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May 22, 2016

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
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. Ricardo Carlos, Sacristan

♦ 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_________
THE HOLY TRINITY

May 22, 2016

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

JOURNEY OF FAITH

We are on a long and eventful journey. Today’s readings for Trinity Sunday succinctly cover the depth and breadth of our human travels.

The very beginnings of our journey are revealed in the reading from Proverbs. God’s plan filled with divine wisdom was born before the earth was made. In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of his own personal journey. He has come from the Father and will return to the Father. Only then will the Advocate—the Spirit of Truth—take us onboard.

This does not diminish the fact that the journey will be hard. The very setting of the Gospel is the night before Jesus died. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, “We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope” (Romans 5:3-4).

Ultimately, our human journey is modeled by the Holy Trinity—a family of love among Father, Son, and Spirit that we are all called to emulate.

We keep Vincent Unsinn, who passed from this life to Eternal Life on May 11, 2016, and his family, in our prayers. Vincent and his wife Irene, are our long-time parishioners at Mater Dolorosa. May he rest in God’s loving peace.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Our last day of class is on May 24th. Don’t forget to take your “Passport to Heaven” with you as you travel this summer and take pictures of the churches you visit. Please send your pictures to cff@mdssf.org. Early enrollment for the 2016-17 school year has begun. Enroll early to take advantage of the discount incentive. New and current students must register for the new school year. Please pick up registration form and information from the vestibule, the Rectory or CFF Offices. Early enrollment ends May 31. For more information about our Faith Formation Program, please contact Felisa Cepeda at 650-588-8175.

Questions of the Week:

Today's gospel continues with Jesus' advice and instructions to the disciples at the Last Supper. He promises that the Spirit will be there to guide his followers to the truth. The Spirit will speak in Jesus' name, just as Jesus speaks in the Father’s name. Each of these three Persons in one God belongs to the other. We call this mystery of God's identity the Blessed Trinity. Saint Patrick used a shamrock to describe the Trinity. A shamrock is one plant with three leaves.

Can you think of or design a symbol or sign that helps you relate to the Trinity?

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016 Update

As of May 6, 2016, we have received $56,497.00 in donations and pledges! Our goal this year is $65,543.00. We are $9,046.00 short of our goal so far, but we are almost there! We thank everyone for their generosity to this appeal.

FIRST FRIDAY at MATER DOLOROSA

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every First Friday at 8:30 a.m., followed by Benediction at 10:30 a.m. Adoration and Benediction from 6-7:00 pm on First Fridays has been suspended beginning June 3rd. However Fr. Vito's Healing Mass on First Fridays will continue at 7:00 pm, as usual.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CATECHISTS!

Congratulations to our Catechists who were honored for their years of service during the Pius X Recognition evening hosted by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Office of Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Awards are presented to those who have given generous years of service through their time and talent in forming children and youth in the faith through the catechetical ministry.

Diana Powell – 25 years
Deacon Alex Aragon – 15 years
Ning Carlos & Bea Pineda - 5 years

Our catechists are living their baptismal call to share in Christ’s prophetic work and the Church’s evangelizing mission. They lovingly give of their time and talents sharing the Catholic Christian faith. May we all rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and his Church as exemplified by the continued years of service of our catechists. Please thank them for their serving hearts when you see them in church. If you feel a "calling" or an interest in catechetical ministry as a teacher, teacher's aide, office assistance or occasional hospitality helper, please call Felisa Cepeda or Fr. Roland.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our CFF students, families, friends and parishioners who contributed to the Missionary Childhood Association collection boxes. MCA is in 110 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. We collected $707.00. The money we raised by your generosity is directed towards children in communities, orphanages, homes for the disabled, refuges, and those living on the streets. Please continue to pray for the Church’s Missions around the world.

CONGRATULATIONS to those CONFIRMED

We offer congratulations, and keep in our prayers, the following adults, young people and their families from our parish community who on May 15, 2016 received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption:

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Kyle “St. Matthew” Yoshida

Why do we praise God?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, he began with “hallowed be thy name.” But God doesn’t need our praise; he knows he is perfect. We praise God because he loves us and because he is good. In fact, when we realize the gratitude and praise that we owe God, we want to give him what he is due. “It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High” (Psalm 92:1). Used with permission. Partners in Faith – Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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