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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
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Deacon Alex Aragon
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Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
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
First Sunday:  Traditional Latin Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Daily:  8:00 a.m.
Holy Days:  8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 7:30 p.m.
First Fridays:  All day Adoration:
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Benediction:  7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation:  Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

♦ BAPTISM ♦
Parents are expected to be registered and practicing
Catholics witnessing to their faith by regular attendance at Mass. Parents should contact the rectory at least three
months prior to the desired date of 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 reception of 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 reception of the Sacrament. In most
cases, this sacrament is celebrated in Eighth Grade.

♦ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ♦
C.F.F.—Child Faith Formation. Programs nurturing
children’s growth and forming their baptismal faith from
Grade 1 to Grade 9. Classes are on Tuesday afternoons
and evenings beginning in September.

SECOND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: Cliff Chase, Patrick & Kathleen Dunleavy, Dawn Hassinger, Dorothy Lake, Olga Montoya, Helen Minotti, Jack Pacheco, and Marlo Taguas.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM, and those who care for them.

The Theme of the Liturgy:
Prepare the way of the Lord.

First Reading: Baruch 51:9
Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ.

John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Day       Time       Mass Intentions
For the coming week: Dec. 6th—Dec. 12th

SUN 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Paul Domeniconi (D) Paul & Yoli Caballero (D) People of the Parish BC BC MP
MON 8:00 a.m. Ada Roman (D) BC
TUES 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Joseph Flores (D) Concepcion Tan (D) The Youth of our Parish Clara Lucchesi (D) BC BC BC BC MP
WED 8:00 a.m. John McGuire (D) BC
THUR 10:00 a.m. Paul Domeniconi (D) BC
FRI 8:00 a.m. Ada Roman (D) BC
SAT 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Mike Callero (D) Victorino Rodriguez (D) BC MP

Tickets On Sale Now in the Rectory Office for...
A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER
Presented by: The Mater Dolorosa Hallelujah Chorale & Cherubim

Friday, December 11, 2009
Saturday, December 12, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Tickets—$10.00 in Advance
15.00 at the Door
UPCOMING EVENTS at MATER DOLOROSA

Tuesday, December 8th:
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Mass times: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 10:
Staff/Volunteer Christmas Thank-you Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, December 11th & 12th:
Annual Christmas Concert with the Alleluia Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 14:
Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Veronica’s Church at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15 to Wednesday, December 23rd:
Simbang Gabi Mass Every Evening at 7:00 p.m. (except December 19th, the time will be 5:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 19:
Youth Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24:
Caroling Begins at 4:30 with Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Caroling Begins at 9:30 with Mass at 10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25:
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 Noon

Thursday, December 31:
Pot Luck Gathering at 10:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 12:15 a.m.

Friday, January 1:
Masses at 12:15 a.m., 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

Dear Friends,
I found the following Advent Prayer in a book and would like to share it with you. Maybe you could make this prayer your prayer during the upcoming week.

Happy Advent!
Father Brian

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people’s hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear His words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

HELPING HANDS at MATER DOLOROSA

Our Helping Hands Fund, which is taken up once a month as a second collection, is generally used for our parishioners who have a funeral, wedding, or a baptism here at Mater Dolorosa. During this holiday season, we would like to offer help to any of our parishioners who may need it with groceries, paying for a prescription, transportation for a doctor visit, or any special need that may come up for those who find it difficult to make ends meet this month or next. Please contact Father Brian or Fran at the Rectory Office if you are a Mater Dolorosa parishioner and are in need of a little “helping hand” this season.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Immaculate Conception is on Tuesday, December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

SIMBANG GABI at MATER DOLOROSA

Have you read or heard the Old Testament and Gospel readings leading to the story of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ? By attending the “Advent Evening Masses” (Simbang Gabi) for 9 days, you will hear these Bible stories and Christmas Carols. The spiritual significance of the Incarnation will remind us the real reason for the season. The Masses will be from December 15th through the 23rd at 7:00 p.m. (except December 19th, the time will be 5:00 p.m.)

Our theme is from Ephesians 4:4-6: One body and one Spirit, as you were called to the one hope of your call: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

For more information, please contact Deacon Alex Aragon at Deaconalex@comcast.net.

The Giving Tree
Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 23rd. 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!