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FEBRUARY 19, 2017

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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.
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
DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord’s message, through Moses, was to “take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, “Great in theory, but not always realistic!”

Then Jesus in today’s Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we’re tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the “real world.”

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:
Gibson Alvaro, Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Jason Bell, Trude Buntger, 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 Palomba, 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.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

SAVE the date: Feb 28 at 6pm. CFF Lenten Family Activity. Please bring a canned food donation for St. Vincent de Paul. This is a required CFF family activity for students and parents. Attendance will be taken.

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 5 due on Feb 21. 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 today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches about loving our enemies. This is the opposite of what society teaches us. Jesus knows that we are human and cannot always be perfect. He does not expect us to know how to do everything correctly all the time. But Jesus does expect us to serve the Kingdom of God by following his example of loving others, including our enemies, and being generous to those who need help. He tells us that being his disciple requires us not to settle for what everyone else does, but to go beyond what society expects of us and do what God expects of us.

Why do you think Jesus’ command to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you was hard to accept?

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.

WAYS To ENCOURAGE FAMILY PRAYER

“Parents who pray together teach by the way they live that God is real; that he is present, listening, and eager to be a part of our lives” (Archbishop Charles Chaput). Try these ideas to add more family prayer. Make the Sign of the Cross upon waking. Let this be the first prayer you each say every day. Pray the Angelus at 6:00am, 12 noon, 6:00pm, when you are together. This happy prayer reminds us of Jesus’ birth. Invite him to join you. Light a candle at each family gathering to represent Christ, our family guest. Teach prayerful listening. Write down children’s prayer intentions on a calendar and monitor the results. How prayer is answered teaches us about ways God communicates. Turn the car into a chapel. Use the drive to the grocery store, to practices, or play dates for family prayer, to sing favorite hymns, listen to sacred music, or count blessings together. Develop spontaneous prayer skills. We have such a rich treasure of Catholic prayer that we forget to pray spontaneously.

Encourage children to pray unrehearsed and detailed prayers aloud to build a lifelong habit. Practice acceptance. It is important for children to learn early that while what we want may be compelling, what God wants for us counts most. Besides, God’s ideas are always better than ours.

Why do Catholics go to Confession?

Disobeying God damages our friendship with him, so we need to ask his forgiveness to heal it. But that has to come on God's terms. As Jesus directed, the Church established the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (also called "Confession") to bring us back to God. In Confession, we admit what we did, say that we're sorry, and resolve never to do it again. Penance helps us make up for it. When the priest conveys Christ's forgiveness to us, our friendship is restored.

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