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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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
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.
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
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
December 16, 2012

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Isaiah (Psalm) 12:6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

**REJOICE!**

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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**COLLECTIONS**

Collection for December 9, 2012

- First Collection: $4,724.00
- Immaculate Con.: $1,078.00
- Religious Retirement: $2,958.00

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund. Next Sunday, December 23rd, there will be NO SECOND COLLECTION.

Thank you for your donations towards the continued support of your church!

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**Christmas 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!

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


Please pray that they find comfort and healing in Christ.

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

**DAY** | **TIME** | **MASS INTENTIONS:**
|---|---|---|
| **MON** | 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. | Bernadette Johnson (D)  
Fernando & Zonia Fasquelle (L) | RD  
AQ |
| **TUE** | 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. | Tony & Cely Castro (L)  
Knights of Columbus | RD  
AZ |
| **WED** | 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. | Alfredo Berriatua (D)  
Avendano & LeBeau Families (L) | AQ  
AC |
| **THU** | 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. | Loreto & Josefin Senoran (D)  
Roque, Smit, Tan, Zapanta & Cruz Family Intentions | AQ  
BC |
| **FRI** | 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. | Marianne Almajose (L)  
Legion of Mary | RD  
JW |
| **SAT** | 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. | Barbara Delahoussaye-Beyer (D)  
Evangelista, Pomposo, Villaluna and Del Rosario Family Intentions | VP  
RD  
AQ  
RD |
| **SUN** | 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. | Pearl Valencia (D)  
Bernadette Johnson (D)  
People of the Parish  
Rey & Linda Santos & Family (L) | VP  
RD  
AQ  
RD |

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

**MON., Dec. 17**  Simbang Gabi Mass  7:00 p.m.

**TUES., Dec. 18**  Second Harvest Brown Bag Simbang Gabi Mass  9:00 a.m.  7:00 p.m.

**WED., Dec. 19**  Legion of Mary  Simbang Gabi Mass  8:30 a.m.  7:00 p.m.

**THUR., Dec. 20**  Simbang Gabi Mass  7:00 p.m.

**FRI., Dec. 21**  COSJ Practice  Simbang Gabi Mass  2:30 p.m.  7:00 p.m.

**SAT., Dec. 22**  Simbang Gabi Mass  5:00 p.m.

**SUN., Dec. 23**  Knights of Columbus Mtg.  Hospitality Hosted by:  The Knights of Columbus  Youth Group  Simbang Gabi Mass  Pot Luck Dinner  9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.  11:30 a.m.  7:00 p.m.  8:00 p.m.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

The Children’s Faith Formation program is now on Christmas break. The classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8th. The First Communion families will meet on Jan. 6th, at 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Confirmation II class room, and older communion students will have their sacrament preparation class at the same time.

Thank you to all who helped in the CFF Advent celebration. Thank you Simbang Gabi committee for sponsoring Santa Claus.

Questions of the Week:

Lower Level (4-6)
What should we do as Christians with our extra coats, food, and wealth?

Higher Level (7 and above)
What does the Gospel tell us about how to treat one another as we prepare for Christmas?
How can people with two coats and lots of food turn toward God?

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT MATER DOLOROSA

Simbang Gabi Masses
Through December 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
(Except December 22nd Mass is at 5:00 p.m.)
December 23rd - Pot Luck Dinner

Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve, December 24th
5:00 p.m. - Annual Children’s Pageant
9:15 p.m. Christmas Caroling (Hallelujah Chorale)
10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day, December 25th
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 Noon

New Year’s Eve, December 31st
10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)

New Year’s Day, January 1st
New Year’s Day is a Holy Day of Obligation
The Solemnity Mary, Mother of God
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

POINSETTIAS FOR OUR ALTAR

All donations of poinsettias for our altar would be a welcome addition to our Christmas décor. You may bring them to the Rectory Office or place them at the altar before December 24th. Thank you!

12-DAY MARIAN SHRINE PILGRIMAGE

Portugal, France, Spain, (with Montserrat), and Rome
May 4—16, 2013
Spiritual Director: Rev. Fr. Angel Quitalig, J.C.L.
Tour Cost: $1999.00 per person based on double occupancy, plus $1500.00 airfare (transatlantic & Barcelona-Rome), taxes & transfers.
(Taxes subject to change.) Extended Deadline!
For more information please contact:
Tour Coordinator: Estela Nolasco at 650-867-1422.

Knights of Columbus
Mater Dolorosa Council 14818
Invites you to our
ANNUAL CRAB FEED
MATER DOLOROSA PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Prime Rib instead for those who prefer it.
Meal includes Caesar’s Salad, Garlic Bread, Garlic Noodle/Rice, Sorbet and Coffee/Tea
$40 per person. To reserve, simply call any of the following: Mario Fernandez (415) 816-1653, Nenar Nicolas (650) 218-8175, Edd Palomar (650) 255-0955, or Bradley Roxas (415) 517-9518.
Kindly make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. You may mail them to 14 Ida Dr., SSF, CA 94080. Be sure to specify the number of crab or prime rib meals in your party.

Walk for Life West Coast
Plans for Walk for Life West Coast are in full swing! Pro-lifers on the west coast are energized and making plans for this year’s 9th Annual Walk for Life West Coast on January 26, 2013, which will begin at 12:30 PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza.
They expect to produce a bigger, more dynamic, grassroots Walk for Life West Coast that will demonstrate a growing trend: America is becoming more pro-life. More details and the most up-to-date information about the walk, including bus reservations, is available at: www.walkforlifewc.com.

Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club
The Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club welcomes new members for 2013.
This small but mighty group of women have several successful fund-raisers a year with the proceeds going towards improvements for our parish. We also have dinners out, a cookie exchange, and we choose one or two charitable organizations to support every year. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Please consider serving your church while enjoying great friendships. It’s not much work, and we have a lot of fun (we are planning a “spa day” in the spring.) Please contact Fran Lidwell at the Rectory Office for more information at 650-583-4131.