

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 26, 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 November 19, 2023

Saturday 5pm -	\$380.00
Sunday 8am -	\$331.00
Sunday 10am -	\$1,011.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$73.00
Misc. -	\$775.00
VANCO -	\$3,478.00
Total -	\$6,048.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
Human Development -	\$552.00

*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 27— Dec 3

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00am

Monday

Centering Prayer 7pm (Zoom)

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Suppers

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

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www.mhr.org/livestream



Nov 27 — Dec 3

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4

Tue: Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Fri: Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36

**Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37**



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

Saturday, November 25

5pm William & Elle Jane Adams †

Sunday, November 26

8am Bob Benetti †

10am MHR Parish

6:30p Sr. Nadine Hargadon †

Monday, November 27

8am Martha Quezada †

Tuesday, November 28

8am Lou Montoya †

Wednesday, November 29

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Thursday, November 30

8am Richard Gough †

Friday, December 1

8am Al Link †

Saturday, December 2

5pm Cedric Jonathan Maliksi

**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 , Joshua Filho,
Leigh Thorup-Murray and John Johnson**

November 26, 2023 : 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Shortly before convening the synod on synodality — arguably the most important Catholic Church gathering since Vatican II — Pope Francis visited Mongolia. Mongolia? Situated precariously between Russia and China, the ancient home of Genghis Khan boasts a total of some 1,450 Catholics midst a population of 3 million.

Why on earth would an aging pope who would be welcome in many powerful nations with huge Catholic populations bother the hardship traveling to such an insignificant spot? Could he have found a smaller Catholic population anywhere in the world? (Well, yes. Vatican City's population is just over 500, so Mongolia beats them by numbers if not by percentage, and there are a few others as well.)

Unlikely as it seems, Mongolia, with a national population less than half that of Mexico City, has a cardinal — Giorgio Marengo — the church's youngest and a member of the synod on synodality.

What was the point? It seems that this was one more opportunity for Francis to demonstrate what he thinks it means to be a shepherd.

Today we celebrate the "Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." That's a mouthful! Pope Pius XI established the feast in 1925 to recall that Christ should reign in the hearts and will of humankind.

The readings for the day, different in each year of our three-year liturgical cycle, orient and describe the celebration better than its grandiose title.

The centerpiece today is Matthew's scene of the judgment between sheep and goats (an unfortunate disparagement of the poor old goats who are generally smarter, albeit feistier, than sheep). Michelangelo gave us a [vivid image](#) of this scene in which Christ's arm is raised in judgment, the saints are rising and the damned are pitifully drifting into the abyss. Such works vividly depict a fearsome last day.

Jesus' parable offers a different interpretation of the end. In Jesus' parable, the end is ever-present. The coming of Christ is not some future event, but an everyday occurrence and not at all like the Sistine Chapel.

If we want artistic renditions of Matthew's depiction of judgment, we might better read [Charles Dickens](#) or study the photography of [Dorothea Lange](#).

Rather than talk about an apocalyptic end, Jesus claimed that the king appears in the guise of every needy person and that we judge ourselves in our response to them. Along these lines, Diego Rivera's painting "El Cargador de Flores" probably reflects this parable more truly than Michelangelo's "The Last Judgment."

Rivera depicts a peasant on his hands and knees. His wife struggles to help him stand up under the weight of an enormous basket of flowers to take to market.

The message for anyone who has eyes to see is that some people's luxurious decor comes at the expense of the poor who cannot even see the beauty of what they bear on their backs.

This is where the vocation of the shepherd comes in. In a universe in which we have been given the ability to choose whether to advance the reign of God or to frustrate it, every follower of Jesus is called to be a shepherd. Every person has the ability to see what Dickens, Lange and Rivera point out, thus every one of us has a responsibility to respond.

Francis went to one of the smallest and least important churches in the world to help the rest of the world see through a different lens.

Francis' missionary journey to Mongolia interprets the 3,000-year-old Psalm 23 with 21st-century symbolism. Francis refreshed the souls of people insignificant in the eyes of the world. That proclaimed one message to people who feel insignificant and another to those who don't notice them.

By making the Mongolians — and all whom they represent — more visible, Francis highlighted their right to enjoy the verdant pastures of our Earth. In the full sight of all those who disparage the small, he spread a lavish table and celebrated the Eucharist with almost every Catholic in the country.

We celebrate this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the heels of the first session of the synod on synodality. The synod is calling us to learn how to journey together as church and as the people of the world.

These two events combine to exhort us to recognize that what is truly important in our day is the life of the flower carriers — all those people burdened in a world that loves what they provide, but rarely, barely remembers that they are the ever-present representatives of Christ the King.

When we learn to treat them as such, we will be on the right side of history — all the way to the end.



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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.

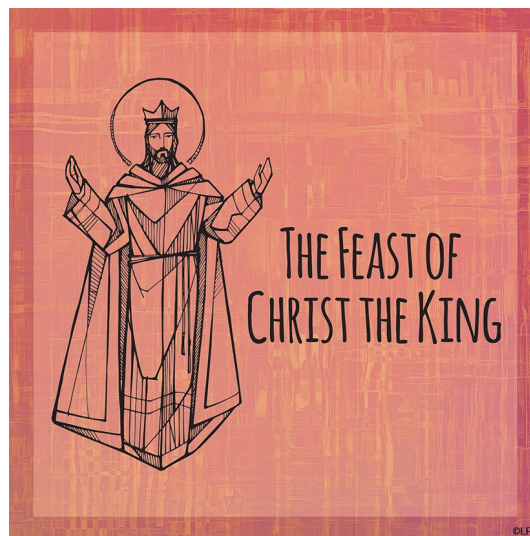


MOST HOLY REDEEMER HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

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.



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!



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; 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**

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