November 16, 2014

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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. &
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.
Thirty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

GET READY

The Letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent. Therefore, to devote time or attention to anything else was foolish.

As time progressed, this fervor receded a bit. Today we may wonder, when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart. What should we do when we hear that the day of the Lord will come upon us “like a thief at night”? (1 Thessalonians 5:2) Does this mean we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners, or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then, on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

Mater Dolorosa’s Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

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

Please say a prayer for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

CFF Classes will resume Nov 18th. These last few weeks we have been sending home material to encourage your families to foster prayer at home. Here are a few reminders: teach your children the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be or Pray before meals together, whether the regular Grace Before Meals prayer or a spontaneous one. There will be Altar Server Training for current and those interested in becoming an altar servers on November 22nd at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church with Deacon Alex Aragon. Parents please attend this training with your child. Boys and girls who have received First Holy Communion and are in the 4th grade or older are encouraged to attend. Those students in the Confirmation program who join this ministry will earn service hours. Our next gathering for Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be Sunday, December 7th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. First Communion and Confirmation 1 classes **ONLY** : We will have our Jesus Story activity on Saturday, December 6th from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school (this includes Mass). The First Communion students will be presented to the parish community during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Afterwards, we will celebrate Advent with the CFF families in the parish hall. Questions? Please call the CFF office.

Questions of the Week:
Jesus’ parable in the Gospel of Matthew informs us that we need to use the gifts God has given us. He does not want us to mistake being humble with hiding our skills and abilities. In this way, they will be multiplied.

Levels 1-6: List some gifts and talents and blessings that God has given you. Choose three of these and write what it would mean to improve or be better at them and gain more talents, and what it would mean to bury them and lose them.

Level 7 & Confirmation classes: When the wise servants report to their master, he says, “Come share your master’s joy.” Have you ever felt joy after you have done a good job at something? When God gives talents and blessings, what does he expect?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?
You must be in 4th grade and up (middle school and high school) and have received Holy Communion. We will have a meeting on Saturday, November 22nd at 9:30 a.m. in the church. Please contact Deacon Alex Aragon at 650-583-3877 to sign up. ALL ARE WELCOME!

THANKSGIVING MASS at MATER DOLOROSA
On Thursday, November 27th, there will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 a.m. (No 8:00 a.m. Mass that day.) You are welcome to bring the bread and wine that you will serve at your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed. Please bring the items to the front of the church before Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special blessing and Mass to begin the Thanksgiving holiday and weekend.

Holiday Shopping and Gift Giving Easy – the SCRIP-giving Way!
Purchase gift cards through the Mater Dolorosa Scrip Gift Card Fundraising Program. They are the same gift cards that you buy at the stores. The beauty of this program is that our Parish automatically and immediately earns money when you purchase gift cards from our Scrip Program. Use these gift cards for your own purchases or as gifts. We have gift cards from over 300 of the country’s biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, online stores, and more. Simply fill out the order form that is available in the vestibule and drop it in the collection basket during offertory. The turnaround time is about 1 week, so please plan ahead. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers!

Mater Dolorosa supports parents awaiting the birth of their children and encourages parishioners to recognize and pray for the precious gift of the child in the womb. Therefore, during 7:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, Dec. 8th, (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) we invite all expectant parents to receive the blessing for themselves and their unborn children.

SIMBANG GABI at MATER DOLOROSA
The Mater Dolorosa Simbang Gabi Committee invites you to heighten our community’s collective spiritual preparation for Christmas by participating actively in the 9-day novena of Masses to be held from Monday, Dec. 15th to Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. If you are interested in becoming involved, please pick up one of the Simbang Gabi forms in the vestibule or email mdsimbanggabi@gmail.com. For information, please see the flyers posted in the vestibule.