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August 13, 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 Number
□ Moving/Remove Name
A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. “Because God gets lonely for his people” was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today’s Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don’t turn to God for saving help until we’re in a bind. Peter’s role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter’s faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying “Lord, save me!” is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God’s hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

**NINTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**August 13, 2017**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**NOTHING TO FEAR**

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

Faith formation is a lifelong journey. We encourage all families with children and teens to give them the opportunity to grow in their faith by enrolling in our new Faith Formation year 2017-2018. All NEW and RETURNING students must register. Please pick up registration form and information from the vestibule, the Rectory or CFF Offices and the school lobby. Classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 12th. 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 the first day of class. If you are interested in or have questions about our Faith Formation program please call the CFF office at 650.588.8175 or send an email to cff@mdssf.org

Question of the Week:

God made a promise long ago to his Chosen People that he would always be with them and would always love them. This promise seems too good to be true. Yet, God fulfilled that promise by sending his only Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit to be with us at all times. Even so, we sometimes doubt God’s promise. In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear that Peter experienced doubt too.

At what point during the Gospel might Peter have thought “This is too good to be true.”?

What did Jesus do when Peter started to sink? What does this tell you about Jesus?

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Recently, we had a leak in what used to be the boy’s bathroom in the upper school building. Water was rushing out at quite a rate, and had to be repaired immediately. We also had a slower leak in the boy’s bathroom in the school building closer to the school lobby. Both leaks were repaired as soon as possible. We also thank our volunteers for some recent maintenance improvements, namely, Jim Gacula, Andy Rollanka and the Knights of Columbus for their work in the restrooms. Thank you to Juan Gutierrez for painting the outer church doors. And. . . . . . we thank our generous parishioners for their contributions to the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund. Your donations make these repairs possible. Thank you!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970. In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plunging on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope’s approval, the process of creating new official prayers began.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:30 p.m.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:12