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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

September 23, 2012
THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today’s Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark’s Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words “child” and “servant,” thus turning Jesus’ gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be “handed over” to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus’ day—an ordinary discussion of social status (“who is the greatest”) becomes in Mark’s context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Classes started last Tuesday, Sept. 18th. The beginning of the school year Mass is on Oct. 7th at 10:00 a.m. for all students and their families. Confirmation 2 students are required to attend the retreat on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. including the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We are still accepting registrations for sacramental preparation and ongoing Faith Formation classes during the next few weeks. 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 enroll too. 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.

Classes for grade levels 1-7 are held on Tuesdays from 3:45-5:00 p.m. or 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. and Confirmation classes are 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 check our webpage http://www.mdssf.org/ccd/ccd.html#top.

Questions of the Week:

Lower Level (4-6): How can serving make you the greatest?
Higher Level (7 and above): Why do we attend faith formation class and Mass? What does Jesus teach by welcoming a child?

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

CONVOCATION of PRIESTS

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will have a Convocation of Priests on September 25th through September 27th in Monterey. All diocesan priests and priests assigned to parish ministry will gather for two days. Our priests will attend Mass with celebrant Archbishop Niederauer and Archbishop – designate Cordileone; they will attend lectors, attend meetings and spend time in prayer. The theme of the convocation is “Priesthood, The Journey We Travel.” Please keep all of our priests in your prayers during this time. On September 26th & 27th we will have The Liturgy of the Word and a Communion Service with Deacon Alex Aragon at 8:00 a.m. instead of morning Mass.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 7, 2012

In the spirit of St. Francis, there will be a Blessing of the Animals at Mater Dolorosa following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All pets are welcome to bring their owners! Please meet in the school patio.

MATER DOLOROSA’S PARISH PICNIC

Last Saturday, our Mass and Parish Picnic was an enjoyable day for everyone. We thank Fr. Art Albano, Fr. Angel, Fr. Roland, Deacon Alex Aragon and our MD Choir for the beautiful outdoor Mass celebrated at Orange Memorial Park. We also thank the Knights of Columbus for the BBQ and for setting up and cleaning up, we thank Felisa Cepeda and Angi Rodriguez, who organized the games and prizes, and of course, all of our parishioners who participated by bringing a dish to share and joining in the event with enthusiasm and prayer. It was a day to remember for our parish!

MATER DOLOROSA TALENT SHOW SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH at 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend the Mater Dolorosa Talent Show on October 13th. Tickets are $10.00 through October 12th (available at the Rectory Office) and $15.00 on October 13th at the door. The tickets include a snack, a beverage and the entertainment. You may also bid at the Silent Auction. The talent will include singers, dancers, a magician, a pianist and more!

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!