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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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
□ Moving/Remove
□ Name
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God’s surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody’s life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Marilyn Bugler, Trudy Buntger, Janie Bustos, Larry Casey, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Kevin Dresser, George Garibaldi, Luz Gopez, Gary Andrew, Lacanilao, Joan Lopiccolo, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, John Paat, Sr., Mary Anne Padilla, Dorothy Pruett, Florentina Quitugua, Maria Luisa Sarra, and Gladys & Luis Torres.

We pray that they find peace, comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer. Please pray for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.
YEAR OF MERCY

In March 2015, Pope Francis announced that on Dec. 8, 2015 we will begin a jubilee year to be called the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic Church has called jubilee years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special jubilee years from time to time, known as extraordinary jubilee years. The theme for this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is “Be merciful, just as your father is merciful.”

There is a tremendous need for mercy in our world today. Pope Francis wants our parishes to become “islands of mercy in a sea of indifference” (message for Lent 2015). He envisions a year when people will become more merciful in their own lives and bring God’s mercy to others.

How Will You Celebrate the Jubilee?

♦ Contemplate Mercy – by contemplating mercy we begin to see how God gives of himself to us and asks nothing in return.
♦ Don’t judge or condemn – refraining from judgment and condemnation is an act of mercy, because it allows us to accept the good in every person and spare that person suffering caused by our negative attitudes.
♦ Forgive – when we forgive, we release the poison of resentment that builds up inside us. Forgiveness is an act of mercy for ourselves as well as for the person who hurt us.
♦ Listen to God’s word – to become more merciful we must listen to the Word of God in Scripture and meditate on the message of God’s mercy.
♦ Go on a Pilgrimage – make a pilgrimage to a Holy Door in Rome or in our archdiocese, where we can receive special graces granted during the jubilee year.
♦ Recognize the need for mercy – we are called to find human misery in our world and reach out to those in need of mercy.
♦ Practice the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy
♦ Change our hearts – the ultimate goal of the Year of Mercy is to help us change our hearts and our lives so we can become conduits of God’s mercy in everything we say and do.

*Quotes taken from A Year of Merci pamphlet published by Our Sunday Visitor

CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Families with children in Grades K to 3 MUST attend a Child Safety training parent orientation meeting on Tuesday, Jan 19th at 6pm in the parish hall. There will be a CFF Family Meeting @ 6pm in the parish hall on Jan 26. Parents and guardians required to attend. Childcare will be provided. SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: First Communion class: Please work on Lesson 2 in your Together with Jesus folder for Reconciliation preparation. Parents who DID NOT attend the Jan 10 meeting, please make an appointment with Ms. Felisa to pick up your information and home lessons. Confirmation 2 class: Candidate and sponsor activity, Jan 24 @ 1pm or Jan 27 @ 6:30pm. Please RSVP. Questions? Please call or email the CFF office. Have a blessed and safe New Year!

Questions of the Week:

In the gospel reading, Jesus and his friends are taking part in a wedding celebration at Cana. Everyone is having a grand old time until the wine runs out. Then Jesus, in what is described as the first of his signs (miracles), turns six jars of water into choice wine! Everyone is astonished. But turning the water used for Jewish rituals into wine, Jesus gives God’s people a sign that the Messiah has come. At this wedding celebration, Jesus gave the wedding couple and guests the gift of choice wine! He also gave them, and us, for Jewish rituals into wine, Jesus gives God’s people a sign that the Messiah has come. At this wedding celebration, Jesus gave the wedding couple and guests the gift of choice wine! He also gave them, and us, the gift of a deeper and fuller knowledge of himself, who he really was. "He revealed his glory, and his celebration, Jesus gave the wedding couple and guests the gift of choice wine! He also gave them, and us, for Jewish rituals into wine, Jesus gives God's people a sign that the Messiah has come. At this wedding celebration, Jesus gave the wedding couple and guests the gift of choice wine! He also gave them, and us, the gift of a deeper and fuller knowledge of himself, who he really was. "He revealed his glory, and his

What does this say about the importance of celebrations in our lives? Jesus didn’t consider a wedding celebration to be "beneath him." He was there, fully present.

What is our attitude toward family celebrations—birthdays, weddings, baptisms, or funerals? How can we be more present to these happy or sad times together? How can we use them as occasions to know one another better and to encourage one another?

LET’S TRAVEL and HAVE FUN!

Please join us in our church's fund-raising bus trip to Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore and Las Vegas on June 4th to June 11, 2016. Flyers with more information are available in our church's vestibule.

The single most powerful thing Catholic parents can do for their children is teaching them to pray. There are a variety of ways to teach prayer. In the next few weeks we will be sharing a few of them with you. This week, introduce them to the common prayers, start with a simple prayer like the Our Father and focus on that prayer for a few weeks. This prayer specifically teaches us how to show respect, request for our daily needs, and ask for forgiveness and protection.

Walk for Life West Coast 2016

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 23, 2016. The pre-walk rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the walk down the city’s Market Street, begins at 1:30. Last year’s walk drew 50,000+ people. This year we are honored to welcome Latin American music legend Emmanuel, all the way from Mexico, as one of our speakers. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.