



Most Holy Redeemer
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February 16, 2025
Weekend Masses: 4:00pm Saturday
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am
Daily Mass: Mon, Tues,
Thurs, & Fri 8:00am

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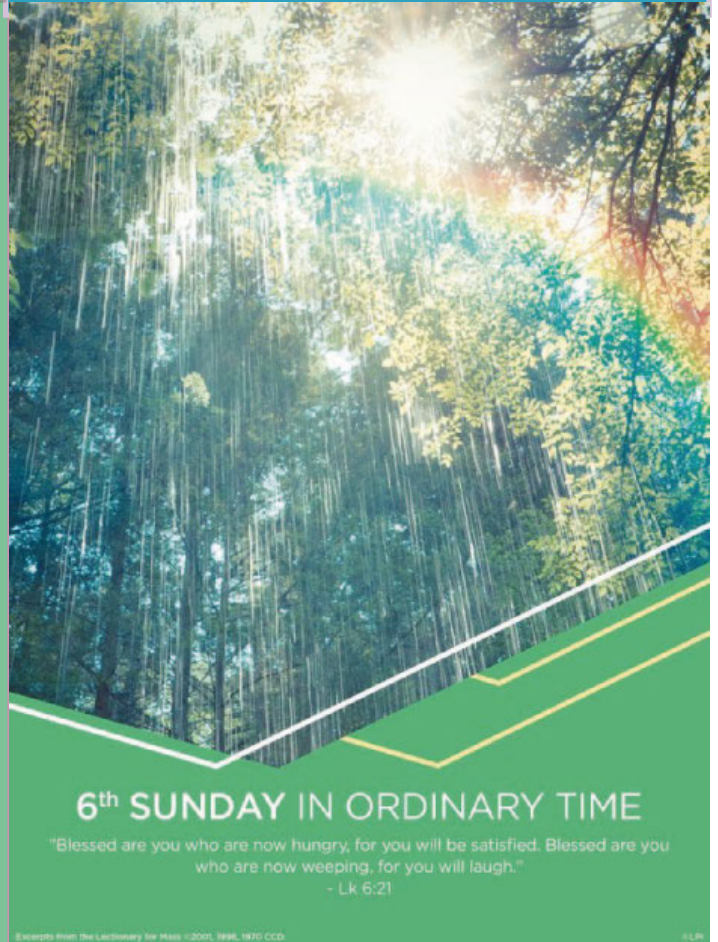
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OFFICE HOURS:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
9AM –3PM
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WED.

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



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7:11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.



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.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Put trust and hope in the Lord, not in human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Our hope for resurrection is sure because Christ has been raised from the dead.

This Week's MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary lamp this week is in memory of Brian T. Conway; requested by wife, Dee.

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00 pm: Frances & Alphonse Kosakowski;
requested by Paul.

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:00 am: Brenda Tudryn;
requested by Alvira & Gerry Balut.

10:30 am: William & Sue Accuosti;
requested by his daughter, Joan, & Grandson, Kyle.

Monday, February 17, 2025

8:00 am: James Smola; requested by Joanne Wanczyk.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:00 am: Missa Pro Populo.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

NO MASS

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:00 am: Brian T. Conway; requested by wife, Dee.

Friday, February 21, 2025

8:00 am: Mark Madenski; requested by family.

Saturday, February 22, 2025

4:00 pm: Mary Ann & Joseph Kowal; requested by Paul.

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:00 am: Regina Fil; requested by family.

10:30 am: Martin Wanczyk Family;
requested by Joanne Wanczyk.



Please call the office if you would like to purchase altar flowers in memory of a loved one. No altar flowers during Lent.

VOTIVE LIGHT PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Our Military: Chris Ahlemeyer, Troy Meyer, Austin Boisvert, Tyler Pratts

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. and Joseph J. Bye, Sr.**, from family.

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

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

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

For **the health and well-being of Joan Smola**;

requested by Gerald & Alvira Balut.

For **the healing, health and well-being of Alvira Balut**,

requested by the Polish Women's Alliance of America.

In **memory of Edward Kelley**; requested by family.

In **memory of Connie**; requested by Richie.

For **the health of Robin Smolen**; requested by Joanne Wanczyk.

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

February 8-9, 2025	\$1,647.00	This Year: \$103,814.04
Utility/Maintenance	\$25.00	
Grand Total:	\$1,672.00	Budget YTD: \$1116,800.00 Differential: -\$12,985.96

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, Eggs, Fruit Juice, Canned Fish.



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

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 needed. Fr. Doug will train. If interested, please call the office.

There will be no altar flowers during the Lenten season.

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting applications for scholarships for college students of Polish heritage. Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleaguema.org/applications. Deadline for receipt of application materials is May 1st.

There are still some coats available in the Food Pantry.

Due to a medical issue impacting a key member of the Beacon of Faith, the campaign tax letters will be going out later than planned. They are very sorry for the delay and hope to have them in the mail soon.

Please pray for the soul of Joseph J. Bye, Sr.; who was called to new life on February 4th.

The Hadley Girl Scouts share a strong bond with our community and parish. Many members of our congregation are actively involved as both members and leaders of various Girl Scout troops. Join us on Sunday, March 9, 2024 for Girl Scout Sunday as we honor and celebrate these young scouts during our Mass. The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after each the Masses on March 9th.

There is a parishioner that would like help to find a reasonably priced, 2 BR apartment in Hadley. If you have any information, please call the office.

Donations in memory of Connie Holden have been received by Robert & Elizabeth Rice, Kit & Michael Ziomek, as well as The Mother's Club of Hadley.

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MONDAY & TUESDAY 6-8PM

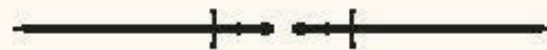
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24TH-PERSONAL TESTIMONY

25TH- PRACTICAL TIPS FOR WHAT WE CAN
DO TO BATTLE SPIRITUAL WARFARE

TALKS WILL BE IN THE CHAPEL BEGINNING AT 6PM.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP DIRECTLY FOLLOWING IN THE PARISH HALL



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