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December 3, 2017

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Ms. Elsa Agasid, Director of Music
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Associate Director of Music

♦ 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.
Every Sunday: Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 am Mass.

♦ 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.
First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19; 64:2-7; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN
We begin the season of Advent with a heart-felt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Happy Advent! CFF families please start your Advent activities; Manger on the Mantle, Advent wreath prayers, Waiting for Jesus, Jesse Tree, or Family Advent booklet - Preparing for Perfect Joy – Daily Reflections, Prayers and Actions.

Child Safety Training – Dec 12 @ 5:45pm in parish hall – This training is for families with children in Kinder, 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades. All children in these grades in regular school MUST attend this training.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES REMINDERS

Older Communion Sunday classes: There will be class on the following days - Dec 10 – please meet in the grade 2 classroom.

Confirmation 1 families: Advent Service Project – Christmas cookies – bake 3 dozen cookies wrapped in packages of 3 nicely decorated for the Christmas season. Due by Dec 5th. REMINDER: Dec 12th – A.C.R.E. Assessment @ 7pm. Please read the Advent little blue book and write your reflections each week. Due Jan 9th.

Confirmation 2 class: SAVE THE DATE – Dec 19. Advent Service Project - Sock drive 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Will earn Service hrs. Please read the Advent little blue book and write your reflections each week. Due Jan 9th.

Question of the Week:

Questions of the Week: In today’s Gospel Jesus is responding to a question from his disciples about how they will know when the Son of Man, Jesus, will return in glory.

What does Jesus tell them about when this will happen? Why do you think this is more like the second situation we discussed above?

What does Jesus tell his disciples that they should do in the meantime?

ZUMBA CLASSES at Mater Dolorosa

Join the Zumba Class on Mondays, at 5:00 pm in the parish hall. Exercise starts at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 pm. There will be a fee of $5.00 per person to pay the instructor. Have fun and get fit! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

LOS POSADAS

December 6th 7:00 p.m. in the church
Refreshments and Santa arrives with gifts for children in the parish hall.

Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 7th 7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish Procession with Roses Spanish Choir Aztec Dancers Refreshments & Mexican Food

We’re Moving

You may have noticed the construction which is going on in the school lobby. Early in 2018, our rectory office & Pastor’s office will be moved to the school. All business and office visits will take place in the new location. Once construction is completed and we are all settled in, please stop by for a look!