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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Mr. Ricardo Carlos, 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

**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
Today’s Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father’s initial grief over his young son’s aversion is turned to relief at his return. The son’s grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son’s bewilderment over his father’s generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward.

For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It’s time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION
THANK YOU to all our students and families who joined us for our Lenten Family Activity and Prayer Service. Remember to pray and reflect on the ‘Lenten Practices’ every day before Easter. Don’t forget to put your cross on your prayer tables so you can be reminded of your “Act of Love or Service” promise that you made. '*'This Friday, Mar 11 we will be hosting our parish Soup Supper. Our first year Confirmation students (Conf 1) will be our hosts and servers and the Confirmation candidates (Conf 2) will present the Stations of the Cross in Shadows. Please bring your children and families to this CFF hosted evening. ATTENTION: Parents of students in grades Kinder to 3 - Please attend the Child Safety training parent orientation meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at 6pm in the parish hall.

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: First Communion class: Save the Date: Apr 23 8:30am-12noon – Family Retreat day. Attendance is required of student and parent. Confirmation class 1: Please bring in your 1 doz cookies packaged for the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Help Center on Grand Ave, March 15. Don’t forget to decorate your packaging with a St. Patrick’s day theme.

Questions of the Week:
Once again the scribes and Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus. He then challenges them by saying: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” One by one the judges and critics drop their stones and drift away. Now that they recognize their own need for forgiveness, they are not ready to condemn someone else. Neither does Jesus condemn the woman. He simply requires her to turn away from sin. Now she has a chance for a new beginning.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Write down the words of Jesus on an index card: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.” Put it in a place where it can be easily seen. Then pay attention to the radio, the television, the newspaper, and your own conversations. Try to remember these words of Jesus whenever someone’s mistakes, sins, or crimes are broadcast, or whenever you are tempted to “throw a stone” of malicious gossip or scandal about someone!

LATIN MASS/Father Vito Perrone
Due to Fr. Vito’s assignment at Star of the Sea, San Francisco, as part-time associate pastor, effective February 1, 2016, he won’t be saying Mass during the weekend in our parish. We will miss him, but he looks forward to coming back to us when he fulfills his term.

Congratulations to Mater Dolorosa Parish on the second year anniversary of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass). Our first Mass was celebrated on January 19, 2014 and has been steadily growing in popularity and interest among our parishioners and nearby visitors from around the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We are blessed that Mater Dolorosa is one of the very few parishes in the Archdiocese that has a daily Traditional Latin Mass at noon and on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. We wish to thank Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, Fr. Joseph Homick, COSJ, and the altar servers. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all of them and many others, particularly the choir led by Angie Pasamba and Peter Ujj, for making this milestone a reality.

SAVE THE DATE!
A Ballroom Dancing/Tea event will be held on Saturday, April 9th. There will be dancing lessons and tea with small bites. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

LET’S TRAVEL and HAVE FUN!
The Friends of Mater Dolorosa invite you to join us in our church’s fund-raising bus trip to Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore and Las Vegas on June 4, to June 11, 2016. Flyer with more information are available in our church’s vestibule. The deadline for registering is February 29, 2016! There are still seats available—reserve now!

ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL 2016
This year our AAA 2016 assessment amount is $65,543.00, an increase over last year. Look for your letter and brochure in the mail, or call the Rectory Office to receive one. Please keep in mind that we must make our goal and any donation received over the assessment amount is returned to Mater Dolorosa for our parish funds. **Please support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal at Mater Dolorosa.

St. Patrick’s Day Party at Mater Dolorosa
Mater Dolorosa Parish will host a St. Patrick’s Day party on Saturday, March 19 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
* Comed Beef & Cabbage Dinner
* Irish Dancers
* Raffle
* Singing

Bring your friends and family for a great evening! Tickets are $30.00 for adults, $12.00 for kids under 12. Flyers are in the vestibule or call Cathy Rosaia at (650) 588-4001.

YEAR OF MERCY
"It is indeed my wish that the Jubilee be a living experience of the closeness of the Father, whose tenderness is almost tangible, so that the faith of every believer may be strengthened and thus testimony to it be ever more effective." - Pope Francis

I present, therefore, this Extraordinary Jubilee Year dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us. In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us. The Church feels the urgent need to proclaim God’s mercy. Her life is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy. She knows that her primary task, especially at a moment full of great hopes and signs of contradiction, is to introduce everyone to the great mystery of God’s mercy by contemplating the face of Christ. The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends. The profundity of the mystery surrounding it is as inexhaustible as the richness which springs up from it. (Bull of Indiction Misericordiae Vultus, 25)

STATIONS of the CROSS
Are NOW LIGHTED
We thank Arnolfo Barvilla for donating his talent and materials to light the Stations of the Cross, in stained glass, on both sides of our church. The beautiful stations can now be seen at night in full clarity. Thank you Mr. Barvilla, for your donation to Mater Dolorosa Church!