 december 20, 2015

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
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:
3:30 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 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., ssf, ca 94080-1446. to complete the registration, we will mail you a registration form to fill out and return. thank you.

name_______________________________________ phone_______________________
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
December 20, 2015

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

A NEW ORDER
“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today’s first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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

Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Marilyn Bugler, Trude Bunting, Larry Casey, Shirley Cotton, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Kevin Dresser, Joe Dueñas, George Garibaldi, Luz Gomez, Gary Andrew Lacanilao, Jo Jo Lopiccolo, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Nellie Metzger, Eileen McHugh, Adelina Ong, John Paat, Sr., Mary Anne Padilla, Dorothy Pruett, Florentina Quitugua, Maria Luisa Sarra, and Gladys & Luis Torres.

We pray that they find peace, comfort and healing in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer. Please pray for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

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CHILD FAITH FORMATION

CFF classes are on Christmas break until January 5, 2016. **SACRAMENTAL CLASSES:** First Communion class: Parent Meeting – Jan. 10 – 11:00am-12:00noon – Reconciliation preparation discussion. **Confirmation 1 class:** Advent reflections due Jan 5. **Confirmation 2 class:** No January 1st Sunday class. Questions? Please call the CFF office. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

**Questions of the Week:**

Many artists have painted this moving scene described by Luke in today's gospel. Mary has made a difficult journey through the hill country to be with her relative Elizabeth, who is several months pregnant. The young woman, bearing in her body the Savior, and the older woman, carrying John the Baptist, embrace each other with tears and laughter.

Mary went to help Elizabeth. Mary then had a happy and joyful experience and was blessed by her cousin. Think of a time when you helped someone. How were you blessed?

HELP CHILDREN LOVE the MASS

Are your children having trouble being “present” for the entire Mass? Here are a few suggestions to help them find their place at Mass: **Say “hello” to the priest as you leave.** It will be more interesting to watch when they see their friend, “Fr. Roland,” on the altar. **Recap.** As you leave, talk about what went on during Mass. Sing the song they liked best from Mass, restate the homily in simple terms, and challenge them to do one thing that week in response. **Praise.** Be sure to compliment good behavior so they will see Mass as a positive experience. What also makes the Church a refuge from anger and negativity. **Stay vigilant.** Watch them carefully during Mass and look at it as a learning experience. They’re learning manners and you’re learning patience. Jesus will understand if this takes away some of your attention from him. The end result will please him.

SIGN UP TO BRING THE BIRTH OF JESUS TO LIFE!

We are in need of children and youth to bring to life these roles: MARY, JOSEPH, ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, STAR, THREE WISE MEN, AND MANGER ANIMALS (SHEEP, COWS, & MULES). **Dec. 24th – 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass** (children’s Mass) – sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the Church. **FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL** Felisa Cepeda 650-588-8175.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

**SAVE THE DATE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016** - 6:00 p.m.

If you have been a volunteer at Mater Dolorosa in 2015, join us for an appreciation dinner! Please make a reservation to let us know you plan to attend. You may make your reservation by calling the Rectory Office at 650-583-4131.

COAT DRIVE

At Mater Dolorosa

Warm someone’s heart this winter. Donate NEW or gently used men’s, ladies, or children’s coats. Collection barrels can be found in the vestibule of the church or in the school lobby beginning Jan 3 thru Jan 17. Donations will benefit the Catholic Worker Hospitality House Shelter in San Bruno and St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Help Center on Grand Ave.

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up in the vestibule of the church through December 25th. As you have done in the past, 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 join in praying the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows at 6:20 p.m. every evening before the Simbang Gabi Mass, until December 23rd. Thank you.

CFF office. Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

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