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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant
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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 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
**Sunday's Collection for November 20, 2011**

First Collection $ 4,132.00  
Parish Improvement $ 1,452.00  

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our **Helping Hands Fund**.  
Our Second Collection next Sunday is for **Retirement Fund for Religious**.  

*Thank you for your generosity and your continued support!*

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**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Thursday, December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 8:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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**GOD'S DELAY**

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, “Where is God? Why hasn’t your Lord come to save you now?” And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today’s second reading: the “delay” of the Lord’s second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God’s patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a “straight highway” for them across the desert. We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God’s Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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

*May they and their families know the healing touch of our Divine Healer, our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

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**DAY** | **TIME** | **MASS INTENTIONS** | **PRIEST**  
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SUN | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. | Adora Cion Bercenas (D) People of the Parish Celerina Pangilinan (D) | AQ RD GF  
MON | 8:00 a.m. | Chris Gruner (D) | RD  
TUE | 8:00 a.m. | Don Rapues (L) | AQ  
WED | 8:00 a.m. | Justa Villegas Meer (D) | RD  
THU | 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Adele Diaz (D) Priest’s Intention Yoshio Fuse (D) | AQ RD VP  
FRI | 8:00 a.m. | Nemesio DeGrano (D) | RD  
SAT | 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | Evelyn Gruner (D) Luz & Julia Iturralde (D) | AQ VP  

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

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| Dec. 4 | Knights of Columbus Mtg.  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
Youth Group Mtg. | 9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. | AQ RD GF  

| Dec. 5 | RCIA | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 6 | Second Harvest Brown Bag  
Kids Now Program  
CFF Classes  
Choir Rehearsal | 9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
3:45 & 6:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 7 | Legion of Mary  
Choir Rehearsal | 8:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 8 | Immaculate Conception  
Masses | 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | CHRISTMAS CONCERT | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 10 | CHRISTMAS CONCERT | 7:30 p.m. |
SIMBANG GABI
To heighten our spiritual preparation for Christmas, the Mater Dolorosa Simbang Gabi Committee invites you to a nine-day Christmas Novena of Masses. It will be from Dec. 15th to Dec. 23rd nightly at 7:00 p.m., except for Saturday, Dec. 17th which will be at 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served after each Mass until Dec. 22nd. There will be a potluck celebration on Dec. 23rd. There will also be “Pictures with Santa” on Saturday, Dec. 17th. If you want to sponsor a Mass, volunteer, or provide something for the refreshments, please email mdsimbanggabi@gmail.com or contact the Rectory Office.

Annual Christmas Volunteer Dinner
Our annual Volunteer Christmas Dinner will be held in our Parish Hall on Monday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. If you have acted as a volunteer or served our parish in any way this past year, please join us! We are asking all our guests to RSVP to the Rectory Office by Wednesday, December 7th, by calling Fran at 650-583-4131.

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 up 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!

MATER DOLOROSA’S MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS . . . . . “In Dulci Jubilo”
The Mater Dolorosa Music Ministry will present “In Dulci Jubilo” (Sweet Sounds of Rejoicing), a choral concert to cap our parish anniversary celebration and usher in the Christmas season on December 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m. Join us in relishing the beautiful sounds of musical theater favorites as well as beloved carols about the holy Babe, our biggest and best reason for jubilation! Tickets are available following all of the Masses and are also available in the Rectory Office. The price is $15.00 per person in advance, or $20.00 per person at the door.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!
Our Mater Dolorosa Pictorial Directories are now available in the Rectory Office. If you participated in the project by having your portrait taken, or if you submitted make-up photos, you will receive a complimentary copy. If you would like to purchase one as a keepsake they are available for sale (one per family, please) for $15.00 each. Please visit the Rectory Office for your copy.

FORWARD in FAITH
The Archdiocese of San Francisco has designed a program, Forward in Faith, as an educational program designed to reach adult Catholics with a wide-ranging, high quality exploration of our Catholic faith that will touch all levels of the human person—mind, heart and spirit. The first semester of this program will begin during the week of January 17, 2012 and will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The first ten weeks will focus on Christ in Scripture and the identity of the Church. The second semester will run from September until December and will focus on the sacramental life of the Church and the Christian moral life. In designing this course, the task force was able to forge a partnership with Boston College, which has access to many of the finest theologians and catechists in the country. Boston College has made available to us their online library of presentations, from which they have constructed the curriculum. Each weekly session will consist of a forty minute presentation downloaded from Boston College, followed by facilitated small group discussions revolving around the theme of the night. This course is offered at multiple parishes throughout the Archdiocese, and because Mater Dolorosa is one of those locations, it is free to our parishioners. Please fill out a registration form, which are available in the vestibule, and mail it to the Archdiocese of San Francisco at the address provided. Remember, this is offered free to Mater Dolorosa parishioners, so do not send any money. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to take full advantage of this program, to deepen your knowledge of your faith.