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AUGUST 14, 2016

♦ 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. Ricardo Carlos, Sacristan
Ms. Elsa Agasid, Music Coordinator
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Music Coordinator

♦ 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.
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.

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
□ New Phone Number
□ Moving/Remove
□ Name
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain “Here am I, Lord.” This “Here am I” is Jeremiah’s great prophetic response to God’s call. But today’s story of Jeremiah and the refrain “Lord, come to my aid!” remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a “sneak preview” of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today’s words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Registration for the new Faith Formation school year is now being accepted. All NEW and RETURNING 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. Classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13th.

Families with students in grade 4 and above ARE REQUIRED to complete the on-line safety training at WWW.SHIELDTHEVULNERABLE.COM and bring the certificate of completion to the first day of class.

REMINDER: If you travelled this summer with your family and attended Mass in the city/town you are visiting. Send us a picture of the church or altar you visited or attended Mass. The children will share their pictures and stories of the Catholic identity from many different cities and/or countries on October 2nd during hospitality. If you do not have children in the CFF program, you are invited to share photos of churches you visited this summer on October 2nd. SAVE THE DATE – Aug 21, 11am – First Communion Family and student orientation – Aug 23, 6pm – Conf 1 Family and student orientation – Aug 24, 6pm – Conf 2 Family and student orientation – Aug 30, 6pm – NEW Family and student orientation.

Questions of the Week:

Jesus came to change people. He didn’t come to destroy families, but to change them. He taught God was the most important person. We own him our loyalty first. Then he taught the second most important people in our lives were each other. If we put God first and others second, we will grow together as families. If we make ourselves first, our selfishness will tear our families apart. How can we put God first and others second in our family?

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Mater Dolorosa’s annual Parish Picnic in honor of our patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows, on September 17th at 11:00 a.m. There will be Mass in the Pieta Garden followed by a pot luck lunch.

Interested in helping out? There will be a planning meeting on August 23rd at 6:00 in the parish hall. We hope to have all of our parish ministries represented at this event.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15th

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SOCIAL DANCE

The Wednesday night dance group will host a Social Dance at Mater Dolorosa on Saturday, August 20, 2016. 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. $8 per person in advance. $10 at the door. Free dance lessons. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Al or Sandee Chan at 650 872-3816 for advance reservations.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

– NEW SCHEDULE! Beginning August, we are able to offer Children’s Liturgy of the Word ALL Sundays 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 August 21.

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Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

RCIA

If you are 18 and older and interested in preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation or if you would like to know more about the Catholic Church, please contact Diana Powell about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Contact information for our RCIA program can be found in the front of the bulletin.

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