

**MATER DOLOROSA  
CHURCH**  
**1040 Miller Ave.**  
**South San Francisco**  
**California 94080-1446**



**September 24, 2023**

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Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**URGENT NEED OF PRIEST CALL: 650-930-7819**

♦ **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.  
Byzantine Divine Liturgy (In the Monastery) on  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Latin Mass)  
12:00 Noon, & 7:30 p.m.  
Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form: Monday through  
Friday 12:00 Noon. Saturday 9:00 a.m. & Sunday at 2:00 p.m.  
First Friday Healing Ministry Mass 7:00 p.m.  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

♦ **BAPTISM** ♦

We welcome your child to be baptized at Mater Dolorosa Church. Baptisms take place the fourth Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. Baptism Preparation Class is offered for families of scheduled baptisms, the third Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. Parents should contact the Parish Center *three months prior* to the desired date of the baptism to allow for preparation and for scheduling.

♦ **FIRST EUCHARIST and FIRST RECONCILIATION** ♦

Families must be enrolled in Family Faith Formation one year prior to the direct preparation for each Sacrament.

♦ **CONFIRMATION** ♦

Families must be enrolled in Family Faith Formation one year prior to the direct preparation for the reception of Confirmation.

♦ **MARRIAGE** ♦

Please contact the Parish Center at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to allow time for Marriage Preparation.

♦ **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** ♦

Family Faith Formation is a ministry in which parents and children learn about the Catholic faith together and with other families.  
Family gatherings begin in September.

♦ **PASTORAL STAFF** ♦

Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ, Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Joseph Homick, COSJ, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Fr. Andrew Mbinkar Berinyuy, Sch.P., Parochial Vicar  
Br. Mikhael Mihic, COSJ  
Sr. Maria Immaculata Handajani, COSJ  
Rev. Fr. John Balleza, In Residence, Retired  
Rev. Mr. Ramon de la Rosa, Permanent Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon  
Mr. Robert Kosch, Head Sacristan  
Mr. Ricardo Carlos, Assistant Sacristan  
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager  
Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Evangeline deGuzman, Finance Manager  
Dr. Jennifer Donelson, Music Director  
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Music Director  
Ms. Aida Gamboa, Music Director  
Mrs. Betti Magoolahan, Counselor, LMFT  
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA  
Mr. Bernardo Oritz, Parish Maintenance  
Mr. James Rodriguez, Parish Maintenance

**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: 1040 Miller Ave., SSF, CA 94080-1446. To complete the registration, we will mail you a registration form to fill out and return. Thank you.

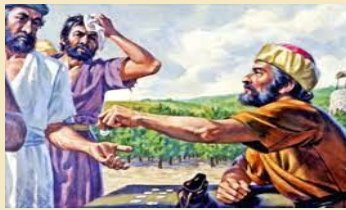
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- ☐ **New Parishioner**
- ☐ **New Address**
- ☐ **New Phone Number**
- ☐ **Moving/Remove Name**

**September 24, 2023**  
**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**in ORDINARY TIME**

**This Sunday's Readings:**

Isaiah 55:6-9;  
 Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;  
 Romans 1:20-24, 27;  
 Matthew 20:1-16  
 God's Not Fair!



God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? The parable in this Sunday's Gospel reading is a fine example of this. The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much. God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We don't have to understand God's higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

*Pastor's Message*



I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2023. Please help us to complete this campaign by the end of this year, by donating to this appeal. At this time, we are short \$11,024.00 of our assessment of \$66,100.00. If you have not already joined the One Percent Club, by donating 1% of our assessment, please consider doing so. We plan to have a thank you dinner for the One Percent Club members on November 18, 2023. However, any donation amount helps to reach our goal! Thank you to everyone who already participated by your generosity in meeting our parish's assessment.

Father Vito Perrone

**COLLECTIONS**

**Sept 17:**

First Collection \$ 3,907.00  
 Special Projects \$ 1,896.00  
 Votive Candles \$ 109.00



**Our Second Collection for this Sunday is for Priest's Retirement.**

**Our Second Collection for next Sunday is for Family Faith Formation.**  
*Thank you for your continued support of your Church!*

**PRIEST'S RETIREMENT COLLECTION**



This weekend, there is a special Second Collection to help care for the men who have devoted their lives to serving us. Your support ensures that they are cared for as lovingly and with as much dignity as they have cared for others. This year, funds raised will help renovate and repair the Serra Clergy House in San Mateo, which is where several retired Priests reside.

*On behalf of our retired Priests and everyone committed to their care, we thank you in advance for your support.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

DAY	TIME	Name
Sat. Sept. 23	5:00 p.m.	Walter Klevesahl, Jr. (D)
Sun. Sept. 24	8:00 a.m.	Marciana Estalano (D)
	10:00 a.m.	Demetrio Villaluna (D)
	12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	2:00 p.m.	Mico Monks (L) (Latin Mass)
Mon. Sept. 25	8:00 a.m.	Augustine Wong (D)
	12:00 p.m.	Erica Valles (L) (Latin Mass)
Tues. Sept. 26	8:00 a.m.	Cirila Ado (D)
	12:00 p.m.	Brett Funke (L) Latin Mass
Wed. Sept. 27	8:00 a.m.	Agnes Guevara (L)
	12:00 p.m.	Annie Agleham (L) (Latin Mass)
Thur. Sept. 28	8:00 a.m.	Avelina Gutierrez (D)
	12:00 p.m.	The Souls in Purgatory (Latin Mass)
Fri. Sept. 29	8:00 a.m.	Antonio Paat (L)
	12:00 p.m.	The Souls in Purgatory (Latin Mass)
Sat. Sept. 30	8:00 a.m.	Charlie Villanueva (D)
	9:00 a.m.	Nemia Nicer (L) (Latin Mass)

We offer on-line donations for Mater Dolorosa. On-line giving is a good way of supporting your parish when you are away, so please consider this mode of giving. If you would like to donate on-line, simply go to our website at [www.MDSSF.org](http://www.MDSSF.org). You will see a blue donate button on the right on the Home Page. Click the link! Thank you for your support of your church.

**DONATE ONLINE**

*Thank you for your donations and the support of your parish and our Catholic Church!*

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



Jason Bell, Augusto Cepeda, Cleo Brazier, Trude & Dan Bentjer, Marlene Caballero, Ambrose Calonsag, Sionita Carmen, Zosimo Carmen, Annalie Davanzo, Bernard deGuzman, Lucy Delahoussaye, Phil Dow, John Dresser, Mario & Elsa Evangelista, Luis Flores, Rodolfo Flores, Demetrio Gomez, Jr., Donald Gomez, Eva Jusino, Efen Mendoza, Jr., Ricardo & Marina Menendez, Pat Mendoza, Antonio Ocbena, Antonio Paat, Francisco Quitugua, Dr. Luz Reyes, Eleanora Rivera, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Ken Sweeney, Johnny Villasica and Simeon Wee.

*We pray that they find peace, comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer.*





## Family Corner

### Matthew 20: 1-6 God Abounds in Love

In this week's Gospel, Jesus says, "The last will be first, and the first will be last." Go to the link below to read the Gospel as a family and talk about the question of the week in the family corner.

<https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=76&rp=2928>

**Question of the Week:** When did you want to be first, but did not get to be? Name something positive about being last or putting others first.

**Family Activity:** At mealtimes this week, try to discuss some of these questions – What was the best part of your day? What was the hardest part of your day? How did you handle the hard part? Did you thank God for your day? Make sure each person around the table has an opportunity to share their ups and downs of the day. End the meal with a prayer of thanks for one another.

**Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus, show us how to put others first. Remind us that you love all of us and you want us to love each other.

**Join us for our next family gathering on Sunday, October 1. Please attend the 10am Mass.**

**Registration is still being accepted for Family Faith Formation.**

Please go to this link to register:

<https://www.mdssf.org/familhy-faith-formation-registration> For more information about our Family Faith Formation program please contact Mrs. Felisa Cepeda in the Faith Formation office.



### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join Us on Sunday, October 8, 2023 for The Blessing of the Animals immediately after 10:00 am Mass at 11 a.m., at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Parish, 307 Willow Avenue, South San Francisco, CA.

Sponsored by the Mater Dolorosa

Parish and the Knights of Columbus, Council 14818

*"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."*

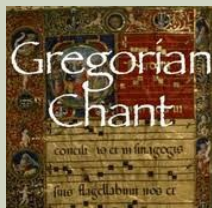
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**A Treasure of Inestimable Value:**  
Discovering Our Catholic Heritage and Learning to Pray through Gregorian Chant Sacred Music Retreat with Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall October 28–10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Join us for a day-long retreat, learning to sing Gregorian chant and to understand how the music shapes our worship of God. The event is open to choir members, music directors, and clergy. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch.

Here's the registration page for the event:

<https://materdolorosa.regfox.com/chant>



## Worship Schedule at Mater Dolorosa

### SUNDAY

6:30 AM MORNING PRAYER  
7:00 AM Deep Listening to Sacred Scripture  
8:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
8:00 AM Byzantine Divine Liturgy (COSJ Chapel)  
10:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
12:00 PM HOLY MASS (English)  
2:00 PM HOLY MASS (Latin)  
5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
6:00 PM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings

### MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 AM Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
7:30 AM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings  
8:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)

### Followed by Eucharistic Procession on 1st Fridays

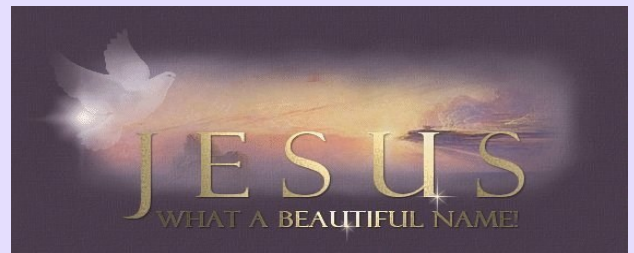
8:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration until 11:45 AM  
12:00 PM HOLY MASS (Latin)  
1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration until 7:00 p.m.  
6:00 PM EVENING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
7:00 PM Healing Mass **First Fridays followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight**

### 5:00 PM Begin with Eucharistic Procession on Thursdays

6:00 PM Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration  
**End with Benediction on Thursdays**  
6:55 PM Closing Prayer. Sung Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Joseph, Followed by Individual Blessing with Holy Water

### SATURDAY

6:00 AM Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
7:30 AM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings  
8:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
9:00 AM HOLY MASS (Latin)  
10:00 AM BYZANTINE DIVINE LITURGY (COSJ Chapel)  
3:00 PM CONFESSION  
4:00 PM EVENING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
4:30 PM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings  
5:00 PM HOLY MASS (Sunday Vigil—English)



### RETREAT at MATER DOLOROSA

*Do you know the greatest prayer the world has even known? Come to a retreat at Mater Dolorosa on November 4th at 10:00 to 5:00 p.m., with Mass, lectures and faith sharing led by retreat leader Mr. Michael McDevitt. Check upcoming bulletins for more details.*





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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As you know, one of the requests expressed by the lay faithful who participated in the Archdiocesan Synodal process was for greater opportunities in adult faith formation. For this reason, the School of Pastoral Ministry has partnered with the Western Dominican Province to introduce the Lay Mission Project to the Archdiocese. It is my hope that you will make this formation opportunity known to your parishioners to assist them in their call to holiness and to evangelization.

The Lay Mission Project curriculum is a three-year formation process with the goal of preparing parishioners to integrate their Catholic faith into every aspect of their lives, forming missionary disciples. While the emphasis of the formation is on sharing the faith with others and evangelizing secular society, those who receive the formation will prove invaluable as collaborators with you in building up your parish community. The formation has been offered in the Diocese of Sacramento with impressive results. Those who complete the formation will also be offered the opportunity to be further formed as lay ecclesial ministers, including such possibilities as parish managers, youth ministers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. A full description of the formation can be found at [laymission.net](http://laymission.net).

In my judgment, the formation will be particularly useful for our neophytes as they continue to discern the manner in which they will live out their faith; for young adults who are discerning their vocation in life; and for parishioners who are nearing retirement and can share their knowledge and expertise with others in the parish community. This project would also be beneficial for your closest collaborators in the parish who serve on your parish councils or lead other parish initiatives.

The formation includes both online content that fosters spiritual development and in-person prayer, support, and discernment in small disciple communities. The project also benefits existing communities, such as bible study or faith formation groups, who can enroll together. While donations are suggested, the formation is offered for free to the parish and to your parishioners.

Materials for advertising the Lay Mission Project are available online and from the Chancery. Attached is a parish packet with more information and resources.

Please encourage your parishioners to consider participating in this special formation opportunity. Currently, enrollment is on a three-year cycle, and the deadline for this first enrollment cycle is October 2.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco

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OCTOBER 2,  
2023!**

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It's hard to be a good Catholic these days. Confusion, polarization and frustrating secular ideology seem to be everywhere, and many people — even practicing Catholics — aren't sure if the Faith is still

relevant. It's precisely in times like these that the world needs YOU. As a lay Catholic, Our Lord has chosen, called, and gifted YOU to be his presence in the world. You have a unique mission that cannot be fulfilled by anyone else.



## The Lay Mission Project

is here to help you fulfill that mission! In a one-of-a-kind, busy-person-friendly, life-transforming, spirit-renewing, small group formation process, you will encounter Our Lord — and experience the Church — in a whole new way. You'll be given a distinct sense of purpose in your every-day life, and build the knowledge, confidence, support, and enthusiasm to live it with fortitude and devotion.

## Fall 2023 - Apply Now



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*See other side for  
more information.*







# Frequently Asked Questions:

## Who is this for?

- Any baptized adult member of the Church
- Professionals in the world, parents & grandparents
- Members of parish councils & lay leaders in the parish
- Young adults discerning their careers
- Those who have recently completed RCIA

## How much does it cost?

The Lay Mission Project is a solely donation-funded Ministry of the Western Dominican Province. The Project's average monthly operational cost is roughly \$50/participant, but because you are responsible for sanctifying the secular world, you have the right to a formation that enables you to do so, regardless of your financial position. Although participants often give generously, financial support is NOT a requirement!

## What is the time commitment?

The Lay Mission Project was developed from the ground-up with the average busy layperson in mind. The regular formation spans a three-year period and follows an academic calendar. In general, we recommend that participants allocate 3 hours per week for watching online formation videos, reading, and reflection. Participants will also meet in person with their local disciple circle about twice monthly. In addition to the small-group meetings, all those participating in the diocesan cohort come together twice per academic year: once for a two-day retreat in the late summer/early fall, and another time for a 1-day workshop in the winter.



Because of the Lay Mission Project Formation, I changed my approach to work, and in the end, I retired having experienced the most satisfying and fulfilling last months in the workplace practicing my vocation of mercy as a nurse."

"The Lay Mission Project has changed my life and the lives of those the Lord has placed in my spheres of influence. I realize this is a powerful statement - and it's completely true!"

## What our members say:

"The depth of knowledge evident in all of the project contributors is stunning...The Lay Mission Project helped me understand how deep are the roots of the catechism in Scripture, Tradition, and natural moral law. This was extremely faith-affirming and encouraged me even more to want to share this wonderful Catholic life with others."

Want to learn more? Visit [laymission.net](http://laymission.net) or scan here →

