

# MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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## Rectory Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**Mary, Mother of Sorrows**  
**September 15, 2009**

## ◆ 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  
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Mrs. Angelita Pasamba, Choir Director

## ◆ MASS SCHEDULE ◆

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon  
First Sunday: Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
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.  
Benediction: 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

## ◆ BAPTISM ◆

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.

## ◆ FIRST EUCHARIST/RECONCILIATION ◆

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

## ◆ CONFIRMATION ◆

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

## ◆ CHILD FAITH FORMATION ◆

C.F.F.—Echoing God's Word. Programs nurturing children's growth and forming their baptismal faith from Grade 1 to Grade 9. Classes are on Tuesday afternoons and evenings beginning in September.

**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



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in  
ORDINARY TIME  
*I will walk before the Lord,  
in the land of the living.  
Psalm 116*

*Prayer* Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially : Cliff Chase, Dawn A. Hassinger, Olga Montoya, and Marlo Taguas. *Our prayers are with them and those who for care them.*

**THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:**  
*God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see. By listening to God's promptings, He will lead us in the right way*

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9a**  
The Lord is my help; who will prove me wrong?

**Second Reading: James 2:14-18**  
Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**  
Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

**Archdiocesan Youth Mass**  
**A Joint Effort of the Campus Ministers and the Youth Minister of the SF Archdiocese**

*Come Join us to Celebrate the Beginning of the Year!*

**September 26, 2009—7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Anne of the Sunset**  
**850 Judah St.**  
**San Francisco, CA 94122**  
**Bishop William Justice—Presiding**

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice." Stewardship by the Book

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week: Sept. 13—Sept. 19	PRIEST
SUN	8:00 a.m.	Terry Miller (D)	MP
	10:00 a.m.	Michael Leveroni (D)	BC
	12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	BC
MON	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Flores (D)	BC
TUES	8:00 a.m.	Celina Castro (L)	MP
WED	8:00 a.m.	Violeta Rapues (L)	BC
THUR	8:00 a.m.	Daniel Laird (D)	BC
FRI	8:00 a.m.	Steven Hart (D)	BC
SAT	8:00 a.m.	Active & Auxiliary Members of The Legion of Mary	BC
	5:00 p.m.	Leonora Ignacio (D)	MP

Immaculate Heart Radio On-Air Pledge Drive will be held at Mater Dolorosa from Tuesday, September 22nd through Friday, September 25th, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart Radio's Live Studio.

Please volunteer to join the Immaculate Heart Radio Staff at our upcoming Pledge Drive. Meet Catholic Radio personalities, be interviewed live on the radio, pray the Rosary with our staff, participate in Adoration, enjoy fellowship with Catholics in your area, talk with listeners and witness their testimonies, and experience the joy and peace that comes from sharing your Catholic faith. Refreshments served all day. Call Debora Heinrichs at 916-535-0500 ext. 221 or email her at dheinrichs@ihradio.org. Thank you!

### **Ted Kennedy's Last Letter to Pope Benedict XVI: An Article by David Gibson**

As if Ted Kennedy didn't have enough Catholic mojo going his way, his burial at Arlington held another surprise: The contents of a moving exchange of letters between Kennedy and Pope Benedict XVI—correspondence that touched on Kennedy's deep faith as well as public policy battles, including abortion and universal health care. It was known that Kennedy had written a personal letter to the pontiff, and had President Obama carry it to the pope when Obama visited the Vatican in July, but the contents of the letter were unknown. At the interment at Arlington, retired Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick used the brief rite as an opportunity to read much of Kennedy's letter which revealed something about the senator. Kennedy's letter was both a plea and a brief for himself, as well as a vouching for Obama. He began:

“Most Holy Father, I asked President Obama to personally hand deliver this letter to you. As a man of deep faith himself, he understands how important my Roman Catholic faith is to me, and I am deeply grateful to him.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. I pray that you have all of God's blessings as you lead our Church and inspire our world during these challenging times. I am writing with deep humility to ask that you pray for me as my own health declines. I was diagnosed with brain cancer more than a year ago, and although I continue treatment, the disease is taking its toll on me. I am 77 years old and preparing for the next passage of life. I have been blessed to be a part of a wonderful family, and both of my parents, particularly my mother, kept our Catholic faith at the center of our lives. That gift of faith has sustained, nurtured and provided solace to me in the darkest hours. I know that I have been an imperfect human being, but with the help of my faith, I have tried to right my path.”

Then Kennedy goes on to defend his public record—a last apologia from a controversial Catholic figure. And while he avoids altogether the pro-choice record that was the source of his greatest tension with the hierarchy, he does vow (as Obama has) that any health care reform package would include conscience protections for health care workers who refuse to participate in procedures that would violate their beliefs, such as abortion:

“I want you to know, Your Holiness, that in my nearly 50 years of elective office, I have done my best to champion the rights of the poor and open doors of economic opportunity. I've worked to welcome the immigrant, fight discrimination, and expand access to health care and education. I have opposed the death penalty and fought to end war. Those are the issues that have motivated me, and been the focus of my work as a United States Senator.

I also want you to know that even though I am ill, I am committed to do everything I can to achieve access to health care for everyone in my country. This has been the political cause of my life. I believe in a conscience protection for Catholics in the health care field and will continue to advocate for it as my colleagues in the Senate and I work to develop an overall national health policy that guarantees health care for everyone.

I have always tried to be a faithful Catholic, Your Holiness, and though I have fallen short through human failings, I have never failed to believe and respect the fundamental teachings. I continue to pray for God's blessings on you and our Church and would be most thankful for your prayer for me.”

The Discalced Carmelite Nuns cordially invite you to attend their annual Novena to St. Therese of the Child Jesus & of the Holy Face, from September 23rd through October 1st. Mass will be held at 7:30 p.m. each evening in the Monastery Chapel. The Novena will be conducted by Father Brian Costello, on September 29th, 30th & October 1st.

**Carmelite Monastery  
540 Blackstone Drive  
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**SAVE THIS DATE**  
**COMING TO MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**  
**A DAY OF RECOLLECTION**  
**"THE CHURCH AND**  
**THE CALL OF SILENT LOVE"**  
**GIVEN BY THE CONTEMPLATIVES OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**MASS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFERENCES,**  
**RECONCILIATION, VESPERS, FELLOWSHIP AND MORE.**  
**DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN FUTURE BULLETINS.**

