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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
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Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
Ms. Elsa Agasid, Director of Music
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Associate Director of Music
Mr. Michael Malabed, Youth Minister

♦ 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
Today's Gospel scene points to the future extension to all nations the salvation won by Christ. Samaria represents the first step in spreading the Gospel to the whole world.

Jesus points ahead to “an hour” when worship “in Spirit and truth” will be offered to God not merely “on this mountain nor in Jerusalem,” but everywhere in the world. Although the Jews are God’s firstborn, we see in this passage that in Jesus, God’s plan is for the whole world, for every soul. Jesus encourages his disciples to look at the world anew and to see beyond the borders of Israel and beyond the national and racial limits of Jacob (Israel). “Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest!” he exclaims. The universal purpose of God’s saving work in Christ is given its last word in the last line of this reading, appropriately spoken by the Samaritans: “This is truly the savior of the world!”

First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink.

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading — God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again.
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 having a Servant Attitude and Expressing Gratitude. This week we are focusing on Taking a Break from Gadgets, Learning to Listen and Celebrations. A key time in family life is meal time. Normally during meal time it’s when the family connects to spend time with each other, to bond with each other. Even though meal time might only be 20-25 minutes put the phones and tablets away, turn the radio or TV off. During meal time, learn to listen. Be present and attentive to each family member. Being present makes each person feel heard and valued. Meal time also calls for celebrations. Celebrate not only the usual holidays and occasions but especially birthdays, baptismal anniversaries and saint feast days. Therefore, if you want to inject a good dose of joy in your family, get in the habit of turning off the gadgets, listening attentively and celebrating! If you have questions or would like to learn more about our Faith Formation programs, please contact Felisa Cepeda 650-583-4131 x2.


As a part of your Lenten practices, please join us for a peaceful Prayer Vigil at 435 Grand Ave., in South San Francisco. Mater Dolorosa is assigned every Saturday, beginning now until April 4th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Please prayerfully consider joining in this vigil to end abortion. Thank you.

Each time today’s Gospel story is read, I can’t help but think of the many television commercials I’ve seen depicting perspiring athletes lifting a beverage to their lips while the scorching sun beats down on them. Our culture has definite ideas about how to quench thirst. Today, those ideas are turned upside down. The Samaritan woman operates, initially, on the TV commercial level. She asks Jesus for the flowing water so that she will not have to keep coming to the well. Jesus then talks about what real thirst is, and how he, and he alone, can quench that thirst. Lent calls us to find those places deep within ourselves where we thirst. In our thirst, as did the Israelites, we cry out to God asking for springs of living water. Deep down we know that only the Lord can satisfy these thirsts.

Again this Lent, the Archdiocese is encouraging greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. The goal is to make the sacrament accessible by making opportunities for Confession more frequent. Each parish has been asked to choose what extra Confession opportunities it will offer, and Mater Dolorosa has chosen Fridays at 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. during Lent, and always on Saturdays at 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Please take advantage of this special time during Lent.

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: 3/19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 3/20 St. Cuthbert

2020 Confirmation 2 class presents Stations of the Cross in Shadows Please join our Confirmation candidates on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. as we journey with Christ and reflect on the Stations of the Cross in shadows.

Saint Patrick’s Day Dinner
At Mater Dolorosa Church, Has been cancelled.

COVID-19 and Flu Information
Archdiocese sfarch.org/health-alerts Schools schools.sfarchdioce.org/important-announcements.
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The Archdiocesan website contains information from the Office of Worship regarding flu and Covid-19, and how to keep our congregations healthy during this current season. This information will be updated as new recommendations are received from the county health departments. Please check the site often and follow our social media accounts for the most timely news related to Archdiocesan events and alerts. Archdiocesan schools are open at this time unless the health departments decide there is reason to close; please visit the Department of Catholic Schools website, above, for further information.

NEW – Website with Lenten Resources.