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MARCH 1, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF
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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.
First Saturdays: Marian Devotion 8:00 a.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 Parish Center 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 Parish Center 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 (PRINT) 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.
Mr. & Mrs. □ Ms. □ Mr. □ Miss □ ________________________________

Phone __________________________
Address __________________ City __________ Zip __________

□ New Parishioner □ New Address □ New Phone Number
□ Moving/Remove Name
The First Sunday of LENT

**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11**

We begin our Lenten readings in a most appropriate place: THE DESERT. In the desert, life is stripped to basics and everything, including our weakness, is exposed. We are forced to stand alone and vulnerable before God. Our faith is put to the test. Little wonder, then, that Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray before plunging into his public works. It's there, amid the rocks and reptiles that the devil comes to him with three temptations. When we read about the temptations, it's easy for us to dismiss them as having no relevance to our own lives. But they do! In our daily struggles in life, we are tempted to turn from God's way and pursue our own path. Other times we want God to prove he is God – by giving us exactly what we want, when we want it. We are drawn to the ways of the world and both covertly and overtly deny our faith if we think we can get away with it. This Lent, we are called to remember the primacy of God and to turn to him in our moments of weakness and need.

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus. (Romans 5:12-19).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

For the next few weeks we will offer ideas/tips to help strengthen your domestic church = the family. Last week we focused on father as the head of the family. This week we are focusing on Forgiveness, Mercy and Winning and Victorious Words. In many families coldness, indifference and even bitterness permeate the fabric of the family. Why? One of the reasons is due to a lack of forgiveness. Family members must be merciful and forgive and not just seven times but seventy-seven times – meaning always. If we want to be forgiven then we must forgive from our hearts. Family members cultivating true humility of heart must learn to say these words: “I am sorry” and equally important: “I forgive you!” These are winning and victorious words. These words said often and with humility of heart helps families. If you have questions or would like to learn more about our Faith Formation programs, please contact Felisa Cepeda 650-583-4131 x2 or email cff@mdssf.org

SACRAMENTAL CLASS REMINDERS: First Communion classes: First Communion Parent meeting – Mar 1 at 11am. Required meeting for parents with children in the 2nd year of preparation for First Communion. We will be discussing the home preparation for First Communion. Please meet in the classroom. Older Communion Sunday classes: Next class will be on Mar 8 and Mar 15 – please meet in the Our Lady of Fatima room. Confirmation 2 families: Stations Presentation Practice – Saturday, Mar 14 – 11am – 4pm and Sunday, Mar 15 – 1pm – 4pm. Please meet in the Parish Center lobby.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Due to the cold and flu season and the threat of Corona virus, we temporarily suspend the giving of Holy Communion of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ at all Masses effective immediately until further notice.

Please be reminded to stay home if you feel you are sick, as you are excused from the Sunday obligation, but encouraged to attend Masses through TV or other online devices.

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Scripture of the Week (Cycle A)

Watch: Opening the Word for the 1st Sunday of Lent (3/1/2020), then answer these Reflection Questions:

Children – Who tempted Jesus? Did Jesus do what the Devil tempted him to do?

Teens – What are some of the major temptations you face today in trying to live a good and moral life? How can Jesus’ responses help?

Adults – Picture Jesus sitting beside you and saying the same three responses he gave to the devil. He says: “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” “You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” “The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” Which of these three responses of Jesus speaks the most to you and your life right now? How so?

Pick of the Week:

FORMED helps us to live the liturgical life of the Church. This week, check the calendar at leaders.formed.org/liturgical-calendar

for adult, teen, and children programs/movies/talks/ebooks.

There are many entertaining and informative options for:

3/3 St. Katherine Drexel and St. Cengunda
3/5 St. Ciaran
3/7 Sts. Perpetual and Felicity
3/8 St. John of God

Marion Devotion

Second anniversary of our First Saturday Devotion

The Legion of Mary invites you to join this celebration, on March 7, 2020. We will have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Rosary and fellowship. We hope to see you there; all are welcome!

Save the date: St. Patrick’s Dinner Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall Saturday, March 21st!