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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
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♦ 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. &
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Healing Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.
Latin Mass in the
Extraordinary Form: Monday through Friday 12:00 Noon.
Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
*First and Third Sunday of the Month: Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

♦ 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.

♦ MARRIAGE ♦
Please contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to allow time for Marriage Preparation.

♦ 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
First Sunday of Lent
March 9, 2014

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

THE WAY OUT

Today’s readings launch us into Lent with the story of salvation. How did we humans get where we are? How do we get out? Genesis—through the Adam and Eve narrative—explains that we got separated from God and happiness through greed, selfishness, arrogance.

But, as Paul explained to the Romans, God has not abandoned us, and never will. We get out through the “new Adam,” Jesus Christ, through whom the death of sin is conquered by the life of “overflowing grace.”

From the start, though, Jesus—like Adam and Eve, like you and me—had to face “the tempter.” Shown fame and wealth, he was tempted to grab for it. But Jesus saw through such foolishness. During Lent we will look at what the tempter spreads before us daily, then try to make choices that put us on the side of the angels.

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


Please pray that they find peace, comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer.

Please note: Our Envelope Service mistakenly gave us two Second Collection envelopes for March 30th. The Second Collection for that weekend will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generous donations towards the continued support of your church!

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CHILDFATH FORMATION

Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday. Thank you to all who helped during our celebration and thank you to parents and catechists. This Sunday, we have eight older children who will be participating at the Rite of Election in St. Mary’s Cathedral as a part of their faith journey in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter Vigil Mass. Let us continue to pray for them.

Thank you to all who participated in our family prayer service last March 4th. Everyone is invited to write a note on the little heart in the vestibule to “Love God and others this Lent.” This heart will be put on the cross after 12 noon Mass today. Confirmations students will be collecting socks and toiletries for our neighbors without homes and who live on the street. The students wrapped them individually and are distributed to Catholic Worker, St. Vincent kitchen and Missionaries of Charity. Please put your donations in the barrel by the school lobby or vestibule.

Save the Date! Confirmation 2 students will present Stations of the Cross through shadows on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. here in our church. The Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. will be hosted by CFF families.

**Question of the week:**

**Lower Level:**

What does Jesus mean when he says people do not live on bread alone?  
What choices make you more like Jesus?

**Higher Level:**

Why does Jesus refuse to show off divine power?  
What does this tell about the kind of person Jesus is?

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ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL 2014 at MATER DOLOROSA

Our Archbishop is once again asking us to join his efforts to provide programs and services to the people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco through our participation in the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. This year, our parish family has been asked to raise the amount of $52,800.

On behalf of the Archbishop, please consider making a donation to this appeal again. It is good that many of you have considered joining the One Percent Club. If you have not done so, you may want to consider joining the Club, and that means sharing at least $528.00, or at least $52.80 monthly (10 months.) However, please be mindful that whatever amount you give is significant and is highly appreciated. Remember: Any amount donated over $52,800. returns to our parish for use on maintenance, staffing needs and repairs.

Pledge Sunday is this weekend! Father Roland will be at all the Masses to talk about it further. If you did not receive a letter and brochure in the mail, pledge cards will be in the pews beginning this weekend.

Thank you and may God bless your generous hearts!

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40 Days for Life

In cooperation with the 40 Days for Life movement, the Mater Dolorosa Pro Life group invites you to participate and sign-up for an hour of prayer and peaceful vigil on March 16, 2014, (Sunday). Participants will be expected to commit to an hour of prayer during their preferred time in front of the Planned Parenthood Facility at 35 Baywood Avenue, San Mateo. The twelve hour vigil starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in filling in the one hour slot during this day of prayer vigil. At the end of all Masses this weekend, members of Mater Dolorosa Pro Life group will be at the vestibule of the Church soliciting your support for this great cause towards the end of abortion here and worldwide. For more information, please visit the 40 Days for Life website at www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo<http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo> or call Perlas at (650) 892-8786.

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HELPING HANDS at MATER DOLOROSA

Helping Hands Ministry is recruiting volunteers to assist fellow parishioners in small acts of service: providing a ride to church, doctor or shopping, preparing a simple meal for the home-bound, or helping with funeral refreshments of coffee and cookies. Please complete the lavender form in the church vestibule and be sure to provide all the necessary documents to the rectory office.

If you are a “Friend in Need” of Helping Hands services, complete the white form in the church vestibule. We will do our best to find a volunteer to best meet your request.

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OUR LENTEN JOURNEY at MATER DOLOROSA

**Lent**

Soup Supper Every Friday 6:00 p.m.  
(Except First Fridays)  
Spiritual Talk 6:30 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

**Your Lenten Observance:**

**ABSTINENCE:** Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.

**FAST:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on GOOD FRIDAY.  
On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal.

Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

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**Blood Centers of the Pacific and The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 16, 2014 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall**

Please bring a photo I.D.  
Free Cholesterol Testing with every Donation!  
SAVE LIVES — FIND THE HERO IN YOU.