♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Angel Quitalig, J.C.L., In Residence
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
THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today’s story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word ἐφφάθα, “be opened,” used to describe the restoration of the man’s speech, is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, “your mouth shall be opened” (24:26). The sophistication of Mark’s narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel’s prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word ἐφφάθα, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church’s baptismal ritual.

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**CHILD FAITH FORMATION**

Register NOW for the Child Faith Formation Program. Classes start on September 18. Children who attend public school and are in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in CFF for ongoing faith formation (religious education.) High school students who have not received the sacraments should also enroll. Children are encouraged to continue onto the next grade level after they receive their First Communion, up through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Catechists will be available after all Masses on Sept. 9 to answer questions and help register your child. Classes for grade levels 1-7 and the Sacraments Classes are held on Tuesday, from 3:45—5:00 p.m. or 6:00—7:15 p.m. and Confirmation 1 & 2, from 7:00—8:15 p.m. First Reconciliation/First Communion requires two years of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these sacraments. Normally, children should be enrolled as soon as they enter the 1st grade in school. The Confirmation Preparation program is also a two-year program, as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as soon as they enter the 8th grade, as well as older students who have not yet been confirmed. For more information please contact the CFF office at 650-588-8175 or email at Rachael@mdssf.org.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What does the example of Jesus teach us about how we are to respond to those who are physically-challenged? How can you and your friends be an example of God’s special love for those who speak unclearly due to speech impediments?

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**PARISH PICNIC**

Saturday, September 15th
Orange Memorial Park

PARISH PICNIC TO HONOR
AND CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
(MATER DOLOROSA)

HOLY MASS at 11:00 am
(To be presided by Rev. Art Albano, our former Associate Pastor.)

BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

POT LUCK . . . BBQ . . . GAMES & PRIZES
A Sign Up sheet for a Pot Luck Dish to share is available in the vestibule.

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**Honor Our Retired Priests**

Our lives have been spiritually enriched by the many priests who have served our beloved Mater Dolorosa parish over the past 51 years. Many of these priests are now retired, living on very limited income, some in poor health. All these holy men need our prayers and support. The Archdiocese is providing two special ways to show financial support for retired priests in the coming weeks. The weekend of September 15th & 16th our Second Collection will be for Priest’s Retirement. Also, the Second Annual St. John Vianney Luncheon honoring the retired priests who served in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be held at St. Mary’s Cathedral on Friday, October 26, 2012. You may refer to our flyer on how to sponsor a table at the luncheon. Please remember all the priests who have served us and our parishes, so well over the years, when you make your donation next weekend. Thank you.

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**CACHE CREEK CASINO BUS TRIP**

on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

7:00 a.m. Check-In at MD Parking Lot
7:30 a.m. SHARP Bus Leaves MD
4:30 p.m. Return to MD

30.00 per person ($10.00 slots & $5.00 meals)
Contact: Jim Rodriguez at 650-873-2167 or jrod253@yahoo.com
Make checks payable to Jim Rodriguez
No Refunds—Must be over 21 years

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**CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS**

for
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER of HOLY COMMUNION and READERS

October 20th & 27th at
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
1040 Alameda de las Pulgas & Ralston Ave., Belmont or
November 3rd & 10th at
Saint Elizabeth Church
Wayland & Somerset Streets, San Francisco

Week I—Ministerial Theology 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Presented by David Pettingill
Practicum 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Week II—Follow-Up Sessions 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
$20.00 per person (Pastor’s Authorization Required)
Registration Forms Available in the Vestibule

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**LOST KEY**

A key was found in the parking lot on August 19th. Please call the Rectory Office if you have one missing.