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Pastoral Staff
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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
The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas

December 25, 2011

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 transcendant 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.

LATIN MASS to END AT MATER DOLOROSA

The Latin Mass which took place the first Sunday of every month will be ending in 2012. According to the Archdiocese of San Francisco, our last Latin Mass will be Sunday, January 1st at 5:30 p.m. We regret any disappointment this

MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

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Dec. 25 | Christmas Masses | 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. |
Dec. 26 | RCIA Rectory Office Closed | 7:00 p.m. |
Dec. 27 | Second Harvest Brown Bag Kids Now Program Rectory Office Closed | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. |
Dec. 28 | Legion of Mary Meeting Rectory Office Closed | 8:30 a.m. |
Dec. 29 | Rectory Office Closed |
Dec. 30 | COSJ Choir Practice Choir Practice Rectory Office Closed | 2:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |
Dec. 31 | Midnight Mass | 10:00 p.m. |

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.

Our Collection this Sunday is for our CHRISTMAS Collection. Our Second Collection next Sunday is for The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support!

Our Rectory Office will be closed until January 2, 2012. If you need to speak to a priest, please call Father Roland who will be available during this time.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED for the HOLIDAYS

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

There are no classes on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10th.

Multiple Mass Intentions in 2012

Beginning this month, January 2012, we will be implementing accepting multiple Mass intentions for every Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m. Due to the frequency with which multiple requests have been made for the same day, this Mass will accommodate some of you who would like to offer Mass Intentions on a certain day but can’t do so because of previously requested intentions. Traditionally we only accept one intention per Mass. But people often ask why do other Churches accept multiple intentions in one Mass? According to Canon Law: “Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been accepted” (Canon 948). In 1991, the Congregation for Clergy at the Vatican decreed that: “1. In cases in which the people making the offering have been previously explicitly informed and have freely consented to combining their offering in a single offering, their intentions can be satisfied with a single Mass celebrated according to a ‘collective’ intention. 2. In this case it is necessary that the place and the time for the celebration of this Mass, which is not to be said more than once a week, be made public.” Because the merits of each Mass are infinite, the grace received by each person intended in a “collective” Mass is the same as if that person was the sole intention. Please visit the Rectory Office to make your intentions for a Mass. If the date of the Mass you request is already reserved, you will have the option of selecting the closest Saturday Mass to the date you requested.

MATER DOLOROSA LADIES CLUB

Thursday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m.

With the new year, we will be electing new officers, setting up our events and social activities and planning for our yearly rummage sale. Please consider attending this important meeting if you would like to join the Mater Dolorosa Ladies club in 2012. We have a lot of fun while serving our church. We hope to plan a few dinners out, a spa day, a shopping day, and much more. We hope to see you in the new year!

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!

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Our Mater Dolorosa Pictorial Directories are now available in the Rectory Office after January 2nd. 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS