**MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH**  
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**PASTORAL STAFF**  
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. John R. Pernia, In Residence  
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. & Eucharistic Adoration 6:00—7:00 p.m.  
Healing Mass at 7:00 p.m.  
Reconciliation:  Saturday 4:15—4:45 p.m.  
*First and Third Sunday of the Month: Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

**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.

**MARRIAGE**  
Please contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to allow time for Marriage Preparation.

**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.

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**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 15, 2013
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2013

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

PROMISE FULFILLED

Today’s readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God’s presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptist asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance.

The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.

THANK YOU FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Genevieve Elizondo, the Archdiocesan Director, thanks the parishioners of Mater Dolorosa in a December 4, 2013 letter which states, “Your parish community joined with Catholics throughout the world to support missionaries who ‘do good on earth’. Ms. Elizondo thanked us for our donation of $2,179.50, for the poor and marginalized.

COLLECTIONS

Weekly Offering

For December 8, 2013

First Collection $ 5,042.50
Retirement Religious $ 1,954.50

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for our Parish Improvement Fund.
Our Second Collection for next Sunday is for our Helping Hands Fund.

Thank you for your generous 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:
Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Trude Buntger, Jacinto Cabillo, Emeliana P. Carigaga Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Rosie Fanese, Luz Gomez, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Mary Anne C. Padilla, Manuel P. Paat, Dorothy Prueett, Eleonora Rivera, Wayne Rosaia, Maria Luisa Sarra, Susan Thomas, Luis Torres and Tony Yee.

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

MATER DOLOROSA’S UPCOMING WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

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<td>SAT. Dec. 21</td>
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<td>Arcadio &amp; Mary Nunez (D) Joseph &amp; Sonia Nunez (L)</td>
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<td>SUN Dec. 22</td>
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<td>Knights of Columbus Meeting</td>
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Daycare and Family Presidium

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Thank you to the CFF families for their donation of infant gifts to Gabriel Project of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The gifts will be given to pregnant mothers in need, regardless of age or phase of development in the pregnancy, whether they are rich or poor, married or not. The hospice patients of MC Gift of Love Home in Pacifica were very grateful for the joy and cheer brought by our Confirmation II students and some parents by singing Christmas Carols last Friday, Dec. 13th. Thank you to all who participated.

There will be Children's Liturgy of the Word on Jan. 5 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All children from kindergarten to grade 4 are invited! Older children must stay in the church with their families during the Mass.

The CFF classes are on Christmas break. Regular classes will resume on January 7th. Please have the students complete the on-line training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org for the applicable grade level and submit the certificate of completion.

Question of the Week:
Lower Level:
What signs that Christmas is coming do you see in your neighborhood?

Higher Level:
What signs in Jesus’ ministry show us who he is?

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES HELPS VICTIMS OF HURRICAN HAIYAN REBUILD

You can help families rebuild through Catholic Relief Services.

PRAY: Please pray for the people affected by the floods.

GIVE: Donate to help the victims by calling 877-Help-CRS (877-435-7277) or mail donations to: CRS, Attn: Typhoon Haiyan, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303.

STAY INFORMED: Current information can be found at crs.org/typhoon-haiyan or newswire.crs.org.

Mater Dolorosa parishioners have collected and remitted to the Archdiocese Office of Development a total of $9,905.00 in monetary donations for aid to the victims. Please remember that this disaster might be out of the daily news, but the need is still urgent for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.