MATER DOLOROSA
CHURCH
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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
Rev. Msgr.  C. Michael Padazinski, J.C.D., In Residence
Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant
Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Rachael Smit, Director of Religious Education
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 5:30 p.m.
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.
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.

♦ 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.

♦ 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.

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 THEME OF THE LITURGY:
He will save his people from their sins.

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14
You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1–7
God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18–24
The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us.”

HELPING HANDS

Our Helping Hands Fund at Mater Dolorosa serves many purposes. During the Christmas season, we try to assist those families who find that they need a little help making ends meet. If you know of anyone who is in need of a grocery card, or help with a heating bill, please contact the Rectory Office. Last year we provided Safeway gift cards to two families and distributed them to the homeless.

Your suggestions are most welcome.

Prayer
Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially: Cliff Chase, Cathy Duran, Sam Lake, Helen Minotti, Dorothy Pruett, Lelia Rubina de Torres, and Barbara Wiggs.

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community.
May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR ALTAR

You may drop off poinsettias for the altar at the rectory office, or use the contribution envelopes that can be found in the vestibule and the pews, to grace our altar during the Christmas season.

Thank you.

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SIMBANG GABI AT MATER DOLOROSA

Simbang Gabi will take place at Mater Dolorosa through December 23rd. Please join us for Mass on these nights and the fellowship that follows, to prepare for the coming of our Lord!

All are welcome!
Dear Friends,

Christmas is in the air. May our Christmas activities lead us to joyfully celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives and constantly manifest it in our loving care and service to one another.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

Father Roland

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**50th Anniversary News:**
As a part of our 50th Anniversary we are going to create a pictorial directory of our church family. This directory will be free to our parishioners who participate, and will help us connect names with faces. We would like everyone to be included! Once you have your picture taken by a professional, you will select a pose for the directory and you will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 photograph. You will also have the opportunity to order extra photos of yourself and your family. You may dress formally or casually. In January, there will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for you and your family to choose an appointment time that is convenient to you. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment time to fit your schedule. All photography will be done here in our parish hall. Let’s all make the most of this opportunity to have our portraits taken at a convenient location and be a part of the Mater Dolorosa Pictorial Directory for 2001!

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**“MINI” CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
**CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24TH AT 9:00 P.M.**

Everyone is invited to a free mini-concert of Christmas favorites to be presented by the Mater Dolorosa Ministry at 9:00 p.m., Friday, December 24th as a prelude to the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass. The program will include a select assortment of classical and popular songs of the season, featuring choral, solo, ensemble and instrumental pieces to be performed by the Hallelujah Chorale and Children’s Choir, with musical direction by Mrs. Angie Pasamba. Come, listen, sing and celebrate with us at this youthful climax to our preparation for the birth of our Lord!

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**MATER DOLOROSA’S GIVING TREE**
Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 24th. 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!*

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**MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE**

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<td>Second Harvest Christmas Luncheon</td>
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**CHILD FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

There are no classes on Dec. 21st and Dec. 28th. Classes will resume on January 4, 2011. For grades 4 and above please take the on-line safety training at [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org) and submit the certificate of completion to the CFF office after the Christmas break. Attention Confirmation 2 Families: Confirmation 2 students have a required service hour activity on Dec. 21st. The 1st confirmation 2 prep. session with parents and students will be held on January 8th at 3:00 p.m. with the presentation at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

*Question of the Week: What can you learn from how Joseph made choices about making choices in your life?*