March 23, 2014

**PASTORAL STAFF**
- Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
- Rev. Msgr. John R. Pernia, In Residence
- Rev. Fr. Angel Quitalaig, 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.
  - 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.E.—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.

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**Rectory Office Hours:**
- Monday—Friday
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**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
Third Sunday of Lent
March 23, 2014

Exodus 17: 3-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?” But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

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.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Classes resume this coming Tuesday, March 25th. Confirmation II students will be collecting socks and toiletries for our neighbors without homes and who live on the street. The students wrapped them individually and they are distributed to Catholic Worker, St. Vincent de Paul Cafe/kitchen and Missionaries of Charity. Please put your donations in the barrel by the school lobby or vestibule.

Confirmation I students will present a talk on gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit starting this week-end until Palm Sunday during hospitality. They have been working on this project for the past month so let us support them.

First Communion Families are reminded of the our family retreat on April 12th, Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an important part of the child’s journey in preparation for receiving their First Communion.

Question of the week:

Lower Level:
What good news does the Samaritan woman bring to the people of her village?

Higher Level:
Why does Jesus talk to the Samaritan woman?
What convinces the Samaritan woman that Jesus is the Messiah?

CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Bishop Jaime Soto, President of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops, released the following statement (some portions excluded):

During this Season of Lent, the Catholic bishops of California invite the Catholic community to exercise restraint in the use of water as an expression of solidarity with those whose livelihood and welfare are at risk due to extreme drought conditions. Lent is a holy, penitential season in the Catholic Church’s liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer. This year, Californians are in an actual desert as a historic drought looms over us. Farmers cannot access sufficient water to raise their crops. Men and women are left without work. Access to clean, drinkable water is uncertain. We are starkly reminded in this time of drought of our dependence on the Creator. Our human dignity relies on access to water. That same human dignity is diminished when we let this precious resource slip carelessly through our hands.

During this Lent, we pray that God opens the heavens and lets His mercy rain down upon our fields and mountains. May we receive the grace to better conserve our natural resources. Looking forward to the sacred days of Easter, we hope that God’s wisdom and joy may rise like a fountain of living water in the hearts and minds of all Californians.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

We thank the organizers of this peaceful, prayerful event and all those who gave of their time to the vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood facility on Sunday, March 16th. Thank you for your dedication to this great cause!

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY at MATER DOLOROSA

MARCH 28
Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
Spiritual Talk 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross in Shadows 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 4 - First Friday (No Soup Supper)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m., Healing Mass 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 11
Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.
Spiritual Talk 6:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross in Shadows 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SEASON at MATER DOLOROSA

April 7, Penance Service
Mater Dolorosa Church at 7:00 p.m.

April 13, Palm Sunday:
Vigil Mass: Saturday, April 12 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12 Noon
Procession with palms from the school lobby to church at the 10:00 a.m. Mass
Palm will be blessed at all the Masses

April 17, Holy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Hall until 11:00 p.m.

April 18, Good Friday:
Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus by Fr. David Schunk from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 1:30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 2:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at 7:30 p.m.

April 19, Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.

April 20, Easter Sunday:
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

April 27, Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday:
Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon
Confessions, Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00
Divine Mercy Mass at 3:00

Knights of Columbus Sponsored Blood Drive
Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring a Blood Drive, along with Blood Centers for the Pacific, on Sunday, March 16th. We thank all who organized the event, and to all who donated life-giving blood.

Stations of the Cross in Shadows
at Mater Dolorosa Church. Join us on Friday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m., as we journey with Christ and reflect on the Stations of the Cross.
Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, hosted by our CFF Families.