MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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December 21, 2014

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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.
Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form: Monday through Friday 12:00 Noon. Sunday at 5:00 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 21, 2014

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Psalm: 89;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HOLIDAY BREAK

Our CFF and Rectory Offices
will be closed from
December 24th until January 2, 2015.
Telephone messages
will be checked periodically.

COLLECTIONS

Due to our publisher's Christmas schedule, our collection totals will be published in upcoming bulletins.

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for
Our Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund

Our Second Collection for next Sunday is for
Our Helping Hands Fund

Thank you for your generous donations towards the continued support of your Church!

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

Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Trude Buntger, Larry Casey, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Joe Duenas, Luz Gopez, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Dorothy Pruett, Maria Luisa Sarra, Gladys & Luis Torres, Ernie Ventura and Tony Yee.

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

Please say a prayer for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

You are welcome to call the Rectory Office to add a name to be included in our prayers for the sick.

Mater Dolorosa's Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Mon. Dec. 22	Latin Mass Simbang Gabi	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 23	**Latin Mass Simbang Gabi**	**12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.**
Wed. Dec. 24	Legion of Mary Latin Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Caroling Program Christmas Midnight Mass Rectory & CFF Offices Closed	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 9:15 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 25	**Christmas Masses** Rectory & CFF Offices Closed	**8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**
Fri. Dec. 26	Latin Mass COSJ Choir Practice Choir Practice Rectory & CFF Offices Closed	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 27	**Legion of Mary Family Presidium**	**7:00 p.m.**
Sun. Dec. 28	Knights of Columbus Meeting Hospitality:Knights of Columbus Youth Group Legion of Mary Latin Mass	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 22 through Dec. 28	PRIEST
Mon. Dec. 22	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	*Daniel Santos (D)* *People of the Parish*	AQ VP
Tues. Dec. 23	**8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**	***Jaime Nunez (L) Priest's Intention***	**JP VP**
Wed. Dec. 24	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	*Priest's Intention* *Priest's Intention* *Mark & Fran Lidwell (L)* *People of the Parish*	RD JH JP RD
Thurs. Dec. 25	**8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**	***Edelwiza Nunez (D) Debbie Mathews (D) People of the Parish***	**RD AQ JP**
Fri. Dec. 26	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	*Yoshio Fuse (D)* *Priest's Intention*	JP JH
Sat. Dec. 27	**8:00 a.m. ——— 5:00 p.m.**	***Victor Galang (D)*** ——— ***Martin Intention (L)***	**RD JP**
Sun. Dec. 28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	*Benjamin Cuellar (D)* *Elena Garcia (D)* *People of the Parish* *Priest's Intention*	JP VP RD JH

CHILD FAITH FORMATION

All Faith Formation classes are on Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 6, 2015. Beginning January 4th, all our Confirmation students (Conf 1 & Conf 2) will be asked to attend the 12noon Mass as a class. Conf 2 students will attend a Sunday class session from 1pm – 3pm once a month, every 1st Sunday beginning Jan. 4th. There will be a sponsor and Confirmation 2 candidate session on Jan 21st at 6:30pm or Jan 25th at 1:00pm. Any questions, please contact the CFF office or email. Reminder for First Communion parents: there will be a parent meeting on Jan 4th at 11:00am-12noon in the school. Please plan on attending. We will be discussing your child's preparation for First Reconciliation. Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word gathering will be on Jan. 4, 2015 at the 10am Mass. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

Questions of the Week:

In this Sunday's reading about the annunciation, an angel tells Mary that she is to be the mother of Jesus. Mary did not understand all that God was asking of her. It was her openness to God's will that allowed her to accept his will humbly. There may be times when God will ask of us things we do not completely understand. We should pray lovingly and gratefully to Mary for the openness to accept God's will as she did.

Levels 1-6: *How does God bless Mary? What is a way you want to be like Mary?*

Level 7 & Confirmation classes*: What impossible things does God do in Mary? What impossible things does God make possible for you?*

CHRISTMAS AT MATER DOLOROSA

Simbang Gabi Masses

December 15th through December 23rd -7:00 p.m.
(Pot Luck Dinner follows December 23rd Mass)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

(Holy Day of Obligation)
Christmas Eve Masses, December 24th
5:00 p.m. (with Children's Pageant)
9:15 p.m. The Hallelujah Chorale with The Cherubim will perform Christmas Caroling
10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

December 25th - **8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.**

New Year's Eve Mass

December 31st - 10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)

New Year's Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m., *12:00 p.m. & *7:30 p.m.

***ERRATUM:** The January 1st Mass times have been corrected.

The Mass times listed are now correct.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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!

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER of GOD

Thursday, January 1, 2015
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

As a gift to the parish community, the Hallelujah Chorale and The Cherubim (the Children's Choir) will perform Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th at 9:15 p.m. Our "Midnight Mass" will follow at 10:00 p.m.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST—2015

Save the date for the Walk for Life West Coast on January 24th. There will be a Mass at 9:30 a.m. at San Francisco's Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption prior to the Walk for Life.

THE MATER DOLOROSA LADIES CLUB

The next meeting for the Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club will be on Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. At this meeting we will be welcoming new members, electing officers and formulating our calendar of events for the next six months. Please consider joining us for friendship and fun. During the year we enjoy many events such as a pot luck dinner and a movie, a cookie exchange, a Ballroom Dancing and Afternoon Tea, faith sharing during Lent, Mass at the Monastery in the spring, and much more. For more information, you may contact Fran at the Rectory Office. Bring your ideas with you on January 8th!

SAVE THE DATE for our **Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on Friday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. If you have been a volunteer for Mater Dolorosa please call the Rectory Office to make your reservation for this appreciation dinner.

We hope everyone can attend!