MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH
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1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

♦ 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.

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., SFR, 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 22, 2013
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2013

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

EMMANUEL

To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that entity. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one’s mission, even one’s very being.

The amazing name “Emmanuel” was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connotate distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means “God is with us.” God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.

We mourn the loss of our parishioner, Teofilo Bagain, who passed from this life to eternal life on December 8th. We keep his wife, Erlinda and the entire family in our prayers during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

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

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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. 5th. Regular Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7th. Students should complete the on-line training in www.shieldthevulnerable.org for the applicable grade level and submit the certificate of completion when they return to classes. The First Communion families will meet on Jan. 5th, 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 the 10:00 a.m. Mass too.

On January 4-5, 2014, 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. 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. Collection of these items will start on the Dec. 28th week-end.

Question of the Week:

Lower Level:
What does the angel tell Joseph?
What makes Joseph ready to believe the angel?

Higher Level:
What ideal qualities of a husband and father does Joseph embody? How is Jesus Emmanuel?

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Once again, we thank the Mantegani family for donating and decorating the beautiful Christmas tree that graces our church with its beauty. Yearly, our Christmas tree makes our spirits bright! Thank you, Bob, Liz and sons for your donation.

ATTENTION: MATER DOLOROSA MINISTRIES

Please contact the Rectory Office for any on-going or new 2014 events that will be taking place in our parish. In order for our scheduling to be free from conflict, we ask that you let Fran know as soon as possible any event, meeting or social occasion you would like booked and reserved.
Thank you!

MATER DOLOROSA’S CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Simbang Gabi Masses
December 22nd & 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
December 23rd - Pot Luck Dinner

Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve, December 24th
5:00 p.m. - Annual Children’s Pageant
9:30 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
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass times: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

THE GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 25th. We would like you to purchase Target gift cards, rather than gifts, for the needy families in our parish community. Please pick up 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 ongoing generosity and support!