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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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
Daily: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:30 p.m.
First Fridays: Eucharistic Adoration:
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Benediction: 10:30 a.m.
Healing Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

♦ BAPTISM ♦
We welcome your child to be baptized at Mater Dolorosa Church. Parents should contact the rectory at least three months prior to the desired date of the 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 year of preparation for 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 year of preparation for the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Ninth Grade.

♦ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ♦
C.F.F.—Child Faith Formation. Programs nurturing children’s growth and forming their baptismal faith from Grade 1 to Grade 12. Classes are on Tuesday afternoons and evenings beginning in September.

March 25, 2012
FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT
March 25, 2012

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

THE NEW COVENANT

Today’s first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that, as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant, will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people’s hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community’s tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one’s heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today’s second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: Trude Buntger, Cliff Chase, Lucy Delahoussaye, Donato Gomez, Luz Gopez, Joan Lopiccolo, Eugenio Macadangdang, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Eileen McHugh, Helen Minotti, Dereck Padilla, Leona Pizziconi, Mary Savage, Andrew Seul, Luis Torres, and Pearl Valencia.

May they and their families know the healing touch of the Divine Healer, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Mar. 25
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Hospitality Hosted by: Hospitality Ministry
- Youth Group Meeting
- San Mateo Legion of Mary

Mar. 26
- RCIA

Mar. 27
- Second Harvest Brown Bag
- Kids Now Program
- CFF Classes
- Confirmation 1 Stations of the Cross

Mar. 28
- Legion of Mary Meeting
- Ballroom Dancing
- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

Mar. 30
- COSJ Choir Practice
- Soup Supper
- Choir Practice
- Stations of the Cross

Mar. 31
- Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
  Confirmation 2—“Dinner with God”
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

There will be no classes on Tuesday, April 3rd during Holy Week and we will not have Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday. The Confirmation 2 class is hosting “Dinner with God” for high school students of our parish community after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 31st. It will be an evening of reflection, music, and food to prepare their hearts for Easter. Please support our confirmation students to live out their discipleship by promoting this event to other high school students. This week, plant a small seed of any kind in a cup near a window in your kitchen. During the weeks leading up to Easter, watch your seed grow and pray about how your Lenten sacrifices can help you become more Christ-like. Bring the plant to the class after Easter for show and tell.

Questions of the Week:

Lower Level (4-6):
Can you grow a plant with seeds?
How is Jesus’ life like the life of a grain of wheat?

Higher Level (7 & above):
What is your best experience of Mass?
How is the life cycle of grain of wheat like Jesus’ life?

STAINED GLASS FINISHED

We are very happy to share the news that our stained glass has been repaired, and the work is now finished. Some of the general restoration included the interior and exterior surface cleaning, the replacement of seven sections, the frame was primed and painted with rust inhibiting paint, the putty and caulk were replaced where it was loose or missing, a specialized protective covering was used and some additional restoration work was done on badly damaged pieces such as holes or cracks. Our thanks to our generous parishioners! Our beautiful “Mother of Sorrows”, which is depicted in our stained glass, will be protected from interior wear and exterior elements for many years to come.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1st, Palm Sunday:
- Vigil Mass: Saturday, March 31st at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12 Noon
- Palms will be blessed at all the Masses

April 2nd, Holy Monday:
- Seder Meal at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

April 5th, Holy Thursday:
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 p.m.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 11:00 p.m.

April 6th, Good Friday:
- Reflections by Father Angel Quitalig from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.
- Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 2:00 p.m.
- Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 7:45 p.m.

April 7th, Holy Saturday:
- Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.

April 8th, Easter Sunday:
- Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

April 15th, Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday:
- Mass at 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon
- Light refreshments and movie on Divine Mercy at 100 p.m.
- Confessions and Rosary with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 p.m.
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Special Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Mater Dolorosa parish will participate in a peaceful, prayerful vigil on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parishioners are invited to sacrifice an hour of prayer in front of Planned Parenthood located at 35 Baywood Ave. in San Mateo. We have 79 people participating; however, we very much need people to sign up for one hour in between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. (The morning is covered.) To sign up, please call James or Eleanora at 650-992-6718. Thank you!

LET’S TAKE a STAND for LIFE

FORWARD in FAITH

Thursday, March 22nd was the last session of Forward in Faith until the program resumes on August 30, 2012. We would like to thank the Archdiocese of San Francisco for making this excellent study available to us, for our staff members who set up the video, the parish hall and the hospitality, the speakers and facilitators, and for all who participated to help increase our faith, our Church, and our knowledge of God.