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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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

August 26, 2012
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 26, 2012

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, “Not to decide is to decide.” This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation’s involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won’t be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God’s word: Take the risk. Decide!

COLLECTIONS

Collection for August 19, 2012

First Collection $4,536.39
Helping Hands $1,555.00
Assumption $860.00

Our Collection this Sunday is for Cross Catholic Outreach.
Our Second Collection next Sunday is for our Religious Education Programs.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support!

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:

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

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to all who supported the Deanery 8 and 9 Catechist Retreat Day hosted by MD, sponsored by the pastors of the Deanery and in cooperation with the San Francisco Archdiocese Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry. We had more than 100 catechists from our neighboring parishes who participated. The volunteer catechists reflected on “Catechists as Agents of the New Evangelization” to start the school year during The Year of Faith as proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Please support our catechists by attending the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 16th.

There will be Children’s Liturgy of the Word next Sunday, September 2nd at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and every first Sunday of the month.

Registration for the school year 2012-2013 is being accepted now. Copies of Baptismal certificates are required to be registered. Registration forms are available in the Rectory Office, the vestibule and the CFF office, and were mailed to current students. Please call the Child Faith Formation Office at 650-588-8175 for more information. In observance of Labor Day, the CFF office will be closed on Sunday, September 2nd and Monday September 3rd. Classes will begin on September 18th.

The schedule of classes is every Tuesday:

- Level 1-5  3:45 to 5:00 p.m. or
- Level 1-6  6:00 to 7:15 p.m.
- Confirmation Class  7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

The level of intimacy with God to which we are called every time we gather around the Eucharistic table is an awesome gift which we should never take for granted, but welcome with a humble and grateful heart.

How can I extend the experience of this relationship with God to others in the community?

PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH
ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK

HOLY MASS at 11:00 am
(to be presided by Rev. Art Albano, our former Associate Pastor.)
POT LUCK . . . BBQ . . . GAMES & PRIZES

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND COME TO OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS (MATER DOLOROSA)

Please find the plaque of our PARISHIONERS OF THE YEAR in the vestibule. As you know, every year we give this award to certain parishioners to recognize and to show our gratitude for his or her valuable service to our parish. You will notice that this award was started in 1988, and will continue in the years to come. We hope to see your name engraved in those empty plates.

Another plaque is found hanging at the bottom left side of our stained glass behind the altar. This is to remember and to show our gratitude to those who contributed for the completion of restoring and putting a protective glass covering on the precious stained glass depicting the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady.

PLAQUES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We are looking for ministries and volunteers to help. All talent is welcome! If you would like to perform or help out in any way, please contact the Rectory Office. You will find more information in upcoming bulletins.

MATER DOLOROSA TALENT SHOW

JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

The Mater Dolorosa Hallelujah Chorale is recruiting new members. If you love to sing and/or play any musical instrument, we want you! We lead the congregation in song at the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Sunday Masses. To join, please see our Music Director, Mrs. Angie Pasamba, after any of the Sunday Masses, or email chorale2004@yahoo.com. We hope to hear from you soon!