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December 14, 2014

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Romeo Cruz, Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, 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.
Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form: Monday through
Friday 12:00 Noon. Sunday at 5:00 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 sacra-
ment is celebrated in Ninth Grade.

♦ MARRIAGE ♦
Please contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months prior to your wed-
ding 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., 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 14, 2014


MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today’s four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God’s reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is “sent.” Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord’s way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God’s favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

Mater Dolorosa’s Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

| Mon. Dec. 15 | Latin Mass | 12:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues. Dec. 16 | Second Harvest | 9:00 a.m. | Kids Now Program | 10:00 a.m. | Second Harvest Luncheon | 11:30 a.m. | Latin Mass | 12:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. Dec. 17 | Legion of Mary | 8:30 a.m. | Latin Mass | 12:00 p.m. | Latin Mass Choir Practice | 6:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thu. Dec. 18 | Latin Mass | 12:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri. Dec. 19 | Latin Mass | 12:00 p.m. | COSJ Choir Practice | 4:00 p.m. | Choir Practice | 7:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. Dec. 20 | Youth Mass | 5:00 p.m. | Legion of Mary | 7:00 p.m. | Family Presidium | 7:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun. Dec. 21 | Children’s Liturgy of the Word | 10:00 a.m. | Hospitality:Legion of Mary | 11:00 a.m. | Latin Mass | 5:00 p.m. | Simbang Gabi | 7:00 p.m. |

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

Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Trude Buniger, Larry Casey, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Joe Dueñas, Luz Gopez, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Dorothy Pruitt, Maria Luisa Sarra, Gladys & Luis Torres, Ernie Ventura and Tony Yee.

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

Please say a prayer for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

You are welcome to call the Rectory Office to add a name to be included in our prayers for the sick.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes are on Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 6, 2015. Students who are in the 4th grade or older and have NOT completed the on-line Shield the Vulnerable training will be required to attend the following session on Dec 16 at 5pm for grades 7th, 8th and high school. This session will be held in the school classroom. Questions? Please call or email the CFF office. Our next gathering for Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be Sunday, December 21st, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Confirmation 2 class only: Reminder, December 20th – Feed, Fun, Reflect day 9am-7pm. Waivers are due by Dec 16th. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

Questions of the Week:

Today’s gospel reading is about the importance of giving witness. The role of John the Baptist was to testify to the light that is Christ. John the Baptist said he was not the Messiah. His baptism and his preaching were to prepare for the Messiah, one far greater than John.

Levels 1-6: How does John the Baptist help us get ready for Jesus’ coming at Christmas?

Level 7 & Confirmation classes: How are you preparing to celebrate Jesus’ coming this Christmas as the Messiah?

What kindness can you give to others this week to show that you are ready?

CHRISTMAS AT MATER DOLOROSA

Simbang Gabi Masses
December 15th through December 23rd - 7:00 p.m.
(Pot Luck Dinner follows December 23rd Mass)

CHRISTMAS MASSES
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Christmas Eve Masses, December 24th
5:00 p.m. (with Children’s Pageant)
9:15 p.m. The Hallelujah Chorale with The Cherubim will perform Christmas Caroling
10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass
Christmas Day Masses
December 25th - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 p.m.

New Year’s Eve Mass
December 31st - 10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)
New Year’s Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 a.m., "12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

*ERRATUM: The January 1st Mass times have been corrected.

The Mass times listed are now correct. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BINGO LUNCHEON

This year’s Christmas Bingo Luncheon was a lot of fun thanks to all those who worked so hard planning, decorating, serving, shopping, setting up and cleaning up. We particularly thank Cathy Rosaia and her team of volunteer helpers and prize coordinators, Brian Dunleavy and Ed Teakle for calling the numbers, the bartenders, the MD Ladies Club, and the CFF/Youth Group and their coordinators. We all enjoyed the lunch, the prizes and the Bingo! Thank you everyone who volunteered to make the day a very special annual event at Mater Dolorosa.

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!

Scrip is Fundraising while you Shop!
We would like to remind you to support our ongoing Scrip Gift Card Fundraising Program especially now that the holidays are just around the corner, by purchasing gift cards from our Parish, Mater Dolorosa. They are the same gift cards that you buy at the stores. Please note that Dec. 15 will be the last day we will process orders. The beauty of this program is that our Parish automatically and immediately earns money when you purchase gift cards from our Scrip Program. We have over 300 retailers! You can pick up the order forms in the vestibule and simply fill them up and drop them in the collection basket during offertory. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers!

SIMBANG GABI at MATER DOLOROSA

The Mater Dolorosa Simbang Gabi Committee invites you to heighten our community’s collective spiritual preparation for Christmas by participating actively in the 9-day novena of Masses to be held from Monday, Dec. 15th to Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

As a gift to the parish community, the Hallelujah Chorale and The Cherubim (the Children’s Choir) will perform Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th at 9:15 p.m. Our “Midnight Mass” will follow at 10:00 p.m.

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