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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16, 2012

Isaiah 50:5-9a; Psalm 116; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don’t let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like “take up your cross” and “lose your life,” we tend to resist the message.

James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God’s direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.

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


Please pray that they find comfort and healing in Christ.

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Classes start on Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 3:45 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. for all grade levels and 7:00 p.m. for Confirmation classes. The beginning of the school year Mass is on Oct. 7th at 10:00 a.m. for all students and their families.

For grade 4 and above, please take the applicable safety on-line training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org and submit the certificate of completion to the catechist.

Do you know a child under 17 years old or someone who...
- Was baptized Catholic but has not celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation?
- Has a child in grade 1 who has not been baptized?
- Has children interested in continuing to learn more about the catechism, teachings, and experience of the Church?

Please call Mrs. Smit or Mrs. Cepeda at 650-588-8175 for more details. We are still accepting registrations for sacramental preparation and ongoing faith formation classes during the next few weeks.

Questions of the Week:

**Lower Level (4-6):** In the gospel reading Jesus asked the apostles, "Who do you say that I am?" What would you answer if Jesus were to ask you this same question today?

**Higher Level (7 and above):** What message was Jesus trying to teach about following him? How would you share this message in the world today?

FREE FLU CLINIC at MATER DOLOROSA
SPONSORED BY THE SAN FRANCISCO LIONS CLUB
in joint venture with
SF FIL-AM LIONS CLUB, FIL-AM LEOS, SF LATINOS UNIDOS LIONS CLUB, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, & THE BRISBANE LIONS CLUB
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Following all the Masses on Sunday, October 7th, there will be offered a free flu vaccine, blood pressure screening, a diabetes blood glucose test, free Glucometer for diabetic patients, Hepa-B screening, vaccination and education, and a dental check. Be sure to stop in to take advantage of this health fair.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

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. This weekend, 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 this weekend. Thank you.

LADIES CLUB RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please support the Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club by donating your new or gently used goods. You may drop off donations at the Rectory Office or the parish hall (please mark the boxes “Rummage Sale.”) We would love to have kitchen items, electronics, children’s toys, sporting equipment, books, holiday decorations, musical instruments and furniture (please, no shoes or clothes.) Your unwanted items are our treasures to sell!

MATER DOLOROSA TALENT SHOW
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH AT 6:00 p.m.