**MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH**
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**Rectory Office Hours:**
Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**PASTORAL STAFF**
Reverend Brian Costello, Pastor
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Deacon Alex Aragon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education
Mr. Francis Cianciolo, Sacristan
Mrs. Angelita Pasamba, Choir Director

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**MASS SCHEDULE**
Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
& 12:00 Noon
Daily: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon,
7:30 p.m.
First Fridays: All day Adoration:
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Holy Hour and
Benediction: 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

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**BAPTISM**
Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
Parents are expected to be registered and practicing Catholics witnessing to their faith by regular attendance at Mass. Parents should contact the rectory at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism, in order to allow sufficient time for the sacramental preparation.

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**FIRST EUCHARIST/RECONCILIATION**
Children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation Class one year prior to the year of preparation for the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Second Grade.

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**CONFIRMATION**
Children must be enrolled in the Faith Formation Class one year prior to the year of preparation for the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Eighth Grade.

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**MARRIAGE**
Engaged couples are to contact the rectory at least six months before the desired date in order to prepare properly for the celebration of the sacrament.

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**WELCOME**: We hope you get to know us and we get to know you. Please fill out the bottom portion and place it in the collection basket, or mail it to: 307 Willow Ave., SSF, CA 94080-1446. To complete the registration, we will mail you a registration form to fill out and return. Thank you.

Name___________________________ Phone_____________________
Address________________________ City______________________ Zip___________

□ New Parishioner
□ New Address
□ New Phone Number
□ Moving/Remove Name
THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:

We are all members of the Body of Christ.

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
This is God’s commandment: That we may believe and love.

Gospel: John 15:1-8
I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

COLLECTION TOTALS
May 3, 2009

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Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund. Our Second Collection next Sunday is for Catholic Communications.

Thank you for supporting your parish and your Catholic Church!

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially Cliff Chase, Pat Dunleavy, and Olga Montoya.

Our prayers are with them, and all those who care for them.

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and He in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, sacraments of sharing God’s own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: “And his commandment is this: We should believe and love one another” (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ’s life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul’s fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord’s Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.
The Santo Cristo Society invites you to take part in their annual celebration of the Santo Cristo dos Milagres. This year is their 96th anniversary. On Sunday, May 17th there will be a parade and celebration. The schedule is as follows:

8:45 a.m.  Parade forms at Santo Cristo Hall
41 Oak Ave., So. San Francisco

9:00 a.m.  Parade begins and proceeds to Mater Dolorosa Church

10:00 a.m.  Mass held at Mater Dolorosa Church.
Music by the Santa Clara Choir

11:00 a.m.  Parade processes back to Santo Cristo Hall

12:00 p.m.  Lunch

2:00 p.m.  Auction

3:00—7:00 p.m.  Music and Dancing

All Are Welcome!

Blessing Prayer for Mother's Day

God of love, listen to this prayer. God of Holy People, of Sarah, Ruth, and Rebekah. God of Holy Elizabeth, mother of John, of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, bend down your ear to this request and bless the mother of our family.

Bless her with the strength of Your Spirit, she who has taught her children how to stand and how to walk.

Bless her with the melody of Your love, she who has shared how to speak, how to sing, and how to pray to you.

Bless her with a place at Your eternal dinner table, she who has fed and nurtured the life that was formed within her while still helpless, but embraced in her love.

Bless her today on this Mother’s Day, and in this lifetime, with good things, with health. Bless her with joy, love, laughter and pride in her children and surround her with many good friends.

May she who carried life in her womb be carried one day to Your divine embrace: there, for all eternity, to rejoice with her family and friends.

This blessing and all graces, we pray, descend upon the mother of our family: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Edward Hays
“Prayers for the Domestic Church”

The Daughters of St. Paul invite you to mark your calendars and join them for the following event: Wednesday, May 20th, 7:00 p.m. — Paul & His Friends, a presentation by Fr. David Pettingill. Come and celebrate the approaching close of the Pauline Year as together we consider how the strong collaborative friendships of Paul helped to further the Good News he so tirelessly proclaimed. As members of the same Body of Christ, we too can experience this richness. For more information, call Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, CA., (650) 369-4230.

SATURDAY PRAYER VIGILS CONTINUE at PLANNED PARTENHOOD

At least 40 faithful pro-life advocates are needed to come out and quietly pray for just one hour, one Saturday per month, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., at Planned Parenthood in San Mateo. Our continued presence is the very last chance an unborn baby has before being aborted. Our prayerful intervention really works and God wants our good intentions to bear fruit. Please contact Sandy Dillon with your preferred time commitment at 650-574-3910 or sansan@rcn.com. Thank—you!

Our Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday, May 14th, and Friday May 15th, for staff training at the Chancery Office. Father Brian, Fran Lidwell and Rachael Smit will be participating in this conference which involves “Developing a More Engaged Church.” Thank—you.