

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

Parish



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

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**
100 Diamond Street
San Francisco, California
Phone (415) 863-6259
www.mhr.org

Pastor

Fr. Matt Link, C.P.P.S.
frmatt@mhr.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

Ty Henderson, Director of Music
ty@mhr.org

PARISH OFFICE

Michael Poma, Business Manager
mpoma@mhr.org
Cristy Torres, Administrative Assistant
office@mhr.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Kirkland
Richard Levy
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 January 7, 2024

Saturday 5pm -	\$351.00
Sunday 8am -	\$537.00
Sunday 10am -	\$971.00
Sunday 6:30pm -	\$107.00
Misc. -	\$925.00
VANCO -	\$2,892.00
Total -	\$3,644.00
Budgeted -	\$4,200.00
ASG -	\$752.00

***Thank you for your
generosity!***



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

JAN 15 — JAN 21

Monday

Parish Office Closed

Monday - Friday

Mass - 8am

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

www.mhr.org/livestream



In observance of
Martin Luther King Day ,
our Parish Office will be closed:

Monday, January 15th



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

Saturday, January 13

5pm

Sunday, January 14

8am

10am MHR Parish

6:30pm

Monday, January 15

8am

Tuesday, January 16

8am Cherry Bissen (Birthday)

Wednesday, January 17

8am Wednesday Night Suppers

Bill Matthews †

Thursday, January 18

8am Bernie Banonis †

Friday, January 19

8am Barbara Colleti †

Saturday, January 20

5pm Jose Evans Laosantos

**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.**



**Ryan Zuniga, Phillip Solodkin, Christian Irizary ,
Joshua Filho, Leigh Thorup-Murray
and John Johnson**

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a,
10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for
Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in
the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— Father John Muir

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024

YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor.

Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

****If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing****



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know
the path You would have me
walk, to speak the words You
would have me speak, to love
and serve those You put in my
path. Amen.





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.

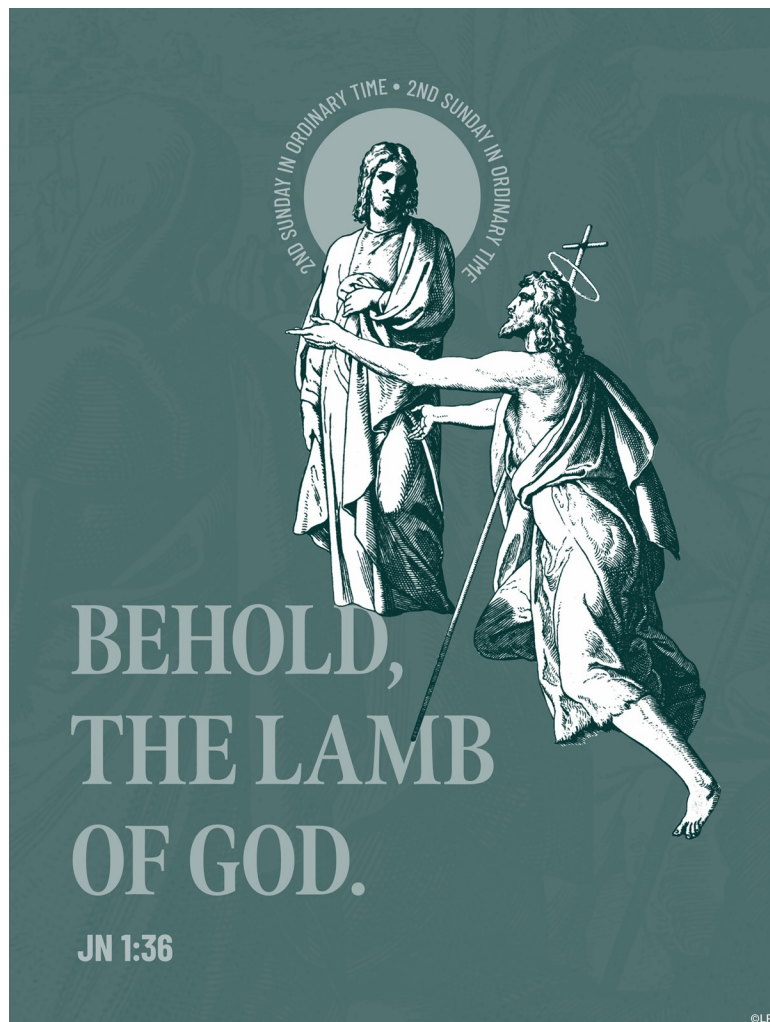


MOST HOLY REDEEMER HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

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.



January 14, 2024 : Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



When one of my favorite aunts was being complimented, she used to say, "Keep talking, I'm listening!" Her line, if not her motivation, helps us enter into today's Scriptures. From Samuel to Jesus and the disciples, it's all about looking, listening and hearing, attitudes that lead to discovering who we are and are called to be. It's all about vocation: seeking and listening.

Today's first reading and the Gospel illustrate two dimensions of our response to God's invitation in our lives. Young Samuel assumed that the only one who would call him was Eli, the priest to whom he was apprenticed. So, when Samuel

heard a call, he hastened to Eli's side. Happily, Eli was humble and schooled enough in the ways of God to instruct his apprentice to suspect that his calling was coming not from a teacher, but from God. A trustworthy spiritual director, Eli instructed Samuel to be attentive and to respond in openness to God's will saying: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

In the biblical sense, listening is the equivalent of obeying. Mary echoed Samuel's response with her unstinting offer: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, let it be according to your word." Later, Mary's son memorialized a version of his mother's offer as he taught us to say, "Thy will be done." Each of those statements expresses the willingness to do whatever God might ask.

Today's Gospel presents another dimension of the mystery of vocation. Here we encounter disciples of John the Baptist, people involved in a sincere search for God. John, their mentor, as humble as Eli, pointed his own disciples toward the one who gave him his purpose in life. Immediately preceding this Gospel selection, John declared that Jesus, whom he said he did not know, was the one for whom he was preparing the way (John 1:26-35). Believing that, John freed his own disciples to go beyond him.

John and his disciples had the humility to seek more rather than rely on their own ideas or long-established answers. Like so many throughout history, they could appreciate the tradition they had inherited and still believe that more was to come. They were willing to risk the discomfort of exploring beyond the limits of their experience. True children of Abraham, they believed that God's promise offered more than anything they had yet encountered. They harbored the intuition that their moment in history offered them new dimensions of faith — their perspective on everything else.

We might say that some 1,500 years before the birth of Ignatius of Loyola, these disciples exemplified an Ignatian approach to their vocation, seeking to fulfill their deepest desire. Ignatius taught that the deepest desire of the human heart is the desire for God. Jesuit Fr. Mark Thibodeaux describes Ignatius as a "praydreamer," someone who allowed daydreams to lead him toward God's will in his life. Thibodeaux says that Ignatius learned that "God [communicates the divine will] through great desires for faith, hope, and love that welled up inside his heart and soul. By daydreaming in the context of prayer, Ignatius was able to allow those great desires to surface. Doing so ... would fire him up to have the necessary passion to perform these great works."

Today's responsorial psalm combines the themes of call and seeking to move us deeper in contemplation and our commitment to our vocation. The psalm refrain, "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will" echoes the prayer Eli taught Samuel. The chosen verses of the psalm invite us to walk the path of growth in relationship with God. Speaking for so many of us who are seeking something more, the psalmist says, "I have waited for the Lord." Then, the psalm leads us beyond our own plans, hopes and expectations as it says, "Offering you wished not, but ears to hear your word." That reminds us that no matter how hard we try, no matter our ideas about God's demands, God does not ask us for oblations or penance. In truth, God wants much more than fasting or sacrifice. God's desire is not satisfied until we say, "Behold, I come."

St. Augustine prayed, "Our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee." That explains that accepting God's invitation and orienting our life around it is the path that will bring us peace and fulfillment beyond what we can imagine. Living our vocation, responding to God's ongoing invitations, leads us to become our deepest, truest selves. God's call may come out of the blue or as a result of sincere seeking — both can happen, and sometimes at the same time.

That tells me we can learn from my Aunt Therese and pray, "Keep talking, I'm listening."

Be My Valentine!?!?



See's Candies Yum-Raising

Support Most Holy Redeemer & St. Vincent de Paul
volunteers by purchasing See's Candies
from our fundraising website before January 26.
Profits will support the ministry work!



See's
Famous Old Time
CANDIES



or visit the website:
<https://shorturl.at/muVW1>