♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, 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 Formations 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 Formations 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 Formations. 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
Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENTS

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for us. Having these reminders in church also gives us the opportunity to reflect on life. We too at times may find some of Jesus’ teachings difficult. When that happens, we speak to him honestly in prayer and seek his help.

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Questions of the Week:

What teachings of Jesus have you had difficulties with at times? Who or what helped you to work out those difficulties?

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Today’s gospel story relates how many of Jesus’ disciples left him. They could not accept his teaching that he himself was the Bread of Life. They could not believe that his Body and Blood were the source of eternal life. So they turned their backs on him and returned to their old way of life. We too at times may find some of Jesus’ teachings difficult. When that happens, we speak to him honestly in prayer and seek his help.

It is IMPORTANT that families with students in 4th grade up to 12th grade MUST complete the on-line safety training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org and bring the certificate of completion to the first day of class.

**CHILD FAITH FORMATION**

Attention all CFF families past and current: Mark your calendars on Sept 12th for our annual Mater Dolorosa Church Picnic, in Honor of Our Patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows. If you are in town on Saturday, Sept 12th, please join us for some food, fun, and good friends. Please call or email the CFF office to inform us what dish your family would like to contribute to our picnic. Classes for the new school year 2015-16 will begin on Tuesday, September 15. ALL CURRENT and NEW students MUST submit an enrollment form. Now is the time to consider enrolling your incoming 1st grader for the sacrament of First Communion or your 8th Grader for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please note, there is a two year preparation requirement for the sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation. For more information, please pick up a registration form in the vestibule of the Church, the Rectory Office or the CFF school lobby. 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.

Certification Training for New and Experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

September 12 & 19, 2015
Saint Raphael Church, San Rafael
September 12 - 10am – 3pm
September 19 - 10am – 12pm
$20.00 pre-registered, $25.00 for same-day registrants
Pastor’s authorization required.
Please contact the parish office to register.
Sponsored by the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Worship

Why do Catholics do That?

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Kaiser South San Francisco is currently seeking Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer to provide communion to their Catholic patients and their families. The ongoing support of this ministry allows the hospital to fulfill this integral spiritual dimension of care. Any one who is a Eucharistic Minister at Mater Dolorosa, please contact the Spiritual Care Department at Kaiser at 650-742-3739 for more information. Please consider bringing Jesus to those who need Him most. Thank you.

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Schedule:

10:30 a.m. Rosary/Novena Prayers
11:00 a.m. Mass at the Pieta Garden with Bishop William Justice as the Celebrant
12:00 p.m. BBQ (hamburgers and hot dogs) K of C cookout & potluck (bring your favorite dish)
1:00 p.m. Let the games begin by the “God Squad”

And . . . . . . . .

Lobster & Steak Fund Raiser Dinner
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
All Proceeds go toward our CARPET PROJECT
Saturday, September 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Donation $50.00 per person
Seats are Limited—Reserve Early!
Call John Dooley, Grand Knight a 650-267-0080

MATER DOLOROSA LADIES CLUB

Our regular meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, will be held in the library at 6:00 p.m. We will discuss our charitable project for 2015. New members are welcome to join us at any time! You may contact Fran Lidwell at the Rectory Office at 650-588-4131 for information, or visit our website at mdssf.org and click the link to our monthly planner on the Home Page for our upcoming schedule of meetings and events.

SAVE THE DATES!

It’s not too early to mark your calendars for these events!

Annual Mater Dolorosa Church Picnic
In Honor of Patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows
When: September 12, 2015
Where: Mater Dolorosa Church & Pieta Garden
Fundraising Event: for new church carpets (Donations accepted)
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

— Joshua 24:15b