MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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December 11, 2016

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Romeo Cruz, Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
Mr. Ricardo Carlos, Sacristan
Ms. Elsa Agasid, Music Coordinator
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Music Coordinator

♦ 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.
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

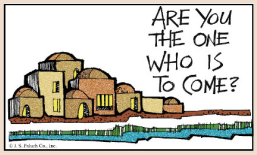
Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 146;
James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.



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COLLECTIONS

FOR 12/4/16

First Collection	**$ 5,750.00**
Special Projects	**$ 1,814.00**

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Religious Retirement.
Our Second Collection next Sunday is for Parish Maintenance.

Thank you for your continued support of your parish and our Catholic Church!

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

Liz Alvaro, Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Jason Bell, Trude Buntger, Janie Bustos, Larry Casey, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Elsa Evangelista, Luz Gopez, Walter Heim, Joan Lopiccolo, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Richard Menendez, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Isabelle Paat, Derk Padilla, Mary Anne Padilla, Florentina Quitugua, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, Laura Skaff, Gladys & Luis Torres and Kit Fong Woo.

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.

Mater Dolorosa's Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Sat. Dec. 10	Adult Bible Study Legion of Mary Family Presidium	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 11	**Children's Liturgy of the Word Hospitality: Hospitality Ministry Knights of Columbus Calungsod COSJ Choir Latin Mass Hospitality**	**10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.**
Mon. Dec. 12	Latin Mass Ballroom Dancing	12:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tue. Dec. 13	**Second Harvest Kids Now Program Second Harvest Luncheon Latin Mass CFF Classes**	**10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.**
Wed. Dec. 14	Legion of Mary Latin Mass	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 15	**Morning Hospitality Group Latin Mass MD Choir Simbang Gabi Adult Bible Study**	**8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.**
Fri. Dec. 16	Latin Mass COSJ Choir Practice Simbang Gabi	12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

DAY	TIME	Mass Intentions	PRIEST
Sat. Dec. 10	**5:00 p.m.**	***People of the Parish***	**RG**
Sun. Dec. 11	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	*Vicky Palomar (L)* *Alfonso Yu, Jr. (D)* *Enrico & Emelia Martin (L)* *Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)*	AQ AQ RG JH
Mon. Dec. 12	**8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**	***Ted Rivera (D) Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)***	**AQ JH**
Tues. Dec. 13	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	*Daniel Santos (D)* *Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)*	AQ VP
Wed. Dec. 14	**8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**	***Irene Swift (D) Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)***	**RG JH**
Thurs. Dec. 15	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	*Alma Nolasco (D)* *Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)*	AQ VP
Fri. Dec. 16	**8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.**	***Jorge & Salud Nolasco (L) Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)***	**RG JH**
Sat. Dec. 17	8:00 a.m.	*Elsa Evangelista (L)* *George Garibaldi (D)* *Lierenso Beu Pham (D)*	RG

CHILD FAITH FORMATION

CFF families with children in Kinder, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade will have class this Tuesday, Dec 13th. We will be reviewing our Child Safety Training program. Confirmation 1 class will have class this Tuesday, Dec 13th at 6pm. They will be taking the ACRE assessment. All other CFF classes, Level 4, Level 5, Level 6/7 and Conf 2 are officially on Christmas break. All CFF classes will resume on Jan 10th, 2017.

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES:
First Communion classes (Level 2 & Older Communion): Jan 8, 2017 – Parent Meeting – 11:00am-12:00noon – Reconciliation preparation discussion. Confirmation 1 class: Advent reflections due Jan 10. Confirmation 2 class: Service Opportunity Dec. 28th – @ MD 5:30pm – 8:30pm – sort and package collection from Socks & Travel size toiletry Drive. Sponsors and families are invited to help. Will earn Service hrs. will be earned.

Questions of the Week:

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent, Jesus teaches us that we have reason to rejoice. In today's Gospel reading, we find that John had been thrown into jail for doing his job. John sent his followers to Jesus to ask if he was the one God promised to send. Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst. This Gospel passage goes on to describe John the Baptist and how he is a messenger sent by God with the highest mission — to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Like all prophets, John the Baptist is a model of faithfulness. The Gospel today reminds us to be faithful and spread the good news about Jesus throughout the world today-a world in need of healing and mercy.

What do you find hopeful about today's readings? How does John the Baptist inspire you? Who are some people that spread God's healing and mercy in the world today?

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SOCK & TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRY DRIVE

Your donation of new white socks, new travel size toiletries, new small tubes of toothpaste and new toothbrushes will provide comfort, warmth and dignity to our sisters and brothers living unsheltered on the streets of our neighborhood. Collection barrels can be found in the vestibule of the church, and the CFF school lobby until December 11th. Thank you for your generosity! This is a Advent Service Project organized by the 2016 Mater Dolorosa Confirmation 2 class.

Giving Tree at Mater Dolorosa

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 25th. We would like you to purchase 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 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!

OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MASSES AT MATER DOLOROSA:

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

Christmas Masses:
Christmas Eve Masses
December 24th
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass with Children's Pageant
9:30 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 - 5:00 p.m., 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., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.

We mourn the passing away of ***George Garibaldi, Jesus Roman,*** *and* ***Dorothy Soules,*** *all founding parishioners of Mater Dolorosa. May they rest in God's loving Presence.*

Please be Reminded. . . . .

Our CFF and Rectory Offices will be closed from December 23, 2016 until January 2, 2017. We will be checking non-urgent messages during the break.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM AT MATER DOLOROSA

Please keep in mind our Gift Card Program when you purchase your holiday gift cards. Gift Cards make welcome stocking stuffers! Order forms can be found in the lobby, and you may turn them in to the rectory office or in the collection basket during Mass. A percentage of the profit goes to your church!

Thank you for supporting our Gift Card Program this Christmas Season!