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FOURTH 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 ◆

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◆ 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:

As we share the joy of Christmas,
let us remember the *greatest gift, Jesus Christ*, who came into this world
to save us and set us free.

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. He shall shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

By Christ doing the will of God, namely, offering himself, we have been consecrated.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth speaks to her cousin Mary: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb".



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Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and
we shall be saved.
Psalm 80



December 13, 2009

First Collection \$ 4,911.50
Retirement Religious \$ 2,025.50
Immaculate Conception \$ 1,550.00

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

Our Second Collection next Sunday
is for Helping Hands .

Thank you for your generosity and support!

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS For the coming week: Dec. 20th—Dec. 26th	PRIEST
SUN	8:00 a.m.	Doris Gogna (D)	BC
	10:00 a.m.	Doris Gogna (D)	BC
	12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	BC
	7:00 p.m.	Priest's Intention	BY
MON	8:00 a.m.	Mary McGuire (D)	BC
	7:00 p.m.	Priest's Intention	EM
TUES	8:00 a.m.	John Marin (D)	BC
	7:00 p.m.	Priest's Intention	NL
WED	8:00 a.m.	Sofia Andal (L)	BC
	7:00 p.m.	Priest's Intention	BJ
THUR	8:00 a.m.	Pilar Orlino (D)	BC
	5:00 p.m.	Mark & Fran Lidwell (L)	BC
	10:00 p.m.	Smith & Costello Families (D)	BC
FRI	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Flores (D)	BC
	10:00 a.m.	Donald Riker (D)	BC
	12:00 p.m.	Kathleen Dunleavy (D)	BC
SAT	8:00 a.m.	Amelia Ryan (D)	BC
	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	BC

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish

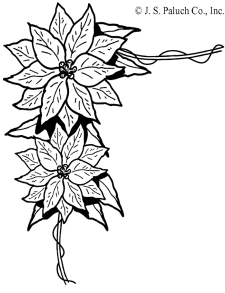


family in your prayers, especially: Emma Cacao, Cliff Chase, Patrick Dunleavy, Dawn Hassinger, Dorothy Lake, Olga Montoya, Helen Minotti, Jack Pacheco, and Marlo Taguas.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM.

Our Rectory Office will be closed from December 23rd until January 3rd. If there is an emergency, or if you would like to speak to Father Brian, please call 650-583-4131 ext. 25. You may leave a message in our general mailbox at ext. 22. Messages will be returned on January 4, 2010. Thank you and may you and your family have a blessed and joyful holiday season.





*The greatest story every told . . .
is one that never will grow old.
It's born anew on Christmas day . . .
in the hearts of those who bow and pray.
Beneath a star shining bright . . .
Jesus was born of love's pure light.
And like an answer to our prayer . . .
His breath of love still fills the air.
There's a silent hush over the earth . . .
as our souls celebrate His birth.
Christmas time, for you, for me . . .
reveals the wonder of how life could be.
Everything begins to glisten
and music fills the air if we listen.*

*Our hearts feel lighter . . .
our smiles are brighter.
In this blanket of wonder we find . . .
peace fills our heart and mind.
We're like children wrapped in sheer delight . . .
for the wonder and wisdom we find in His light.
He is the sweetness . . . of heaven's completeness.
May feelings of wonder, hope and glory . . .
bring to life the Christmas story.
Believers know the story is true . . .
and Christmas is forever new.
Love one another.*



by Kay E. Richardson, 2009
Poet Laureate of Mater Dolorosa



Dear Friends,

Thank you Hallelujah Chorale and Cherubim for two great "Christmas to Remember" concerts. Thank you volunteers for a very special Christmas Thank You Dinner on December 10th.

Please remember to keep in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of Kathleen Dunleavy who died on December 12th. Along with her husband, Pat, Kathleen was a founding member of the parish.

This will be our last Sunday bulletin for 2009! Our next bulletin will be January 10, 2010.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Father Brian

Child Faith Formation News



There will be no Child Faith Formation classes on 22nd and the 29th of December, classes will resume on January 5, 2010.

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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE at MATER DOLOROSA

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

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!