

# MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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## Rectory Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15, 2009**

## ◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Reverend Brian Costello, Pastor  
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Deacon Alex Aragon  
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager  
Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education  
Mr. Francis Cianciolo, Sacristan  
Mrs. Angelita Pasamba, Choir Director

## ◆ MASS SCHEDULE ◆

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon  
First Sunday: Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
Daily: 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:30 p.m.  
First Fridays: All day Adoration:  
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Benediction: 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

## ◆ BAPTISM ◆

Parents are expected to be registered and practicing Catholics witnessing to their faith by regular attendance at Mass. Parents should contact the rectory at least three months prior to the desired date of 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 reception of the Sacrament. In most cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Second Grade.

## ◆ CONFIRMATION ◆

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## ◆ CHILD FAITH FORMATION ◆

C.F.F.—Echoing God's Word. Programs nurturing children's growth and forming their baptismal faith from Grade 1 to Grade 9. 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.

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**Be Filled  
with the  
Spirit**



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## THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:

*Christ will give you life.*

### **First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always.

### **Gospel: John 6:51-58**

Jesus says, "I am the living bread... whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever."

Twentieth Sunday in  
ORDINARY TIME  
Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
*Psalm 34*

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: *Cliff Chase, Jillian Costello, Olga Montoya, and Marlo Taguas.*



*Our prayers are with them,  
and those who care for them.*

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Helping Hands Fund. Our Second Collection next Sunday is for Special Projects on our Church property.

**Thank you for supporting Mater Dolorosa!**

## THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving the Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural, and not coincidental, that the Christian celebration of the new covenant, sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross, happens at a meal. Our Eucharist was offered first by Jesus in the context of the Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our Eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup which have become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend!

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week: August 16—August 22	PRIEST
SUN	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Rudy Molina (D) Jillian Costello (L) People of the Parish	BC BC BC
MON	8:00 a.m.	Francisco & Angelita Pasamba (L)	BC
TUES	8:00 a.m.	Tony Geracimos (D)	BC
WED	8:00 a.m.	Antonino Palomba (D)	BC
THUR	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Thien & Anna Dao Do (D)	BC
FRI	8:00 a.m.	Lourdes Lazo (D)	BC
SAT	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Jeanne Noftsger (D) Malcolm Gruner (D)	BC BC

Dear Friends,

The following letter was in Most Holy Redeemer's Sunday bulletin last week. What a wonderful letter to receive from a visitor. I wonder at times how "welcoming" we are as a parish community? Anyway, I hope what was said about Most Holy Redeemer can also be said about Mater Dolorosa as well.

Have a great week!  
Father Brian

*"My daughter and I were visiting from southern California last weekend (pride weekend). I am a cradle Catholic and belong to a wonderful church in Yorba Linda: St. Martin de Porres. I just wanted you to know what a wonderful experience we had in your church. Although we goofed up the time and came late to Mass, we were made to feel welcome by the friendly greeter at the door who showed us where to enter and not feel disruptive. Three separate people came up to us and spoke to us, welcomed us, invited us to fellowship downstairs after Mass. The beautiful feeling of inclusion and spiritual peace is palpable in your church. The music was incredible. Singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" in church is something I will never forget. My 18 year old daughter and I were moved to tears by the beauty of the body in Christ present in the parishioners at your church. We will always return to Mass there when we visit. The people of San Francisco are blessed to have you. I pray all Catholic churches will learn from the acceptance and God's love your church provides. Thank you. Pat Williams"*



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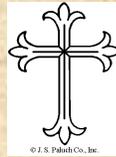
During this Year for Priests, we will, from time to time,  
be printing a prayer for priests.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus,  
I pray for your faithful and fervent priests:  
For your unfaithful and tepid priests  
For your priests laboring at home or abroad  
in distant mission fields  
For your tempted priests  
For your lonely and desolate priests  
For your young priests  
For your dying priests  
For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.  
But above all, I recommend to you the priests  
dearest to me:  
The priest who baptized me  
The priests who absolved me from my sins  
The priests at whose Masses I assisted and  
who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion  
The priests who taught and instructed me  
All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way:  
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart  
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen

St. Therese of Lisieux (1873—1897)



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***On Saturday, October 17th, we will be having a Silent Auction and a Dinner Dance (more details will follow in future bulletins) to raise funds to pay for the drainage problem that was repaired in the old Kindergarten classroom. We are asking for donations from our parishioners to help purchase gift baskets and gift cards. If you are a business owner, perhaps you will consider donating a service. To date, we have collected \$50.00 in donations and gift cards. In order for this fund-raiser to be a success, we will need your support. Please contact Fran at the Rectory Office, if you can help out in any way—we sure appreciate it! Our next planning meeting will be held on Monday, August 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.***

***All are welcome.***

