



Most Holy Redeemer
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October 13, 2024
Weekend Masses: 4:00pm Saturday
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues,
Thurs, & Fri 8:00am
Confessions: Saturday 2:45 – 3:30pm

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9AM –3PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WED.

First Friday

Confession 12:30pm
Mass 8:00 am
Mass 1:00pm

The Rosary is said every
2nd & 4th Tuesday.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA

During Monday morning Mass



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
 "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
 "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
 All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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Holy Rosary Cemetery
Huntington Rd.
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Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-30 (shorter form Mark 10:17-27)

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Most Holy Redeemer Church was created in 1998 with the merging of Holy Rosary Church (1917) and St. John's Church (1915), both of Hadley.

As the one Roman Catholic Church in the Town of Hadley, Massachusetts, our Mission is:

—to be a welcoming place of worship for all.

—to proclaim the word of God and celebrate the sacraments.

—to attend to our ongoing formation in Christian living and support one another in spiritual growth.

—to dedicate our service to God.

—to recognize and support our responsibility for God's people, for spiritual and corporal works of mercy to the larger community, area, and world.

—to celebrate our belief in the message and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church and demonstrate our appreciation for the many gifts we have received.



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

Wisdom is preferred above gold and silver.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:12-13,14-15,16-17

The Lord fills us with love and joy.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

The Word of God exposes the heart.

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

*The Sanctuary Lamp this week is
in memory of Rich Chmura, requested by wife
and David Chmura, requested by Mom.*

Saturday, October 12, 2024

4:00 pm: Ray & Joanna Paddock;
requested by Susan, David, & Joseph.

Sunday, October 13, 2024

**8:00 am: Sick & Homebound Members of the PWAA
Group 2499.**

10:30 am: 8th Anniversary of Patricia Bye;
requested by husband Joe.

Monday, October 14, 2024

8:00 am: Linda Menz; requested by Anne.

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

8:00 am: Irene Szymanski;
requested by coffee hour friends.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

NO MASS

Thursday, October 17, 2024

8:00 am: (22 yr. Anniv.) of John Kzcowski;
requested by family.

Friday, October 18, 2024

8:00 am: Joseph Jacques Ben; requested by family.

Saturday, October 19, 2024

4:00 pm: 5th Anniversary of David Chmura;
requested by Mom & family.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:00 am: John & Jessie Mokrzecki;
requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

10:30 am: Phyllis & Larry Remillard; requested by family.



Please call the office if you would like
to have altar flowers in memory of a
loved one.

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

**For Our Military: Chris Ahlemeyer,
Edmund Loughran, & Troy Meyer,
Austin Boisvert, Tyler Prats**

For **Victoria, Edward, & Theresa Banas**, from Fr. Charles.
For **John & Justina Kzcowski**, from family.

For **Philip, Catherine, Nancy, & Al Woodard**,
from Wayne & Irene Woodard.

For **the health of Claire**, from the O'Donnell family.

For **Edward Machno & Frances (Machno) Slattery**, from Fr. Charles.

For **Patricia M. Bye**, from husband Joe.

For **Adams, Asselin, Daughdrill & Muraski families**,
from Nancy & Stan Adams.

For **Clara & "Duff" Pipczynski**, from family..

For **David and Rich Chmura**, from Leona (Mom).

For **Martha Boisvert**; requested by family.

For **the health of Beverly Mokrzecky**; requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

For **the health of Joan Smola**; requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

For **Ann Marie Jette**; requested by Janie Szelewicki.

For **the health of Joanne Wanczyk**; requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

For **John G. Kieras, Jr.**, requested by wife & family.

For **David Ciolkos**; requested by Diane & family.

In memory of Julia M. Koziol; requested by Lorraine & family.

For **the health and well-being of Joan Smola**; requested by
Lorraine Kieras & family.

For **Cathleen F. Smith**; requested by Lorraine Kieras.

Baptism, Confirmation, & Wedding Information

Baptism is available for infants, children, and adults. To
sign up for classes, call the Faith Formation Office:
413-584-1326. For the Sacrament of **Confirmation for
Adults**, please call the office: 413-584-1326 or pick up a
brochure at either church entrance.

Wedding dates cannot be set until after a meeting with the
parish priest, at least 1 year before the desired date.
Please call the office for an appointment.

Weekly & Year to Date Collection

The on-line offering
for the month of
September is \$910.00

Contributions for the
weekend of October
5-6 are not available
at this time.

*To have the altar flowers in memory of a loved one,
the cost is \$50.00 per week.*

*You may also have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in
memory of a loved one for \$20.00 per week. This is a
wonderful opportunity, just in case a Mass is booked
for that particular week. These funds will be used to
defray the cost of these expenses.*



*Thank you for your continued
& generous support
of our parish community!*

Hadley Food Pantry

A project of MHR and First Congregational Church

If you, or someone you know, are struggling to buy enough food, the Food Pantry can help by providing a variety of nonperishable items and personal care products to supplement purchased items. The Hadley Food Pantry is open every Sunday from noon to 1:00 pm.

Please tell your family and friends who are needy.

Items needed this week:

Vegetable Oil, Black or Red Dried Beans, Mayonnaise, Eggs, Fruit Juice



THANK YOU TO PANERA BREAD FOR PROVIDING BREADS AND PASTRIES FOR THE FOOD PANTRY EACH WEEK!!

Monetary donations are always welcomed to help cover the cost of replenishing the shelves. You may drop off donations at the office during regular hours or put them in an envelope marked "food pantry" and place in the collection basket. Checks should be made payable to MHR Church with "food pantry" written in the memo line. Your continued support is appreciated by those who rely on the pantry.

Please do not donate expired food. Contact Ginger Goldsbury at 413-230-1206

Most Holy Redeemer Parish supporting the local community

MHR Parish has a history of supporting groups and organizations of the greater Hadley metropolitan area. Currently, several community based organizations make use of the parish center, including:

Knights of Columbus, Amherst Council 1619

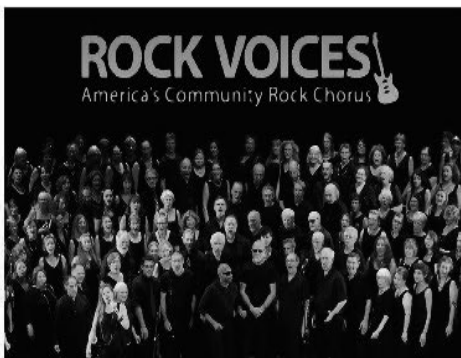
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Rock Voices

Tibetan Community

Valley Winds



Please join us for coffee after 10:30 Mass on Sunday at the Parish Hall.

The Rosary will be said on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6pm. Please come & join us. All are welcome!

Funeral servers are desperately needed in the Parish. Father Doug will train. Please call the office if you are interested.

Please pray for the soul of Kenneth S. Kowal; who was taken to new life on September 25th.

The price of Father Doug's Star of Bethlehem book has been increased to \$15.00.

Donations in memory of Patricia Jasmin have been received by Donna Paddock.

The Polish Junior League of MA will host its Annual Fashion Show on Sunday November 3 at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee. Doors open at 11:30 am with luncheon served at 12:30 pm followed by the fashion show featuring Zanna of Amherst. Profits from the show are used for scholarships for college students of Polish heritage. Tickets are \$40 and include a choice of three entrees. The deadline for tickets is Friday, October 18. For tickets and information please call Diane Godek at 413-532-2766..

Many thanks to both Leona Chmura and Kathy Zieja For their help while Barbara was on vacation. .

The office will be closed on Monday, October 14 in commemoration of Columbus Day.





2024 PIEROGI FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 9am - 1pm

Food preparation for the cabbage pierogi will begin on Monday, October 21.

Oct. 21 (9am-finish) - prepare cabbage mixture

Oct. 22 (9am - finish)- scoop cabbage mixture

Oct. 23 (9am - 1:30pm) - pinch and finish pierogi - this is the day that we need many volunteers - any assistance will be appreciated. Bring friends!!

As we have shared, we are interested in Christmas decorations, or other tag sale type "gems" that folks may be interested in purchasing (remember, no large items or clothing).

Additionally, if you have a gently used pocketbook that you would like to donate, that would be great!!

The following are the designated times for donated items for the Pierogi Fest. You may bring your items to the Parish Center:

Saturday, October 26 -3:00- 4:00pm

Sunday, October 27 - 9:30 - 10:30am

Monday, October 28 - 9:00 - Noon

Tuesday, October 29 - 9:00 - Noon

Also, we hope that you will consider baking an item or two for the Bake Sale on November 16. Father Doug is already working on his delicious baked items!!

Please help our Food Pantry - if you bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Pantry on November 16 - you will be given a free raffle ticket!!!

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