

MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Reverend Brian Costello, Pastor
Very Reverend C. Michael Padazinski, J.C.D., in Residence
Deacon Alex Aragon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
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 ◆

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 Eighth Grade.

◆ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ◆

C.F.F.—Child Faith Formation. 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.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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



THE THEME OF THE LITURGY:

*Let us rejoice this day,
for to us shall come Emmanuel*

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely.

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*Cry out with joy of gladness;
for among you is the great
and Holy One of Israel.*

Isaiah 12



November 29, 2009

First Collection \$ 4,361.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,753.00

November 26, 2009

Thanksgiving \$ 2,693.50

December 6, 2009

First Collection \$ 5,089.50
Religious Education \$ 1,640.00
Latin Mass \$ 386.00

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Our Second Collection next Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week: Dec. 13th—Dec. 19th	PRIEST
SUN	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish Loreto & Josefina Senoran (D) Paul Domeniconi (D)	BC MP BC
MON	8:00 a.m.	Mary McGuire (D)	BC
TUES	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mrs. Mullally (D) Priest's Intention	MP BC
WED	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Priscilla Chase (L) Priest's Intention	BC MR
THUR	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Antonino Palomba (D) Priest's Intention	BC JP
FRI	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Steven Hart (D) Priest's Intention	BC AC
SAT	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mario Cid (D) Ricardita Rodriguez (D)	BC VP

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: Emma Cacao, Cliff Chase, Patrick & Kathleen Dunleavy, Dawn Hassinger, Dorothy Lake, Olga Montoya, Helen Minotti, Jack Pacheco, and Marlo Taguas.



OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM.

Child Faith Formation News

Every Sunday in Advent will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Children Pre-K to Grade 4 are invited to come forward to the altar. They are then quietly led to the parish hall to listen to the Word, and will rejoin their parents in the church during the Offertory of the Mass.

Reminder: The deadline for the submission of the on-line safety training: "Kids Safety" or "Teen Safety" is December 15th. Please go on-line at www.shieldthevulnerable.org. There will be individual class pictures taken on December 15th.

Mark your calendar for "Epiphany Community Celebration" on January 3, 2010 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and before the 12:00 Noon Mass in the parish hall.

THE PEOPLE OF BETHLEHEM ARE ASKING FOR OUR HELP

Towering walls and militarized fences now encircle Bethlehem, turning the 4,000-year-old city into a virtual prison for its 160,000 Palestinian citizens, both Christian and Muslim. Bethlehem, which lies in the West Bank, will soon have only three gates to the outside world, all controlled by the Israeli army.

Since 1967, Bethlehem, populated by Palestinians, has been under Israeli military control. In the last five years Israel has confiscated almost all the agricultural land in the city and surrounding areas, making it impossible for farmers to access their groves. The people are growing increasingly desperate. Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, has been home to Palestinian Christians for 2000 years. It is the oldest Christian community in the world. Since 2000, nearly ten per cent of the Christian families have fled Israel's confining walls.

"It is unconscionable that Bethlehem should be allowed to die slowly from strangulation," says Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Though most Americans don't know it, we are directly involved in this strangulation of Bethlehem, as our government gives over \$10 million per day to Israel, far more than to any other nation on earth.

For more information: www.OpenBethlehem.org



The Giving Tree
Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 23rd. We would like you to purchase Target gift cards, rather than gifts for the needy families in our parish community. Please pick an "ornament" tag that indicates purchasing a \$10.00 Target gift card. You may bring them to the rectory or drop them off in the Sunday collection basket.

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank you for your generosity and support!

HELPING HANDS at MATER DOLOROSA

Our Helping Hands Fund, which is taken up once a month as a second collection, is generally used for our parishioners who have a funeral, wedding, or a baptism here at Mater Dolorosa. During this holiday season, we would like to offer help to any of our parishioners who may need it with groceries, paying for a prescription, transportation for a doctor visit, or any special need that may come up for those who find it difficult to make ends meet this month or next. Please contact Father Brian or Fran at the Rectory Office if you are a Mater Dolorosa parishioner and are in need of a little "helping hand" this season.

SIMBANG GABI at MATER DOLOROSA

December 15th through December 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
(except December 19th, the time will be 5:00 p.m.)

As the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father, so we are called to love Jesus as He loves us. Come and join the Mater Dolorosa community as we prepare together for that great gift of love the Father has given to us, the gift of His Son Jesus. We are all invited to celebrate the Eucharist for 9 days to remind us the real reason for the Christmas season.

Our theme is from Ephesians 4:4-6: *One Lord, One Baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all.*

For more information, please contact Deacon Alex Aragon at Deaconalex@comcast.net.



Monday, December 14:
Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Veronica's Church at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15 to Wednesday, December 23rd:
Simbang Gabi Mass Every Evening at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19:

Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m.

(Christmas Eve) Thursday, December 24:

Caroling Begins at 4:30 with Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Caroling Begins at 9:30 with Mass at 10:00 p.m.

(Christmas Day) Friday, December 25:

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon

Thursday, December 31:

Pot Luck Gathering at 10:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 12:15 a.m.

Friday, January 1:

Masses at 12:15 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon