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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant
Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education
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.

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
**Collection for April 1, 2012**
- First Collection: $5,426.00
- Religious Education: $1,908.00
- Holy Thursday: $724.00
- Good Friday (Holy Land): $2,156.00

Our Collection this Sunday is for our Helping Hands Fund.
Our Second Collection next Sunday is for our Special Projects Fund.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support!

*Due to our holiday publishing schedule, this collection is reported one week later. Our Easter Collection will be published in the April 22, 2012 bulletin.*

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, Betty Rodriguez, Andrew Seul, and Luis Torres.

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

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**Doubt**

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 15, 2012

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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**Mater Dolorosa’s Upcoming Week at-a-Glance**

| April 15 | Hospitality Hosted by: The Knights of Columbus Youth Group Meeting Divine Mercy Movie Confession, Rosary & Adoration Divine Mercy Mass | 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. |
| April 16 | RCIA | 7:00 p.m. |
| April 17 | Second Harvest Brown Bag Kids Now Program CFF Classes | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:34 & 6:00 p.m. |
| April 18 | Legion of Mary Meeting Children’s Bible Study Ballroom Dancing | 8:30 a.m. 3:35 to 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| April 20 | COSJ Choir Practice Choir Practice | 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. |
| April 21 | First Communion Retreat Youth Mass | 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. |

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**We mourn the passing of Pearl Valencia on April 4th. Pearl was a founding member of Mater Dolorosa Church, and served this parish community in countless ways. Our prayers are with her husband of over 60 years, Bob, and her family. She will be missed. May Perpetual Light shine upon her.**

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**OUR ALTAR DURING THE EASTER SEASON**

Our Altar was very impressive for Lent, Palm Sunday and for Easter. Our thanks to all who donated Easter lilies, and to our Altar Society for beautifying our altar this Easter.

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**CHILD FAITH FORMATION**

Faith Formation classes will resume on Tuesday, April 17th. During Lent, children were asked to plan a small seed and watch it grow. Please bring the plant to the class for show and tell. There will be a Communion Retreat on April 21st for parents and children who are preparing to receive first Holy Communion this school year. Please meet in the school lobby by 8:30 a.m.

The Confirmation candidates and the Youth Group are humbled and overwhelmed by your generosity and support to our parish Lenten service project. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your contribution to the Gubbio project, a homeless day shelter at the St. Boniface Church in San Francisco.

Questions of the Week:

**Lower Level (4-6)**

At first Thomas would not believe that Jesus was alive. What did he say when Jesus showed him his wounds?

**Higher Level (7 & Above)**

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Do I deeply treasure the gift of faith with which I have been blessed?

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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

April 15th

Mass at 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Movie on Divine Mercy at 1:00 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 5:00 p.m.

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**PARISHIONER OF THE YEAR**

**DIANA M. POWELL**

Congratulations to Diana Powell as she has been chosen to be Mater Dolorosa’s Parishioner of the Year together with the Young Men’s Institute. Diana’s many contributions to Mater Dolorosa include her being the Director of our parish RCIA program for many years, she is actively involved in the liturgical planning for our Church, she gave her time and talents to the 50th Anniversary Celebration last year and she is always available to help in the Rectory Office when needed, especially with her knowledge of computer graphics. Diana works as a volunteer in a humble manner, without credit or acknowledgement for many of her accomplishments. Her faith is an inspiration not only to those in RCIA, but to all of us who know her. We are very happy to bestow her with this honor of recognition and appreciation, for her dedication to her Catholic Church, and the Mater Dolorosa parish community. We are privileged to have her as our valued parishioner.

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**WE WELCOME AND CONGRATULATE**

We welcome and congratulate our newly baptized Malay Thammalangsy and Mark Garvida who were formally received into full Communion into our Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. As we know, they had been in our RCIA program this past year together with Charles Figueroa, who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in May.

Our Easter blessings and prayers go to them!

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**GIFT CARDS**

Gift Cards which will benefit Mater Dolorosa Parish will soon be made available for purchase. You can order gift cards in any denomination, from over 40 merchants such as Safeway, Bed Bath & Beyond, Cheesecake Factory, Home Depot, and many more, and a percentage of profit goes to Mater Dolorosa. It’s easy—simply drop your order form and check into the collection basket on Sundays. When your gift card is delivered, you may pick them up after all the Masses. It’s an easy way to contribute to your Church! Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE—THANK YOU**

James & Eleanora Rivera would like to thank all of you, and also the Knights of Columbus who made the sacrifice to pray for one hour in front of the Planned Parenthood in San Mateo, even though it was windy and raining. A special thank you to those who stayed two hours or more. We hope that one day we will be free of abortion clinics throughout the world.

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**YOUTH GROUP SILENT AUCTION**

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd!

Following all Masses

Please plan to visit the parish hall next Sunday to bid on some of the many items in our Silent Auction. There will be lots of new and gently used items to choose from. It’s a fun way to “shop” while supporting your parish. The Youth Group is hosting this event and all proceeds will benefit the Parish Improvement Fund.

See you there!

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**LOST and FOUND**

A small bag was left in the church after Mass on Easter Sunday. Please call the Rectory Office to claim.