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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
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Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
Mr. Francis Cianciolo, Sacristan
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.

♦ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ♦
C.F.F.—Child Faith Formation. 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
THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:
To have faith in Christ means that somebody’s life, not necessarily our own, will be surprised for the better.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit.

Gospel: John 2:1-11
Celebrating at a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply by changing water into wine at his mother’s request.

Day of Recollection at Mater Dolorosa
February 6, 2010
THE MYSTICAL HUMANITY of CHRIST

Presented by: Father Vito Perrone and the Contemplatives of St. Joseph, with Mr. Mike McDevitt.
10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
Come for the day, or come and go as your schedule allows. Look for more details in our next two bulletins.
Dear Friends,

Happy new year! I hope your Christmas holidays were good and that you’re fully rested to begin this new year.

A number of thank yous are in order:

1. Thank you Angie Pasamba and the Alleluia Choir for two great Christmas Concerts in mid December. Like a good wine, you seem to get better and better with each passing year. Thank you, also, for playing and singing at all 5 of our Christmas Masses. You certainly made our Christmas special with your beautiful gift of music and song.

2. Thank you Deacon Alex, Flor Nicholas, Rachael Smit, and the Simbang Gabi Committee for organizing and putting together the 9 days of Advent Masses before Christmas. Last year we only had 3 days of Masses, but with the success of this year’s Masses, we will definitely do it again next year. I keep telling my priest friends that while most of society are running around like chickens with their heads cut off getting ready for Christmas, we here at MD are spiritually getting ready by coming to Mass. Thank you, one and all, for the beautiful Masses and wonderful music, . . . for the sumptuous receptions after each Mass (we even had a pig on the last night)! . . . and to Pam Escobar for organizing the Parol Contest. All in all, good people, a job well done.

3. Thank you Violeta Rapues, Lillie Villaluna, Chris Guasque, Liz Alvaro and all the members of the Altar Society for decorating the church. The flowers and other decorations were just spectacular. I’ve never seen a church look as nice as ours for Christmas. Thank you, Brian Ciappara, for hanging the banners and thank you, Bob & Liz Mantegani and family for not only getting us our beautiful Christmas tree, but decorating it as well.

4. Lastly, thank you to all the good people at MD who turned in their Christmas Envelopes. Last year we collected $18,000. This year we collected $20,000. As your pastor, I’m happy that the collections are going up rather than down. Whatever you gave, either big or small, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

On Saturday, February 13th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a dinner dance for Valentine’s Day. The cost per ticket is $15.00. If you and your sweetheart have nothing going on the 13th, you might want to think about coming.

Next month, we begin our Archbishop’s Annual Appeal all over again. Our goal this year is $45,000, up $2,000 from last year. I promise that I will spend only two Sundays talking about the Appeal. More about this in next week’s bulletin.

During 2009, we lost some very dear friends and parishioners. I would like to list them as we close out one year and begin a new one. May the good they have done in this life be their reward for eternal life:

John Marin (June 10th)  Ada Roman (August 6th)  Joe Flores (August 17th)
Mike Callero (October 7th)  Paul Domeniconi (November 8th)  Kathleen Dunleavy (December 12th)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Have a great week! - Father Brian

PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 20th—6:30 p.m. - School Multi-Purpose Room

Be a part of the planning for 2010! Get involved with the decision making for all our future projects and plans. We welcome you to join us and help us prioritize our parish improvements, help plan our social calendar and much, much more. See you Wednesday night!

Walk for Life—West Coast 2010! SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 11:00 a.m.
LOCATION: JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA on MARKET STREET

Let us walk for those who cannot walk!
Let us pray for, fight for, stand up for, and love the life of every unborn child!
Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, 2010. Let us truly be one this year as we join upwards of 30,000 pro-lifers for the 6th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco. We will peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and babies, and we all deserve better than abortion! Speakers include: Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood employee; Lila Rose, President of Live Action; Irene Beltran with Georgette Forney, Silent No More; Jim Garlow, Lead Pastor of Skyline Church; Rev. Clenard Childress, Director of LEARN. Archbishop George Niederauer and Bishop William Justice will be joining us. A bus from St. Bruno’s Church will be available and will leave at 10:00 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Call Kacey Carey (650) 583-9179 for more information. Directions: Take BART or MUNI, Metro Exit at Embarcadero Station. Follow the signs towards Spear Street. For further information visit our website at www.walkforlifewc.com., contact us at (415) 586-1576 or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.

Child Faith Formation News
January 19th is the Parent’s Meeting for First Reconciliation.
Reminder: February 7th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass is “Children’s Liturgy of the Word”