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December 6, 2015



◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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 Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education
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 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.
 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.

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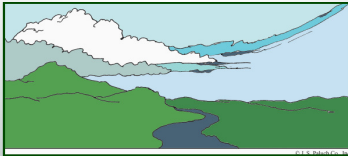
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New Parishioner
 New Address
 New Phone Number
 Moving/Remove Name

THE SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 6, 2015

Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126;
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6



PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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The Immaculate Conception of Mary

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mass times are: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon,
& 7:30 p.m.

Mater Dolorosa's Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Sat. Dec. 5	Faith/Bible Study Christmas Bingo Luncheon Legion of Mary Family Presidium	9:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 6	Children's Liturgy of the Word Hospitality: Altar Society Youth Group Latin Mass Hospitality	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 7	Latin Mass Charismatic Renewal Ballroom Dancing	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 8	Second Harvest & Kids Now Program Immaculate Conceptions Masses (No Latin Mass)	9:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 9	Legion of Mary Latin Mass Las Posadas COSJ Choir Practice	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 10	Latin Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Faith/Bible Study	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 11	Latin Mass COSJ Choir Practice Couples for Christ Choir Practice	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

COLLECTIONS

FOR November 22, 2015



First Collection \$ 4,983.00
Campaign for Human Development \$ 1,984.00
Thanksgiving \$ 3,489.00

FOR November 29, 2015

First Collection \$ 4,641.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 2,044.00

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Religious Retirement.

Our Second Collection Next Sunday is for Our Special Projects 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, Marilyn Bugler, Trude Buntger, Larry Casey, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Kevin Dresser, Joe Duenas, George Garibaldi, Luz Gopez, Gary Andrew Lacanilao, Joan Lopiccolo, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, John Paat, Sr., Mary Anne Padilla, Dorothy Pruett, Florentina Quitugua, Maria Luisa Sarra, and Gladys & Luis Torres.

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

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Norma Valente**, our parishioner, who passed from this life to Eternal Life on Nov. 19, 2015. Please keep Norma and her family in our prayers.

DAY	TIME	Mass Intentions	PRIEST
Sat. Dec. 5	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	RD
Sun. Dec. 6	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	D. J. & Lucy Molina (D) Loreto & Senoran Josefina (D) Joseph Pascal Hanna (D) Priest's Intention	JP RD AQ VP
Mon. Dec. 7	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Gabriel & Francis Quinones (D) Priest's Intention	AQ VP
Tues. Dec. 8	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Justa Villegas Meer (D) People of the Parish Teofilo Bagain (D)	RD VP JP
Wed. Dec. 9	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Glenen & Emely Grivas (L) Priest's Intention	RD JH
Thurs. Dec. 10	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Henry Broock (D) Priest's Intention People of the Parish	AQ VP RD
Fri. Dec. 11	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Vicky Palomar (L) Priest's Intention	JP JH
Sat. Dec. 12	8:00 a.m.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory	RD

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE at MATER DOLOROSA

Immaculate Conception Masses

December 8th
8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Traditional Los Posadas

December 9th - 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

December 10th - 7:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service at Mater Dolorosa

December 14th - 7:00 p.m.

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. Vigil Mass with Children's Pageant

9:15 to 9:45 p.m. 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 Masses

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.



Las Posadas preparing for La Navidad

December 9th 7:00 p.m.



This special Hispanic Christmas tradition begins on December 16th. The word "posadas" mean "inn" or "lodging". This tradition celebrates the story of Joseph and Mary searching for an inn where Mary could give birth. This celebration is a wonderful reminder of the spirit of Christmas. It is also a very fun Christmas tradition. This is our 5th year that we proudly celebrate this tradition with our Hispanic families. Please join us on Dec 9th at 7:00pm in the church for an evening of prayer, singing and the presentation of the posadas, followed by food and fun. Please contact Deacon Alex if you have questions.

Please join us on **December 10 at**

7:00pm for a

bilingual Mass **honoring**
Our Lady of Guadalupe

All are **INVITED** most especially your

children. Please bring flowers to present to the image of Our Lady. Hospitality will take place after the Mass.

Please contact Deacon Alex if you have questions.



Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church

through December 25th. As you have done in the past, 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!



CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Each family was given a booklet for this holy season of Advent; Everyday Wonders Daily Reflections, Prayers & Actions for Families. It will help your family uncover the "true meaning" of the season and get your family talking, moving, praying, learning and loving during these weeks of preparation for Christmas. Please check your child's blue folder and start using it today.

As a reminder: All our CFF classes are on Christmas break. Classes will resume on **January 5, 2016.**

THANK YOU to all our families, children and catechists who participated and contributed to our Faith Formation Advent Celebration. It was a wonderful evening of sharing a meal, singing and learning about Advent. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year.

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: First Communion class: There will be a parent meeting on Jan. 10th @ 11am. Please plan on attending with your child. We will be discussing your child's preparation for First Reconciliation. **Confirmation 2 class:** 1st Sunday Mass & Class - Dec 6th - attend 12noon Mass then class from 1:00pm to 3:30pm in the school. Parents please bring a snack to share.

Questions of the Week: Why do you suppose Luke makes such an effort to pin down the historical timing of the preaching of John the Baptist? He wants us to realize that John, a "common man" chosen by God, is much more important than any worldly ruler, because he announces the Lord's coming. John urges the people to be baptized as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When they do this, they will make the path clear for Christ to come into their lives. Then all people "shall see the salvation of God." Have you ever cleared a path with a shovel or even your bare hands—perhaps through snow, or through a dense undergrowth of vines or weeds? It's hard work! This is what John is asking us to do—to clear a path in our lives to welcome Christ.

Is there a path in your life that might take some heavy lifting or some cutting back of things that "catch you up"?

How will you clear your path to Christ?

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This Advent we will be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday during this holy season at the 10:00am Mass. Children in grades K to 5 are invited after the opening prayer, before the first reading, to come forward

towards the altar, receive a blessing by the celebrant and dismissed to listen to the Word of God in a language that is appropriate for their comprehension. They process in the center aisle following the lectionary which raised high. Once they have gathered in the Grade 1 room with the catechists, the Liturgy of the Word is proclaimed, a reflection is shared with the children and after the Prayer of the Faithful, they return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The next Children's Liturgy of the Word gathering will be on Dec 13th & Dec 20th.

THE BLESSING OF EXPECTANT COUPLES

All expectant couples are welcome to come to the 7:30 p.m. Mass on December 8th, the Mass of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, to be given a special blessings. All are welcome for this beautiful event!



SIMBANG GABI at MATER DOLOROSA

You are welcome to be a sponsor for one of the upcoming Simbang Gabi Masses on December 15th through December 23rd. Please fill out one of the forms that can be found in the vestibule.