity to the New World, their behavior generally belied the faith they preached. They rapaciously dispossessed a great civilization, showing that they were largely unconvinced of the message of love of neighbor at the core of the Gospel they supposedly believed in.

Recognizing that the popes had given Spain permission to colonize for the purpose of evangelization, Guamán Poma informed the king that the Spaniards' proselytizing task had been carried out; there were then enough Christians in the empire to continue to build the church. Thus, the time had come for the Spaniards to return home to Europe.

As everyone knows, that didn't happen. In reality, few of the conquistadors or colonizers of South and North America showed any significant evidence of being genuine Christians, much less of approaching the people of the New World as brothers and sisters in the faith.

One of Guamán Poma's most barbed cartoons shows a conquistador kneeling before a seated Inca, admitting that gold was his sustenance, the true object of his worship. Remembering this story as we approach Thanksgiving suggests an interesting approach to Jesus' parable of a man who entrusted his possessions to his servants so that they would carry on his business.

Matthew goes all out in his rendition of this story. (Luke 19:12-27 offers a more spartan version.) Each talent Matthew mentions equaled about 20 years' wages — no mean sum! We shouldn't feel too sorry for the servant who only got one. The owner was not only wealthy, but extravagant in his trust! While the numbers are astounding, Jesus' emphasis is on the way each servant understood his relationship to the owner.

For two of them, the master's trust impelled them to imitate his risky behavior, giving them the courage to "trade" or work with the owner's fortune, assuming risk of loss for the hope of gain. They gave the owner the highest compliment possible by imitating him. The third placed his faith in the value of what he had at hand; fearing the consequences of a loss, he played it safe, effectively repudiating the owner's lavish approach to life.

Today's Psalm centers on the idea of fear of the Lord. Some hear that phrase as a grim reminder of the final judgment: Fear the Lord who has been watching for your missteps and will bring you to justice! Others understand fear of the Lord as the awe they feel when glimpsing the *mysterium tremendum*, the overwhelming grace and bounty of the loving Creator of the universe manifest in all creatures, great and small.

The grim will respond with prudent timidity — striving to avoid any mistake. Others will be moved to imitate the unrestrained generosity of the God who has put so much in their hands. They trust that the owner understands the risks and will stay with them through it all.

Obviously, by now, we are speaking not of the parable, but its subject: God.

People who risk imitating divine openhandedness collaborate with their creator. In the symbolism of the Hebrew Scriptures, they are the people of God who respond like the worthy wife, laboring and continuing the creative work of the God who espoused her. Like their spouse, their works will inspire admiration and imitation — another way of saying that their way of life evangelizes.

We celebrate our Thanksgiving feast as a time of thanks for life and the remembrance of how Native Americans' generosity saved the lives of North American colonists who had invaded their land. The feast invites us to contemplate the prodigal trust God shows by allowing us to participate in the ongoing work of creation. We are invited to reverence every bit of creation as a manifestation of God.

To the extent that we do that, our behavior and love will mirror the worthy wife rather than the conquistador. Genuine thanksgiving will motivate us to accept the trust put in us and imitate God's limitless liberality. As we do so, we may just find the courage to risk investing everything we have been given and all that we are into living and sharing the Gospel.



COMMUNITY  
LIFE

Visit us:

On the web: [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/mhrsf](https://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](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).

**Parish Office will be closed**

**Thanksgiving**

**Thursday November 23, 2023**

**and**

**Friday November 24, 2023**

*Thank you for your understanding*



## 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!**



All are welcome!

# HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR WEEKEND 2023

Join us on both Saturday and Sunday  
Check out all the details on the back!



## **SATURDAY DECEMBER 2**

COOKIE DECORATING, PHOTOS WITH  
SANTA, WREATH MAKING\*\*, WINE TASTING

**\*\*Reservations required by November 10th for wreath making**

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

ARTS & CRAFTS, GIFTS, BAKED TREATS,  
BOOKS, HAND KNIT ACCESSORIES,  
WATERCOLOR NOTECARDS, HANDMADE  
SOAPS, SUCCULENTS & MORE!



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

# 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**

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



# 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**