

# MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER 2, 2018



### ◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor  
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Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA  
Mr. Ricardo Carlos, Sacristan  
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.

**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

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15;  
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.



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Our Parish Center will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day!

### Mater Dolorosa's Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Day	Activities	Times
Sat. Sept. 1	Bible Study Marion Devotion Legion of Mary Family Presidium	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Sept. 2	Children's Liturgy of the Word Hospitality: Altar Society COSJ Choir Legion of Mary Meeting Latin Mass Hospitality	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 3	Latin Mass Parish Center Closed	12:00 p.m.
Tue. Sept. 4	Second Harvest & Kid's Now Latin Mass First Communion Orientation	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Sept. 5	Legion of Mary Meeting Confirmation 2 Orientation Ballroom Dancing	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thu. Sept. 6	Morning Hospitality Latin Mass Confirmation 1 Orientation Mater Dolorosa Choir Practice Bible Study	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 7	Eucharistic Adoration Benediction Latin Mass COSJ Choir New CFF Family Orientation Healing Mass	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

## COLLECTIONS

For August 26, 2018



First Collection \$ 5,571.00  
Helping Hands \$ 2,057.00

Our Collection this Sunday is for  
**Our Religious Education Programs**  
Our Collection next Sunday is for  
**Parish Maintenance & Improvement**

*Thank you for your continued support of your parish!*

**Attention:** Please place your contribution checks for the Contemplatives of St. Joseph in a separate envelope before placing in the collection baskets. We will deliver them to the Monastery. Thank you!



Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:

**Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson,**  
**Jason Bell, Cleo Brazier, Trude Buntger,**  
**Lucy Delahoussaye, Phil Dow, Elsa Evangelista, Mel Feliciano, Rodolfo Flores, Luz Gopez, Walter Heim, Barbara Lagomarsino, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Sunshine Ortiz, Karen Ramirez, Melchor Realino, Barbara, Reid, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, , Laura Skaff, Luis Torres, Kit Fong Woo and Donald Wood.**

*We pray that they find peace, comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer. Please pray for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.*

### MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

DAY	TIME	Name	PRIEST
Sat. Sept. 1	5:00 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>	RD
Sun. Sept. 2	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Roman Villasica (D)</i> <i>Florentina Quitugua (D)</i> <i>Kenneth Abongan (L)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RD AB RD VP
Mon. Sept. 3	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Christopher Myhra (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	AB JH
Tues. Sept. 4	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Dennis &amp; Lisa Marston (L)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	AQ JH
Wed. Sept. 5	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Eufemia Nunez-Castillo (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RD VP
Thu. Sept. 6	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Joseph Flores (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	AQ JH
Fri. Sept. 7	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Gregoria Zapanta (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	JB JH
Sat. Sept. 8	8:00 a.m.	<i>Tomas Palaris Bandong (D)</i> <i>Lorna Eichhorn (D)</i> <i>Matilde Agasid (D)</i> <i>Hortensia Cid (D)</i> <i>Mary Dunleavy (D)</i> <i>Alex Aceves (L)</i>	RD

## CHILD FAITH FORMATION



Faith formation classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 11th. If you are interested in or have questions about our Faith Formation program please call the CFF office at 650.583.4131 x 2 or send an email to [cff@mndssf.org](mailto:cff@mndssf.org). The CFF Office will be closed beginning Aug 13 – Aug 24. Should you need assistance, please contact the Parish office.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Family Orientation meetings will be held in the parish hall at 6pm.

Please see the dates below:

Aug 31 - Level 3, 4, 5, & 6/7

Sept 4 - First Communion families

Sept 5 - Conf 2 families and sponsors

Sept 6 - Conf 1 families

Sept 7 - New Family Orientation -- this meeting is for ALL NEW families and students to our CFF program.

### Questions of the Week:

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked a question about his disciples' failure to do something that the Pharisees believed offered evidence of holiness. Let's listen to this Gospel to see what Jesus teaches about holiness.

*What did the Pharisees think that Jesus' disciples ought to be doing?*

*What did Jesus say was a better indication of a person's holiness than washing one's hands and dishes?*



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### HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Jesus tells us *"Feed the Hungry"*

Deacon Alex is calling for volunteers to help feed the seniors in our community. Can you give two or three hours of your time on Tuesday mornings? Help is needed packing grocery bags, and delivering the food to those in need. Please contact Deacon Alex at (650) 583-3877 or [Deaconalex@comcast.net](mailto:Deaconalex@comcast.net), if you are able to help out with this important ministry. Thank you!



### **PILGRIMAGE in 2019**

**Please join Fr Rolando De la Rosa on a Cultural Journey with Masses, to England, Ireland, & Paris—crossing through to Wales. April 23 - May 06, 2019**

**For Reservations, call Estela Nolasco at 650-867-1422 or mail your booking forms and deposits. Flyers are in the vestibule. Space is limited. First come first served.**

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the mensal, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself.



Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — *For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us?*  
Psalm — *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*  
Second Reading — *Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction.*  
Gospel — *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*

