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1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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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
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.

[Registration form]

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

December 23, 2012
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 23, 2012

Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80;
Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord’s words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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: Trude Buntger, Lucy Delahoussaye, Rosie Fanese, Donato Gomez, Luz Gopez, Lois Heim, Eugenio Macadangdang, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Eileen McHugh, Helen Minotti, John P. Paat, Sr., Dorothy Pruett, Andrew Seul, Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson and Luis Torres.

Please pray that they find comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Collections

Due to our publisher’s holiday schedule, our collection totals will be published in a future bulletin.

NO SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY.

Our Second Collection next Sunday is for St. Vincent de Paul.

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

Your weekly donations are greatly appreciated.

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

We are on Christmas break in the Children’s Faith Formation. The office will be closed until Jan. 1st. The classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8th.

The First Communion families will meet on Jan. 6th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Confirmation II classroom and older communion students will have their sacrament preparation class at the same time.

There will be Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 10:00 a.m. Mass too.

On January 5-6, 2013, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the parish community is invited to bring to the Sunday Liturgy gifts of undergarments, gently used jackets and other warm wear for men and women. Like the Wise Ones who visited the Lord, we offer these gifts as a sign of love to people in our community who are in need. We care for God’s people by giving warmth, prayer and hope. Our donations will be sorted and bagged by the Confirmation students and taken to local non-profit organization for distribution to our neighbors in need.

Questions of the Week:

Lower Level (4-6)
What are some things you have done this Advent to prepare you for Christmas? Why does Mary visit Elizabeth?

Higher Level (7 and above)
Who do you rush to see when you have good news to share? How is Mary a model for believing in Jesus?

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!

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, December 24th
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass with Annual Children’s Pageant
9:15 p.m. Christmas Caroling (Hallelujah Chorale)
10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day, December 25th
Mass Times: 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
Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

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! Please contact Fran Lidwell at the Rectory Office for more information.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013
in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.

If you have worked as a volunteer in 2012 for our parish community, in a ministry, members of our choir, those who helped with the Christmas Concert, serving as a catechist, helping out with functions in the parish hall, liturgical services, our Altar Society, our Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, the Women’s Club, Knights of Columbus, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Legion of Mary, Youth Group, all those who clean the church, and all those who serve . . . you know who you are! We hope all will attend this appreciation dinner. Please call the Rectory Office at (650) 583-4131 before January 18th to make your reservation.

Walk for Life

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 p.m. 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. Mater Dolorosa’s Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners to join them at the South San Francisco BART station on Old Mission Road on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. to proceed to Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. Please contact James Rivera at (540) 992-6718. More details and the most up-to-date information about the walk, is available at: www.walkforlifewc.com.