

# MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH

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## DECEMBER 15, 2019



### ◆ PASTORAL STAFF ◆

Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant  
Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon  
Mr. Ricardo Carlos, Sacristan  
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager  
Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education  
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA  
Ms. Elsa Agasid, Director of Music  
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Associate Director of Music  
Mr. Michael Malabed, Youth Minister

### ◆ 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.  
First Saturdays: Marian Devotion 8:00 a.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.  
Every Sunday: Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 am Mass.

### ◆ BAPTISM ◆

We welcome your child to be baptized at Mater Dolorosa Church. Parents should contact the Parish Center 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 Parish Center 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 (PRINT)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.

Mr. & Mrs.  Ms.  Mr.  Miss  \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Psalm 146;**  
**James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11**

Who hasn't felt discouraged at some point in life? We all know how it feels when things don't go the way we want or expect. John the Baptist was feeling that way in today's Gospel..... John's faith is shaken and so he tells his followers to seek out Jesus and ask him, "Are you the one?"..... Jesus tells him (and us) to look at what he was doing..... Even though the plan wasn't going the way John thought it would, he could be comforted by knowing God was powerfully at work. Sometimes God doesn't work in our lives the way we expect either. Like John, we can get discouraged and wonder why God is allowing certain struggles and difficulties to happen. That's when we, too, have to realize that the mission of Jesus is not to establish an earthly kingdom, but to restore us to the fullness of life. When we find ourselves feeling dispirited, we need to consider that perhaps God has us exactly where he wants us to be for our perfect good and perfect growth in holiness.



**CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION PRAYER**

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.  
***Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [here mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.***



**MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK**

DAY	TIME	Name	PRIEST
Sat. Dec. 14	5:00 p.m.	<i>Ida Bettucchi (D)</i>	RD
Sun. Dec. 15	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Karen Ramirez (D)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Amador Corpus (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	COSJ RD RD JH
Mon. Dec. 16	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Agnes San Pedro (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RD VP
Tues. Dec. 17	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Pastor &amp; Modesta Paiz (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RD JH
Wed. Dec. 18	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Andrew Nicolini (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RD JH
Thu. Dec. 19	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Raymundo &amp; Benilda Nolasco (D)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	RD VP
Fri. Dec. 20	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>Laura Duran (L)</i> <i>Priest's Intention (Latin Mass)</i>	COSJ VP
Sat. Dec. 21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Carmen Javellana (D)</i> <i>Alice romano Dooley (D)</i> <i>Demetrio &amp; Purita Villaluna (D)</i> <i>Loreso Bau Pham &amp; Anna Thom Aguyen (D)</i> <i>Rosario Costiniano (D)</i> <i>Janie Bustos (D)</i>	COSJ

**COLLECTIONS**

December 8, 2019

**First Collection \$ 4,665.00**  
**Retired Religious \$ 2,233.00**

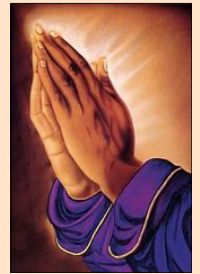


Our Second Collection this Sunday is for  
**Our Maintenance & Improvement Fund**  
 Our Second Collection for next Sunday is for  
**Our Helping Hands Fund**

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

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

*Carlos Avendano, Jason Bell, Nieves Calara, Cleo Brazier, Marlene Caballero, Ambrose Calonsag, Annalie Davanzo, Lucy Delahoussaye, Phil Dow, John Dresser, Laura Duran, Mario & Elsa Evangelista, Rosie Fanese, Rodolfo Flores, Luz Gopez, Taylor Hardley, Walter Heim, Nicky Mabee. Leonila Magalued, Amy Marston, Walter Marston. Marisol Meneses, Sunshine Ortiz, Melchor Realino, Barbara, Reid, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, Laura Skaff, Ken Sweeney, Kit Fong Woo and Donald Wood.*



*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. 14	Bible Study Legion of Mary Family Presidium	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 15	Children's Liturgy of the Word Hospitality: Legion of Mary Latin Mass Simbang Gabi	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 16	Latin Mass A Capella Music Ministry Simbang Gabi	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tue. Dec. 17	Second Harvest/Kids Now Second Harvest Luncheon Latin Mass CFF Classes Simbang Gabi	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 18	Legion of Mary Meeting Latin Mass Simbang Gabi	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 19	Latin Mass MD Choir Simbang Gabi	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri. Dec. 20	Latin Mass COSJ Choir Simbang Gabi	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



## CHILD FAITH FORMATION

We will be on Christmas break beginning Dec 17, all classes will resume on Jan 7. Safety Training lessons for all classes will be on Tuesday, Jan 7 during class time. If you have questions or would like to learn more about our Faith Formation programs, please contact Felisa Cepeda 650-583-4131 x2 or email [cff@mdssf.org](mailto:cff@mdssf.org)

**SACRAMENTAL CLASS REMINDERS:** First Communion classes (Level 2 and Sunday Older Communion class): Makeup Activity participating in the Children's Christmas Mass – Dec 24 at 4:00pm – This activity is for those students who did not attend the Jesus Story Day of Reflection. Please arrive no later than 4:00pm to get into costume and practice. **SAVE the DATE!** Saturday, Feb 22, 8:30 a.m. – 12noon – First Reconciliation Family Retreat. Parents and children are required to attend. Older Communion Sunday classes: There will be class on the following days – Jan 5, 12 and 26 – please meet in the Our Lady of Fatima room. Confirmation 1 classes: Makeup Service – Dec 24 at 3:45pm – This service is for those students who did not attend the Jesus Story Day of Reflection. Please arrive no later than 3:45pm for instructions. Confirmation 2 families: **SAVE THE DATE** – Thursday, Dec 17, 6:00pm – 8:30pm – Advent Service Project. We will sort the Sock drive collection and deliver them to the organizations. Parents and sponsors are invited to participate.



**SOCK IT to cold feet this winter!** NEW, men's white tube socks provide 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 until December 15th. Thank you for your generosity! This is an Advent Service Project organized by the 2020 Mater Dolorosa Confirmation 2 class.

### BABY GRAND PIANO PROJECT

We wish to acknowledge and thank our donors who have contributed towards the purchase of the piano for our Music Ministry. The cost of the piano is \$16,500.00 before tax. We thank:



**All those who contributed to Ning Carlos' birthday celebration! And.....**

*Jeffrey & Alice Abate  
Liberato & Carmelita Baculi  
Richard & Mercedes Barrientos  
Margaret Baxter  
Clifford & Cecila Cheng  
Dina Concepcion  
Tess Estrin  
Dr. Luciano  
Ms. Rory  
Wayne & Cathy Rosaia*

*To date we have received \$9,075.00.  
Donations are ongoing and being accepted as we reach our goal and are greatly appreciated!*

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  
9:30 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.  
Latin Mass 5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation  
January 1, 2020  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

**FORMED** THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK (Cycle A)**  
WATCH: Opening the Word for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Then answer these REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

**CHILDREN**  
Jesus does many good things for you. What are you doing to prepare for Jesus on His birthday?

**TEENS**  
John the Baptist warns us that if we identify with anything sinful, we are in need of repentance. How can you change your life and prepare the way of the Lord?

**ADULTS**  
Read Jesus' answer to John to look at what He is doing. Ask God to show you how Jesus' answer can make a difference in the way you think about Jesus. What has Jesus done in your life? Make a list of all the gifts that God has given you, beginning with life itself. Then, in prayer, say "thank you" for each gift on your list.

**Pick of the Week:**  
Enjoy a new experience! An audio drama: Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree  
Other Viewing/Listening Suggestions:  
Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn  
Teens: Ydisciple/Advent: Watch & Pray  
Children: Brother Francis: O Holy Night.  
Signup for your FREE subscription at [MDssf.org](http://MDssf.org).  
Contact: Diana Powell, if you need assistance. [iana@mdssf.org](mailto:iana@mdssf.org)



Celebrate Epiphany with the Three Kings: Bring a Gift for Baby Jesus  
Baby items will be collected on Jan 4 & 5. This collection will benefit The Gabriel Project. The Gabriel Project is a parish based organization sponsored by the Archdiocese of San Francisco which serves pregnant women and their unborn babies. To find out more about The Gabriel Project, please visit their website; <https://sfgabrielproject.wordpress.com/Be> on the look out for GIFT IDEAS!



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 beginning Dec 29 thru Jan 12. Donations will benefit the Catholic Worker Hospitality House Shelter in San Bruno and Samaritan House. The 2020 Confirmation class thanks you for your generosity.



Sign up to bring the birth of Jesus to life! We are in need of children and youth to bring to life these roles: MARY, JOSEPH, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, STAR, THREE WISE MEN AND MANGER ANIMALS (SHEEP, COWS & MULES).  
Dec. 24th – 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (children's Mass) – sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.



### THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Vincent de Paul invites you to take an ornament from the Giving Tree, found in the vestibule, and purchase Target gift cards for those in need. Please place the gift cards in the collection baskets during weekend Masses. Thank you for your continued generosity towards our brothers and sisters who need help this season.

