

# MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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## December 22, 2013



### ◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. John R. Pernia, In Residence  
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Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon  
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  
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. &  
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00—7:00 p.m.  
Healing Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.  
\*First and Third Sunday of the Month: Children's Liturgy of the Word.

### ◆ 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 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

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2013

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24;  
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

## EMMANUEL

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that entity. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one's mission, even one's very being.



The amazing name "Emmanuel" was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means "God is with us." God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.

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DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 23 — Dec. 29	PRIEST
<b>MON</b> Dec. 23	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Karen Ramirez (L)</b> <b>Simbang Gabi Intention</b>	<b>AQ</b> <b>RD</b>
TUE Dec. 24	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	<i>Yoshio Fuse (D)</i> <i>Fran &amp; Mark Lidwell (L)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>	AQ RD RD
<b>WED</b> Dec. 25	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Rosalinda Ledesma (L)</b> <b>Eulogio Alcantara (D)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>JP</b> <b>AQ</b> <b>VP</b>
THU Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	<i>Ethel Ware (D)</i>	JP
<b>FRI</b> Dec. 27	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Victor Galang (D)</b>	<b>RD</b>
SAT. Dec. 28	8:00 a.m. _____ 5:00 p.m.	<i>Stephen Angeles (L)</i> <i>Kyle St. John (L)</i> _____ <i>Alberto &amp; Concepcion</i> <i>Agleham (D)</i>	JP  RD
<b>SUN</b> Dec. 29	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Jose Angeles (L)</b> <b>Debbie Mathews (D)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>VP</b> <b>RD</b> <b>JP</b>

## COLLECTIONS

Due to our publisher's holiday schedule, collection amounts will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Helping Hands Fund.

Our Second Collection for next Sunday is for St. Vincent de Paul.

*Thank you for your generous donations towards the continued support of your church. Your weekly donations are greatly appreciated!*

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

*Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Trude Buntger, Jacinto Cabillo, Emeliana P. Cariaga Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Rosie Fanese, Luz Gopez, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Mary Anne C. Padilla, Manuel P. Paat, Dorothy Pruett, Eleanora Rivera, Wayne Rosaia, Maria Luisa Sarra, Susan Thomas, Luis Torres and Tony Yee.*

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



We mourn the loss of our parishioner, ***Teofilo Bagain***, who passed from this life to eternal life on December 8th. We keep his wife, Erlinda and the entire family in our prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.



### MATER DOLOROSA'S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Mon. Dec. 23	Simbang Gabi Pot Luck Dinner	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 24	Second Harvest Food Bank Kids Now Program Christmas Vigil Mass Caroling Mass (Midnight)	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 25	Christmas Masses	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 27	COSJ Practice Choir Practice	2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 28	RCIA Legion of Mary Family Presidium	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 29	Hospitality by: The St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group Meeting San Mateo Legion of Mary	11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the families and friends of Mater Dolorosa. May your holidays be merry and bright, and may you have all the joys of the Christmas season!  
 Our Rectory Office will be closed from December 24, 2013 until January 2, 2014.

**CHILD FAITH FORMATION**



We are on Christmas break in the Children's Faith Formation. The office will be closed until Jan. 5th. Regular Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7th. Students should complete the on-line training in [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org) for the applicable grade level and submit the certificate of completion when they return to classes. The First Communion families will meet on Jan. 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Confirmation II classroom and older communion students will have their sacrament preparation class at the same time. There will be Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass too.

On January 4-5, 2014, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the parish community is invited to bring to the Sunday Liturgy gifts of undergarments, gently used jackets and other warm wear for men and women. Like the Wise Ones who visited the Lord, we offer these gifts as a sign of love to people in our community who are in need. Our donations will be sorted and bagged by the Confirmation students and taken to local non-profit organization for distribution to our neighbors in need. Collection of these items will start on the Dec. 28th week-end.

**Question of the Week:**

**Lower Level:**

*What does the angel tell Joseph?  
 What makes Joseph ready to believe the angel?*

**Higher Level:**

*What ideal qualities of a husband and father does Joseph embody?  
 How is Jesus Emmanuel?*

**OUR CHRISTMAS TREE**



Once again, we thank the Mantegani family for donating and decorating the beautiful Christmas tree that graces our church with it's beauty. Yearly, our Christmas tree makes our spirits bright! Thank you, Bob, Liz and sons for your donation.

**ATTENTION: MATER DOLOROSA MINISTRIES**

Please contact the Rectory Office for any on-going or new 2014 events that will be taking place in our parish. In order for our scheduling to be free from conflict, we ask that you let Fran know as soon as possible any event, meeting or social occasion you would like booked and reserved.



Thank you!

**MATER DOLOROSA'S CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE**

**Simbang Gabi Masses**

December 22nd & 23rd at 7:00 p.m.  
 December 23rd - Pot Luck Dinner

**Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve, December 24th  
 5:00 p.m. - Annual Children's Pageant 9:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling (Hallelujah Chorale) 10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)  
 Christmas Day, December 25th  
 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12 Noon



**New Year's Eve, December 31st**

10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)

**New Year's Day, January 1st**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God



*Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass times: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

**THE GIVING TREE**

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 25th. We would like you to purchase Target gift cards, rather than gifts, for the needy families in our parish community. Please pick up 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 ongoing generosity and support!

