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Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,
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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 Number
☐ Moving/Remove Name
**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 5, 2016**

1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-19, Luke 7:11-17

**HOPE AND LIFE**

Today’s readings tell the story of two widows. The first reading relates the plight of the widow with whom the prophet Elijah stayed; the Gospel tells about the widow of Nain. In each story, the widow’s only son had died. For people who lived in those cultures, the son was the only support of a widow, and the carrying on of the family name by the son was equal to immortality. A widow whose only son has died could lose all hope.

Elijah and Jesus are the restorers of hope; they bring the sons back to life. Saint Paul was metaphorically raised from the dead when he experienced the conversion and call from God that he describes in today’s second reading.

What are Christians called to do today? We may not be able to raise the dead, but perhaps we can rekindle hope for a single parent. We may not be able to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently to convert a persecutor like Paul, but if we speak the gospel openly and gently with our lives, we might touch a life with the Good News.

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**5th ANNUAL FORTNIGHT for FREEDOM**

Save the dates—Fortnight for Freedom will be at Mater Dolorosa beginning on June 21 through July 4th. The complete schedule will follow in an upcoming bulletin.

**MISSIONARY APPEAL**

Next weekend, Our Second Collection will be changed from Parish Maintenance & Improvement to Missionary Appeal. Fr. Gabriel Woldai from the Archdiocese of Oakland, will speak to us regarding this campaign. Please welcome him!

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**Mater Dolorosa’s Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE**

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<td>Guillermo Genove (D) Tino Escalante (L) Andy &amp; Steph Gross (L)</td>
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**COLLECTIONS**

**FOR May 29, 2016**

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Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Our Religious Education Programs.

Our Collection Next Sunday is for Missionary Appeal (Replaces Parish Maintenance).

*Thank you for your continued support of your parish and our Catholic Church!*

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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.
FR. ROLAND, REAPPOINTED AS OUR PASTOR… . . . and TAKES A SABBATICAL

Fr. Roland has been extended to another term of six years as our Pastor, effective July 1, 2016, also, he was granted to take a sabbatical for six months effective July 1, 2016. After having been in active priestly ministry for 21 years, he deserves to take a break: to rest, to pray and to study. He will take his sabbatical in Eastern Asian Pastoral Institute (EAPI), Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines. It will also be an opportunity for him to be closer to his family, most especially to his ailing mother.

During his sabbatical, Fr Angel Quitalig will take over as our parish administrator, and we welcome Fr. Rufino Gepiga who is joining us too to assist Fr. Angel in the pastoral care of our parishioners (please find his short bio in another article). Please keep Fr. Roland in your prayers, most especially as he prepares himself for his second term as our Pastor.

WE WELCOME FATHER RUFINO GEPIGA

Rev. Rufino Jose O. Gepiga was born on July 28, 1970 in Quezon City, Philippines. He grew up in his home town of Camalig, Albay, Philippines and attended both his primary and secondary education at St. Agnes Academy, Legazpi City. Father Ruffy, as his friends call him, attended Christ the King Mission Seminary (AB Philosophy) and St Vincent School of Theology (MA Theology/Pastoral Ministry) both in Quezon City, Philippines. After finishing his seminary training he subsequently attended Paul VI Institute of Liturgy, Malaybalay, Bukidnon. Fr Ruffy, was ordained a priest on September 14, 1999 by the Most Rev. Jesus Y. Varela at the Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul, Sorsogon City. He came to the US in 2005 after serving his diocese to be with family. Fr Ruffy has served in various dioceses in the US as part of his home diocese's arrangement with other dioceses. He was consequently given permission to look for a diocese in view of a possible permanent assignment. He is currently working as Parochial Vicar in the Diocese of San Jose. When his term with the Diocese of San Jose matures in July 2016, he shall be joining our parish as supply priest when Fr Roland leaves for his sabbatical.

Fr Ruffy comes from a small family: father Nat Gepiga (decesed) and mother Elisa Ortega Gepiga (in the Philippines) and only sibling Rachel Marie Gepiga (Baltimore, MD).

CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Enrollment for the 2016-17 faith formation school year has begun. 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 and the school lobby. As our summer begins and we are off to visit family and friends, don’t forget to take your “Passport to Heaven” with you as you travel. When you go to Mass, take your picture at the churches you visit and send them to cff@mdssf.org. The children will share their pictures and stories when we have our beginning of the school year Mass in October. To find Mass times while you are traveling, go to www.masstimes.org. For more information about our Faith Formation Program or any of the CFF events/activities, please contact Felisa Cepeda at 650-588-8175.

Questions of the Week:

In our Gospel story today, Jesus encounters a widow whose only son has died. We can only imagine the depth of the widow’s grief. “He was moved with pity for her.” Did he somehow see in her his own mother? Did he realize that Mary’s only Son would die too? Was it his love for his own mother that made him see other women and their pain more clearly? He stops the funeral procession and touches the coffin and tells the dead man to rise. And he does! Now the people around him recognize Jesus as a great prophet. There is nothing like a miracle to lead the crowd to glorify God. How does our community care for widows, widowers, those who experience the death of a child? What do you do when you are moved with pity?

Children’s Liturgy of the Word - Every first and third Sunday of the month during the 10:00am Mass, children in grades K to 5 are invited after the opening prayer, before the first reading, to come forward towards the altar, receive a blessing by the celebrant and dismissed to listen to the Word of God in a language that is appropriate for their comprehension. They gather in the center isle following the lectionary which raised high. Once they have gathered in the Grade 1 room with the catechists, the Liturgy of the Word is proclaimed, a reflection is shared with the children and after the Prayer of the Faithful, they return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The next Children’s Liturgy of the Word gathering will be on June 19th. There will not have Children’s Liturgy of the Word on July 3rd.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2016 UPDATE

As of May 27, 2016, we have received $62,427.00 in donations and pledges! Our goal this year is $65,543.00. We are only $3,116.00 short of our goal so far, but we are almost there! We thank everyone for their generosity to this appeal.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

The Mater Dolorosa Altar Server Ministry needs more servers in order to support our scheduled Masses throughout the year. Altar Service is a great way for the children, teens and young adults of our parish to become more engaged in the Mass and in building our faith community.

To become an Altar Server, you only need four things: 1) to be a member of the Parish, 2) to have received your First Holy Communion, 3) in the 4th grade or older, and 4) to have a loving heart to serve the Lord. We provide the training and schedule our newest servers alongside our veterans so those that are still learning have someone helping them at their first several Masses.

If you are interested, there will be a training session on June 18 at 9:30am – 11:30am. For more information, please contact Deacon Alex Aragon (deaconalex@comcast.net or 650-291-2484) or Rick Carlos (rick811@att.net).

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS AWARD

We would like to thank Mater Dolorosa Clergy, the parishioners, Knights of Columbus and especially Father Roland, for their generous support and participation in our activities that allowed us to receive the “Best in State Service Program award” for Knights of Columbus Mater Dolorosa Council 14818. Many thanks and we wish to continue serving the parish and community in the many years to come.