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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.

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
FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER  
May 6, 2012
Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22;  
1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Next week is Catholic Charities CYO Sunday. Parishioners are asked to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities CYO. Your contributions directly support programs and service that provide relief for homeless families, ailing seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are in need. Help us, through this collection, change lives today. Thank you.

MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

| May 6 | May Crowning  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
Hospitality Hosted by:  
The Altar Society  
Youth Group Meeting | 10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. |
| May 7 | RCIA | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 8 | Second Harvest  
Brown Bag  
Kids Now Program  
CFF Classes | 9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
3:34 & 6:00 p.m. |
| May 9 | Legion of Mary Meeting  
Ballroom Dancing | 8:30 a.m.  
8:00 p.m. |
| May 11 | COSJ Choir Practice  
Choir Practice  
Set-up for Tea/Ballroom Dance | 2:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. |
| May 12 | Mother’s Day Tea &  
Ballroom Dancing | 10:00 a.m.  
1:00—3:30 p.m. |

DAY | TIME | MASS INTENTIONS: May 6—May 12 | PRIEST |
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SUN | 8:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m. | Pablo & Juana Rodriguez (D)  
Crispina Rivera Paat (D)  
People of the Parish | AQ  
RD  
RD |
MON | 8:00 a.m. | Elijah & Shirley Nicolas (L) | RD |
TUE | 8:00 a.m. | Pearl Valencia (D) | AQ |
WED | 8:00 a.m. | Potenciano Soria Paat (D) | RD |
THU | 8:00 a.m. | Pearl Valencia (D) | AQ |
FRI | 8:00 a.m. | Ann Davison (D) | RD |
SAT | 8:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. | Rosa Delsin (D)  
People of the Parish | AQ  
VP |
CHILD FAITH FORMATION
This Sunday is May Crowning, a tradition at Mater Dolorosa for the past 50 years. Our First Communicants are offering flowers to Mother Mary and will fully participate in the Eucharistic celebration with the parish community by receiving Jesus for the second time. Their First Communion was on May 5th.

Please join us as we celebrate those who have graduated from kindergarten, 5th & 8th grade and high school, and have received the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion, on June 3rd at the 12:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a BBQ party. This is also the end of the school year celebration of the Faith Formation program. It is a special Mass for everyone in the parish to give thanks to God for the children’s achievements.

Questions of the Week:
Lower Level (4-6):
What makes you feel one with other Christians? With other Catholics?

Higher Level (7 & above):
What does the imagery of the vine and the branches tell you about your relationship with Jesus? How is Jesus like a vine?

MOTHER’S DAY TEA/BALLROOM DANCING
Saturday, May 12th 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Mother’s Day Tea & Dance
Plan to bring your ladies to this fun-filled event at MD!
Afternoon tea and small bites will be served for your enjoyment.
Dance hosts will be available for those who need partners.
Tickets: Advance $10.00, at the door $15.00
Advance tickets are on sale after all the Masses this weekend.

Hosted by the MD Ladies Club and The MD Dance Group

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM DIANA POWELL
As Parishioner of the Year, I’d like to thank God for the gifts He has given me and I thank all of you. Receiving this honor caused me to reflect on our parish and our one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. You see, the award is not about me; it is about all of us. It is about all of us worshipping and praying together. It is about all of us witnessing and serving each other and those who do not have what God, in His Love and Mercy, has given us. This award only means something because of all of you. It has been and will continue to be an honor to serve you and our Holy Mother Church. In thanksgiving, I have enrolled the Faith Community of Mater Dolorosa for five years in the Masses, prayers and good works of The Marians of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. . . “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

MATER DOLOROSA WHOLE COMMUNITY RETREAT
“Praying the Mass”
Mater Dolorosa Church
Saturday, May 19, 2012
9:00 a.m. Morning Presentation
11:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Bring Your Lunch
1:15 p.m. Afternoon Presentations
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 p.m. Closing Prayer
4:15 p.m. Confessions

Retreat Master, Father Vito Perrone, COSJ
Retreat Facilitator, Michael McDevitt

MATER DOLOROSA LADIES CLUB
Annual RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club is asking for donations of used or new items for their annual Rummage Sale. (Please no clothes or shoes, but thank you anyway.) You may drop off your items at the Rectory Office during office hours or you may bring them to the Parish Hall when you come to Mass. It would be helpful if you will mark the boxes “Rummage Sale”, if possible. Do you have a white elephant gift that you simply can’t use? Maybe you have unwanted cookware, sports equipment, electronics, toys, holiday items, or gardening treasures? We can use books, rugs, tools, kitchen goods - you name it! Please hunt through your attics and storage rooms for gently used, unwanted “stuff” - we would love to have it for our sale! All proceeds from the sale will go to the Mater Dolorosa Parish Improvement Fund for upcoming projects.

Thank you.

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, Chevys, 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! Order forms will be available soon.