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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Fr. Angel Quitalig, J.C.L., In Residence
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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
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.

WARNING: 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
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

RECONCILIATION
True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke’s Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul’s letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God’s patient mercy has been shown to us.

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:

Liz Alvaro, Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Jason Bell, Trude Buntger, Janie Bustos, Larry Casey, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, George Garibaldi, Luz Gomez, Walter Heim, Joan Lopiccolo, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Isabelle Paat, Derek Padilla, Mary Anne Padilla, Dorothy Pruitt, Florentina Quitugua, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, Laura Skaff 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.

Mater Dolorosa’s Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Collection:

FOR September 4, 2016
First Collection $ 5,395.00
Religious Education $ 1,675.00

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Our Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund.
Our Collection Next Sunday is for The Priest’s Retirement Fund.

Thank you for your continued support of your parish and our Catholic Church!
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Why enroll your child in faith formation? When your child was baptized, you promised to raise him/her in the Catholic Faith. This obligation included your responsibility to see that your child is formed in the Faith throughout their formative years. This formation only happens gradually as the child grows in “wisdom, age and grace” and is given the opportunity to learn at the appropriate age level. Of course the child’s faith formation begins at birth and continues through their life at home with you. You, the parent, are the primary teacher of Faith to your children. The parish program is intended to help you fulfill this obligation but does not replace your obligation. This, of course, presumes that you also are growing in Faith according to your age. On-going faith formation is a life-time obligation for all the baptized.

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

REMEMBER: If you travelled this summer with your family and attended Mass in the city/town you are visiting. EVERYONE in our parish is invited to share photos of churches visited this summer. Email the CFF office (cff@mdssf.org) the picture of the church or altar you visited or attended Mass. The children and families will share their pictures and stories of our Catholic identity from many different cities and/or countries on October 2nd during hospitality.

Questions of the Week:

Being lost can be a confusing experience. Sometimes it can even be frightening. On the other hand, being found or finding our way is a great relief. Sometimes when people are lost, they are able to send up a flare—a bright flaming light—to signal for help. When we are lost because of sin, we can call out to God in prayer for help because he is always searching for us. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells us three stories about someone or something being lost and then found.

Who are the three people who are seeking or searching in these stories? What do these seekers teach us about God? What do these stories teach us about sin and forgiveness?

Priest’s Retirement

Our parish will participate in a special Second Collection to support the Archdiocesan Priests’ Retirement Fund at all Masses on September 17 and 18. Your generous response to this collection would be a wonderful sign of gratitude for those faithful priests who have served the Lord so faithfully while nourishing our Catholic life of faith. Retired priests in the Archdiocese of San Francisco receive a monthly pension from the Archdiocese commensurate to their years of service, and are eligible for Social Security. There is, at present, an increase in the number of retired priests. We need to provide them with adequate care and support. The Priests Retirement Fund that supports the retired priests must therefore be adequately funded and have sufficient resources for supplemental medical insurance beyond Medicare coverage, as well as a portion of extended care costs when the need arises. The Priests Retirement Fund special collection will allow each of us to show our support for those priests who have cared for and ministered to us throughout the years. Please consider supporting this important Second Collection.

SAVE THE DATE—LADIES CLUB BAKE SALE

On Sunday, October 9th following all of the Masses, there will be a Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club Bake Sale. Cakes, cookies, breads, pastries and much more will be on sale. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Lava Mae program through Most Holy Redeemer Church in San Francisco, which provides showers for the homeless. Buy a treat for your friends and family, and help those in need!

Our prayers are with all those who lost their lives on this day in history, September 11, 2001.

Blessing of the animals

Join us on October 9, 2016, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass for the Blessing of the Animals sponsored by Mater Dolorosa Parish and the Knights of Columbus Council #14818. An animal day care center will be available for those attending Mass. (Only pets in cages or on leashes are accepted.) Everyone is welcome to bring their pets to be blessed in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi.

A Call to Support Our Brothers and Sisters in Louisiana.

A Statement from
Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. I encourage Catholics across the United States to respond generously. Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters. More than 106,000 individuals and families have sought federal disaster aid. Immediate and long-term recovery needs place a tremendous burden on public and private resources. This is a burden we can help carry as the body of Christ. Faced with the loss of their worldly possessions and, in some cases, economic livelihood, thousands of families have been left feeling isolated and fearful because of these flood waters. Let us draw near to them.

As president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I have called for an emergency collection to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Join the Church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world. Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead.

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