

Lenten Vesper Services

Please come and pray, sing, and reflect together this Lent. MHR will have its annual Lenten vesper services on Wednesday evenings beginning February 6 at 7:30 pm in the Church. The following schedule applies:

Ash Wednesday, February 6 - Speaker: Brian F. Cahill; Presider: Rev. Joseph Healy
Wednesday, February 13 - Speaker: Peter Diaz; Presider: Ray O'Connor
Wednesday, February 20 - Speaker: Mary Moore; Presider: Nanette Miller
Wednesday, February 27 - Speaker: Jerome Baggett; Presider: David Differding
Wednesday, March 5 - Speaker and Presider: Rev. Donal Godfrey, SJ
Wednesday, March 12 - Speaker and Presider: Rev. Joseph Healy (Penance Service)

MHR's 2008 Lenten Vespers Services feature actors from all three arms of the homo-activist network: MHR, USF, & Catholic Charities.

About our speakers:

Mr. Brian F. Cahill is married, father of 4, grandparent of 2; lives in St. Emydius Parish, San Francisco; 40 years in social services. Executive Director for San Francisco Boys Home, California Association of Services for Children in Sacramento, Hathaway Children's Services in Los Angeles, and San Francisco Department of Social Services under Mayor Jordan. Currently serves as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities CYO, formally merged on July 1, 2003. Catholic Charities CYO is a non-profit organization providing a wide range of health, social services and children and youth services: Serve more than 40,000 individuals in three counties through 35 programs which include Aging Services, Behavioral Healthcare, Family Housing Programs, Children & Child Development Programs, Immigration & Refugee Services, HIV/AIDS Housing & Health Services, Residential Group Care Programs, CYO Summer camp, athletic programs and transportation. \$40 million budget and over 750 employees.

Mr. Peter Diaz is a parishioner of Most Holy Redeemer since 1997 and teaches religious studies at Mercy High School in Burlingame. He holds a masters in Theology from the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley. Peter serves on one of the Most Holy Redeemer Sunday Social groups and has helped with the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Mrs. Mary Moore first came to Most Holy Redeemer as a parishioner in the late 90s and returned again a few years ago. She is a management consultant in the high tech and health care industries and also a creative writer. Besides writing, her interests include reading, opera, and knitting. She has two grown and married daughters and lives in Noe Valley.

Dr. Jerome Baggett, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Religion and Society at the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley. Dr. Baggett is active on the Jesuit School campus as a professor and mentor to his students. He teaches courses ranging from Religion and Politics in the United States to Spirituality and the Religious Quest in Modern America. His particular interests include the sociology of religion, social theory, voluntarism and civic participation, congregational studies, nonprofit sector studies and Catholic social thought and justice issues. He recently published *Habitat for Humanity: Building Private Homes, Building Public Religion* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2001).

Rev. Donal Godfrey, SJ Ordained in 1992, Fr. Godfrey first came to University of San Francisco in 1993 as a resident minister, adjunct faculty member, and associate director of University Ministry. He then journeyed to the Jesuit Centre of Spirituality in Belfast and also ministered to those marginalized by drug abuse and homelessness in Sydney, Australia. Fr. Godfrey returned to USF in 2000 as a resident minister and led the Pedro Arrupe Social Justice immersion projects to the poorest neighborhoods of San Francisco and Tijuana, Mexico. From there, he joined Loyola University in Chicago in 2003 as the campus chaplain, a chaplain in residence, and an adjunct faculty member in the theology department before returning to USF to undertake the position of executive director of University Ministry.

Rev. Joseph Healy - Was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1998. He has been associate pastor at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont and St. Robert's in San Bruno. Originally, Fr. Joe was a member of Most Holy Redeemer for many years before he entered St. Patrick's Seminary. We are pleased and fortunate to have Fr. Joe as our current associate pastor at Most Holy Redeemer. Welcome back!

"The Castro Country Club was founded by an openly gay parishioner at MHR, Joseph Healy; Healy has since become a priest in the diocese of San Francisco."—Godfrey: P98, note 42.