FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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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 Number [ ] Moving/Remove Name
SIXTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2017

Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119;
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

CHOICE

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

**COLLECTIONS FOR 2/5/17**

- First Collection: $5,452.00
- Religious Education: $1,747.00

**OUR Collection this Sunday is for**
- Parish Maintenance & Improvement.

**Our Collection for next Sunday is for**
- Our Helping Hands Fund.

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

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:
- Gibson Alvaro, Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Jason Bell, Trude Bunterg, Larry Casey, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Elsa Evangelista, Mel Feliciano, Luz Gomez, Walter Heim, Barbara Lagomarsino, Joan Lopiccolo, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Timothy McGrew, Eileen McHugh, Richard Menendez, Nellie Metzger, Aida Paloma, Florentina Quitugua, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, Laura Skaff, Luis Torres and Kit Fong Woo.

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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Sat. Feb. 11 - Adult Bible Study, Legion of Mary, Legion of Mary Family Presidium
Mon. Feb. 13 - Latin Mass, RCIA
Tue. Feb. 14 - Kids Now Program, Second Harvest, Latin Mass, CFF Classes
Wed. Feb. 15 - Legion of Mary, Latin Mass, Ballroom Dancing
Thu. Feb. 16 - Morning Hospitality Group, Latin Mass, MD Choir, Adult Bible Study
Fri. Feb. 17 - Latin Mass, COSJ Choir Practice
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

As a reminder, please PRAY with your children. It is important that all the children have learned their basic prayers; Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. One way to pray with them is to sign up to bring home the CFF Pilgrim Virgin Mary. We have many open spots in February, March and April for both the 5:45 and 7pm classes. Our goal is to have her visit ALL our CFF families and for your family to make time to pray with her. Please email the CFF office or drop by the school lobby on Tuesdays to sign up. SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: First Communion class (Level 2 & Older Communion class): Important date change notice: Family Retreat date changed to April 29. Please update your calendars. Reconciliation home lesson 4 due on Feb 14. SAVE the DATE – Mar. 7 – Reconciliation practice 4pm-6pm (includes attending class at 5:45pm or 7pm) Celebration of First Reconciliation – Mar. 11 at 10am. Confirmation 2 class: SAVE the DATE – May 26 – Confirmation day! Mass at 7pm. Sponsors and candidates REQUIRED to be here no later than 5:30pm.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK:

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus points out that the Law requires people to do the minimum. He has come to teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love.

What specific issues does Jesus address in this passage?

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 1, 2017

LENTEN REGULATIONS: As in the past, the following regulations are in place for Abstaining and Fasting during Lent.

ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on
ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.

FAST: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Mass Times at Mater Dolorosa are:
8:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the early 1950s some scholars were calling for the restoration of Communion of the faithful on Good Friday, since by then only a priest received, consuming the host from the Holy Thursday repository. In 1955 the new Good Friday liturgy was timed to begin at three o’clock everywhere, and included the option of Holy Communion, but without the Precious Blood that had originally been part of the liturgy. Today, there is increasing debate among theologians. Some feel that it would be better to fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday, focusing on the mystery of the cross and highlighting the Easter Communion. Others say that this Communion infuses the sadness of the day with awareness of Christ’s victory. It is not a day of mourning, of course, and the Passion according to John grounds the liturgy in a sense of Christ’s victory over death and the triumph of the cross. The tradition is rich and varied, and we are still in the early stages of recovering an ancient way of doing things.

Why do we call the day “good”? The English and Dutch languages share this name, and its origin stems from the name “God’s Friday.” The traditional name for the day in Latin is Feria VI in Parasceve, which translates as “The Sixth Day of the Week of Preparation.” Other languages make do with “Holy Friday.” In another part of England, as in Denmark, the people used to call it “Long Friday,” a good description for a quiet day without work and no chance for play or a good meal!

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