SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. John R. Pernia, In Residence
Rev. Fr. Angel Quitalig, J.C.L., In Residence
Rev. Fr. Rufino Gepiga, Parish Associate
Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant
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 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
□ New Phone Number
□ Moving/Remove
□ Name
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016

Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES

The message found in today’s readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today’s readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don’t notice their suffering. God’s call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

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, Derk Padilla, Mary Anne Padilla, Dorothy Pruett, 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

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COLLECTIONS

FOR September 18, 2016

First Collection $ 5,445.00
Priest’s Retirement  $ 3,750.00

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Flood Victims. (Replaces of Special Projects)
Our Second Collection next Sunday is for Our Religious Education Programs.

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

Families with students in grade 4 and above must complete the on-line safety training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org and bring the certificate of completion to class. Registration for the new Faith Formation school year will continue to be accepted.

Our beginning of the year Mass is on Oct. 2nd at the 10a.m. Mass. We are still collecting your PASSPORT TO HEAVEN PICTURES from the summer so that we can add it to our slideshow. Please bring it to class or email it to cff@mdssf.org. The beginning of the year family meeting is on Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 6p.m. in the parish hall. Parents and guardians are required to attend. We will be discussing the family as the “domestic church” and the importance of prayer. Child care will be provided. For questions about registration please come by and visit the CFF office or call/email.

**Questions of the Week:**

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Jesus wants us to know that those who have everything now and fail to share with those in need are like the rich man. Jesus wants us to care for the poor as God does. God does not love us more or less because we have few or many possessions. God loves us for who we are and wants us to share what we have with others.

*What are some ways in which people show their care for the poor?*

*What can you do to share what you have with others?*

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**Catechetical Sunday – Commissioning of Catechists**

Last Sunday, Sept 18, parishes across the country celebrated Catechetical Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to recommit themselves to this mission as a community of faith. This year’s theme Prayer: The Faith Prayed. This day invites all the baptized—especially catechists and Catholic school teachers—to devote themselves to a deeper study and practice of prayer, for their own spiritual good and for the good of those for they serve. Here at Mater Dolorosa we recognized those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. The following people were commissioned during the 10:00am Mass to share the faith of the Church with the families, youth and children of our parish: Elsa Agasid, Tess Alcan-tara, Louella Angeles, Deacon Alex Aragon, Demi Barrozo, Ambrose Calonsag, Ning Carlos, Violy Carnero, Liza Cid-Bouska, Deacon Romeo Cruz, Carol Duenas, Emely Grivas, Glenern Grivas, Teresa Hernandez, Rick Karlegan, Margarita Lee, Mely Marin, Jay Naidu, Roweena Nastor, Andrea Ortega, Ando Perlas, Carmen Perlas, Beatriz Pineda, Nicolas Tan, Amor Tenerowicz, Jo Ventura, Lillie Villaluna, and Evelyn Villegas. Thank you for supporting our catechetical ministry and please continue to pray for our families, youth, children and our catechists.

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**HEATH FAIR at MATER DOLOROSA**

**Sunday, October 9, 2016  8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by: San Francisco Lions Club & Fil-Am Lions Club & Gryphon Leos**

**Flu Shot** (First Come, First Served Only)

- Blood Pressure Check
- Chiropractic Check
- Diabetic Check
- EBT—Cal Fresh
- Fall Prevention
- Free Books
- Vision Screening
- Oxymeter Check

**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!

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**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.**

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**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. 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.

This weekend, September 24th & 25th, our Special Projects Collection will be in place to assist us.

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**PARISH PICNIC**

Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus for setting up, for the BBQ, and cleaning up. Thank you to our priests, Fr. Vito, Fr. Angel, & Fr. Rufino. We thank Deacon Romeo Cruz & Deacon Alex Aragon. Our gratitude also goes to our MD Choir. A big thanks to all of our ministries who helped in many ways with the set up and by donating food, and to all our parishioners who attended and contributed food. The picnic was enjoyed by all!

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**OUR MUSIC MINISTRY & FRIENDS**

Elsa Agasid, had been instructed by Fr. Roland to secure a podium and new microphone for our Music Ministry to use to cantor the Responsorial and Gospel Acclamation from the altar during Mass. Through the generous stewardship of Mr. Ric G. Carlos, (who surprised us), we now have our new podium and microphone. You may have noticed that the Cantors used them at last weekend’s Masses. If you happen to see Ric, please give him a big "Thank You!" for his generous donation to MD Church & Music Ministry. Let us also include him in our prayers of thanksgiving.