

MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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December 25, 2016



◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. John R. Pernia, In Residence
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Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
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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.

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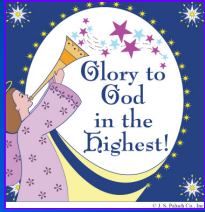
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- New Parishioner
- New Address
- New Phone Number
- Moving/Remove Name

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas

December 25, 2016

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18



THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God. At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. Copyright © J. S. Palluch Co.

Mater Dolorosa's Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Sat. Dec. 24	Adult Bible Study Legion of Mary Family Presidium	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 25	Children's Liturgy of the Word Hospitality: Knights of Columbus Legion of Mary COSJ Choir Latin Mass Hospitality Rectorly & CFF Offices Closed	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. 26	Latin Mass Rectorly & CFF Offices Closed	12:00 p.m.
Tue. Dec. 27	Second Harvest Kids Now Program Latin Mass Rectorly & CFF Offices Closed	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 28	Legion of Mary Latin Mass Ballroom Dancing Rectorly & CFF Offices Closed	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thu. Dec. 29	Morning Hospitality Group Latin Mass MD Choir Knights of Columbus Christmas Party Adult Bible Study Rectorly & CFF Offices Closed	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 30	Latin Mass COSJ Choir Practice Rectorly & CFF Offices Closed	12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.



COLLECTIONS FOR 12/18/16

First Collection \$ 4,580.00
Parish Improvement \$ 1,670.00

Our Collection this Sunday is for
Our Christmas Collection.

Our Collection next Sunday is for
The Solemnity of Mary.

*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, Barbara Lagomarsino, 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.



DAY	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	PRIEST
Sat. Dec. 24	5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Mark & Fran Lidwell (L) People of the Parish	RG AQ
Sun. Dec. 25	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Ramon & Remedios Fernandez (D)</i> <i>Debora Mathews (D)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RG RG AQ VP
Mon. Dec. 26	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Elbren Agdeppa, Jr. (D) Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)	AQ VP
Tues. Dec. 27	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Victor Galang (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RG VP
Wed. Dec. 28	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Paola Scatena (D) Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)	RG JH
Thurs. Dec. 29	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Christian Fregoso (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	AQ VP
Fri. Dec. 30	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Gabriel & Frances Quinones (D) Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)	RG JH
Sat. Dec. 31	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	<i>George Garibaldi (D)</i> <i>James Colombo (D)</i> <i>Martir Family (L)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Dolores Soules (D)</i>	AQ RG AQ



CHILD FAITH FORMATION

CFF classes are on Christmas break until January 10, 2016. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

SACRAMENTAL CLASSES: First Communion class (Level 2 & Older Communion class): Parent Meeting – Jan. 8 – 11:00am-12:00noon – Reconciliation preparation discussion. Confirmation 1 class: Essay on the Mass DUE – Dec 6. If you did not submit it, please email cff@mdssf.org or drop it off at the CFF office. Don't forget your Advent reflections are due Jan 10. Confirmation 2 class: Advent Service Project – Dec. 27 & Dec. 28th – @ MD 5:30pm – 8:30pm – sort and package collection from Socks & Travel size toiletry Drive. Sponsors and families are invited to help. Service hours will be earned. Questions? Please call the CFF office.

Questions of the Week:

At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation (the word means “to take on flesh”), and it changes everything. In the Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day, we hear John tell us about the Word—Jesus—becoming flesh. When we say that Jesus became flesh, it means that we actually encounter him in our lives. Jesus truly became one of us.

What are some of the things that John's Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us?

How will you share the Good News of the Incarnation with others?

OUR UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MASSES AT MATER DOLOROSA:

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.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?”

The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late! —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

COAT DRIVE at MATER DOLOROSA



Warm someone’s heart this winter. Donate NEW or gently used men’s, ladies, or children’s coats. Collection barrels can be found in the vestibule of the church or in the school lobby beginning Jan 1 thru Jan 15. Donations will benefit the Catholic Worker Hospitality House Shelter in San Bruno and Samaritan House. Thank you for your generosity.

Please be Reminded.....

Our CFF and Rectory Offices will be closed from December 23, 2016 until Tuesday, January 3, 2017. We will be checking non-urgent messages during the break.



The Annual Walk for Life West Coast



The Annual Walk for Life West Coast will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The Walk continues to grow and attract large numbers of participants from our local communities, as well as busloads of people who travel from all parts of the West Coast and beyond. This is an effective way to bring our message to the public’s attention each year. It offers women, men, families and friends an opportunity to come together to express the value of human life.

As in the past, on the morning of the Walk for Life many bishops from around the state will join the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, to celebrate a special 9:30 AM Mass at Saint Mary’s Cathedral to ask Our Lord's blessing on all who will participate, as well as all who will witness our peaceful and prayerful procession. After Mass, please gather at Civic Center Plaza where the Information Faire and Rally will take place, before the 1.3-mile walk down Market Street to the waterfront at Justin Herman Plaza. You may wish to consider sponsoring a parish bus to the Walk or carrying a banner to identify your parish. Please support the Walk for Life West Coast on January 21, 2017 to proclaim to the world that we are a people of life.