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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Romeo Cruz, Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
Mr. Francis Ciancio, 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.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 14, 2014

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 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2014

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

BEING LIFTED UP

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had “lifted up the serpent in the desert.” Then Jesus says, “So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him.” The evangelist clearly saw this “lifting up” of Jesus to mean his crucifixion. That “lifting up” of the serpent by Moses is described in today’s first reading. The people were attacked by “sarah serpents,” and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered.

Jesus “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.” Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His “lifting up” in shame also his “lifting up” in glory and triumph.

We mourn the passing of Joe Buenavista, our parishioner, who passed from this life to eternal life on September 2, 2014. Our prayers are with his wife, Geraldine and his family and friends.

May he rest in eternal peace with God.

MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

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COLLECTIONS

September 7, 2014

First Collection $ 5,306.50
Religious Education $ 1,760.50

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Our Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund
Our Second Collection for next Sunday is for Priest’s Retirement
Thank you for your generous donations towards the continued support of your Church!

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

Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Trude Buntger, Emeliana P. Carriaga, Larry Casey, Alfredo Chuaquino, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Joe Duenas, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Manuel P. Paat, Dorothy Pruett, Maria Luisa Sarra, Ernie Ventura and Tony Yee.

We pray that they find peace, comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer.
**CHILD FAITH FORMATION**

You still have time to register for our faith formation classes for this school year. Classes will start this Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for students in grade 1 to grade 5 and at 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for students in middle school to high school. Families with students in grade 4 and above must complete the on-line safety training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org and bring the certificate of completion to the first day of class. If you are interested in CFF classes please call the CFF office at 650-588-8175 or send an email to cff@mdssf.org for registration information. For your convenience, you can also find this information on our website [http://www.mdssf.org/ccc/ccc.htm#top](http://www.mdssf.org/ccc/ccc.htm#top).

**Question of the Week:**

Today's gospel offers us a great insight into Jesus' teaching. We hear Jesus explain so beautifully that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world," but to save the world. And why? Because "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16). In other words, God would do anything for us!

**Thank You Ballroom Dancers**

We thank our Ballroom Dancers for their contribution to Mater Dolorosa’s Parish Improvement Fund in the amount of $780.00, as a special donation from the Disco Dance fundraiser. Thank you Ballroom Dancers for a great evening and for the support of your parish!

**Priest’s Retirement Second Collection**

September 20 & 21, 2014

The Archdiocese’s annual Priests’ Retirement collection occurs September 20 & 21. Because our retired priests have worked in the Lord’s vineyard over a lifetime for small financial compensation, their retirement resources are typically meager. Funds raised from the collection demonstrate our personal commitment to help care for them as they have cared for us. Please be generous.

You are also invited to join us at the

**Fourth Annual St. John Vianney Luncheon**

Honoring Retired Priests

Who served in the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Friday, October 24, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

St. Mary’s Cathedral

RSVP & Ticket Required

Please contact the Rectory Office for Reservations

**Thank You**

**Mater Dolorosa Parish Picnic**

**Saturday, September 20, 2014**

Please join us at our annual picnic to honor and celebrate our Patroness feast—Our Lady of Sorrows on September 20 (Saturday) at 10a.m. at Orange Park, SSF. Our Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. You may sign up to bring a pot-luck dish on the list located in the lobby.

**Catechetical Ministry Volunteers Needed**

Our CFF/religious education program is in need of God loving people who are willing to pass on their Catholic faith to the next generation! This ministry for children and youth depends on generous people like YOU who are willing to share your time and God given gifts. If you enjoy working with children, tweens, and teens and at the same time want to learn more about your faith, come join and be a part of the catechetical ministry of our parish community. Please call the CFF office or pick up a flyer in the vestibule to find out more information on how you can help in this very rewarding ministry.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA**

**Begins Monday, 9/15**

RCIA is for adults 18 years and older who want to know more about the Catholic faith. In coming to understand what the Catholic believes and teaches:

- **Unbaptized persons** discern if they want full initiation into the Catholic Church through reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.
- **Baptized Christians of other faiths** discern if they want to come into full communion with the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- **Baptized Catholic Christians** discern if they want to complete their Initiation through reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Eucharist.

Call Diana Powell (650-922-3941) to register or to discuss whether RCIA is what God is calling you to when He says, “Come follow me.”

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2014**

**God’s Gift of Forgiveness**

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2014, and will focus on the theme "Teaching About God’s Gift of Forgiveness." Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday? In 1935, the Vatican published "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education", a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Catholic community as catechists. Those whom our parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called on to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. The volunteers who are teaching your children about our Catholic faith will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please support our catechists for their dedication to our faith formation program.