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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
THE POOR

As Christians, we hear a lot about the witness and service that we are called to render to the poor among us. However, the poor also have a witness and a service to render to us. Like the actions of the widow in today’s Gospel, the openness and generosity of many of those who are poor, even in the midst of their own poverty, bear witness to the fact that, ultimately, we can depend only on God. Giving one’s all witnesses that God will give all to anyone who trusts in divine goodness.

The poor or disadvantaged also serve. They serve judgment on our individual and corporate ways of acting. If people are sleeping in our streets, that is a judgment on our priorities regarding others. At the same time, the poor can act as mediators of salvation. When they care for others they can redeem our indifference and insensibility, lead us to care as well, and save us from ourselves.

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Our prayers are with Ralph Rodriguez, brother to Jim Rodriguez, who passed from this life to eternal life on November 1, 2012. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Calling all children! Every year the children of our parish gather together to act out the story of the Nativity. If you would like to participate in the Christmas pageant, there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule of the church and the school lobby. In preparation for Advent, the Confirmation 2 classes will be selling Advent wreaths on November 24, 25 and December 1, 2 after all the Masses.

Parents of grade 4 and above, please have your child take the applicable safety on-line training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org and submit the certificate of completion to the catechist. Aside from meeting the U.S. Bishops requirement, the children will learn about their own safety by taking the on-line class.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

Lower Level (4-6):
How do you share your gifts? What makes the widow’s gift so valuable?

Higher Level (7 and above):
What time, talent, and treasure are you willing to give to your parish or school?
Why does Jesus praise the widow’s small gift to the Temple?

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF FAITH

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI has announced a Year of Faith, that began on October 11, 2012 and will end on November 24, 2013.

The chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB, Bishop Ricken, offers ten ways Catholics can live the Year of Faith.

The 10 Ways Catholics Can Live the Year of Faith:
1. Participate in Mass
2. Go to Confession
3. Learn About the Lives of the Saints
4. Read the Bible Daily
5. Read the Documents of Vatican II
6. Study the Catechism
7. Volunteer in the Parish
8. Help Those in Need
9. Invite a Friend to Mass
10. Incorporate the Beatitudes Into Daily Life.

THANKSGIVING MASS

On Thursday, November 22nd there will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 a.m. (There will not be an 8:00 a.m. Mass that day.) You are welcome to bring the bread and wine that your families will serve for Thanksgiving to be blessed. Please place the items on the table at the altar. All families are encouraged to begin their Thanksgiving holiday with Mass.

ALL SOULS OFFERING

You may use your offering envelopes for All Souls Day to write the names of those who have passed away and for whom we will keep in our prayers throughout the month of November. The envelopes will be collected and placed on the altar.

Pray a Rosary For Priests

Rosary for Priests on Thursday, December 6th. Save these dates in 2013 to pray with us: (second Thursday of each month), Jan 10, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 12, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 & Dec. 12th. All are at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Contact Diana Powell at 650-922-3941 for more information.

Priests need our prayers.

MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH and BLOOD CENTERS of the PACIFIC

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall

Please bring photo ID and donor card. Free cholesterol testing with every donation.
SAVE LIVES—GIVE BLOOD

SIMBANG GABI at MATER DOLOROSA

The Simbang Gabi Committee requests your support for the upcoming Christmas Novena Masses (Simbang Gabi) from Dec. 15th to Dec. 23rd. If you would like to sponsor, volunteer, or get more information, please email mdsimbanggabi@gmail.com.

Christmas Bingo Luncheon

Saturday, December 1st
Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.
Elegant Mexican Enchilada Lunch!
$20.00 per person. Open seating or tables of 8 or more can be reserved.
Price includes lunch, beverage and one Bingo card.
Please call Sandee Chan at 650-872-3816 or Terry Keller at 650-583-3385 to make your reservation.
Please bring a "good neighbor" gift valued at $5.00 or more. (Please, all gifts should be new.)

Please join us for this annual tradition at Mater Dolorosa!

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