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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Angel Quitalig, J.C.L., 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
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
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 6, 2013

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

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COLLECTIONS

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

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Religious Education Programs. Our Second Collection next Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund.

Thank you for your donations towards the continued support of your church!
Your weekly donations are greatly appreciated.

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

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

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

The Children’s Faith Formation classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8th.

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, the parish community is invited to bring to the Sunday Liturgy gifts of undergarments, toiletries, socks, gently used jackets and other warm wear for men and women. Please place them in the barrel in the vestibule. 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. You may still bring the gifts until next weekend, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our donations will be sorted and bagged by the Confirmation students and then taken to a local non-profit organization for distribution to our neighbors in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Question of the Week:
Lower Level (4-6)
What happens at baptism?

Higher Level (7 and above)
What makes belonging to the Christian community important to you? How does John the Baptist help Jesus begin his work?

ROSARY for PRIESTS
Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Please join us to pray for our beloved priests.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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2013 CATHOLIC CALENDAR

You are welcome to pick up a 2013 Catholic Calendar for Mater Dolorosa Church, located in the vestibule. The calendar features information about our staff, Mass times, and contact information, along with Saint’s days, feast days, and Holy Days of Obligation. One per family, please.