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♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
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♦ 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 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_______________________
Address_________________________________ City___________________Zip_________

□ New Parishioner □ New Address □ New Phone Number □ Moving/Remove Name
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84;

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today’s readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn’t find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel’s account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, “But they did not understand what he said to them” (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
As we continue to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope for the revelation of the glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

**CHILD FAITH FORMATION**

As a reminder, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please attend Mass on this day with your family. It is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. On this day, we celebrate Mary’s motherhood of Jesus and are reminded of the role that she played in the plan of our salvation. The title “Mother of God” is translated from the Greek word Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”. CFF classes will resume Tuesday, 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 3rd Sunday class. Questions? Please call the CFF office.

**Questions of the Week:**

Can you identify with Jesus in this wonderful story from Luke’s Gospel? He and his parents have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence. When Jesus’ parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place.

**What do we learn about Jesus in this story? How can you put God first in your life? Jesus understood his relationship with God. It enabled him to grow "in wisdom and age and grace." How do you think following Jesus’ advice will help you in your family life?**

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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

- **New Year’s Eve Mass**
  December 31st - 10:00 p.m. (Midnight Mass)

- **New Year’s Day Masses**
  **Holy Day of Obligation**
  January 1st - 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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**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. Please make your reservation by calling the Rectory Office at 650-583-4131.

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**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.

*Thank you for your generosity.*

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**CHRISTMAS THANK-YOU**

Let us thank our Altar Society for making our altar and church beautiful, our volunteers who hang decorations, Bob & Liz Mantegani for the beautiful Christmas tree, and our many donors who all contributed towards the cheer and beauty of our church this Christmas season.

Our Rectory and CFF offices will be closed until January 4, 2016 for the Christmas break. We will be checking messages and mail during that time.

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**MATER DOLOROSA LADIES CLUB**

Please consider joining the Mater Dolorosa Ladies Club. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the school library for our meetings and events. Some of our events include dinner out in May, pot luck dinner and a movie night, Mass at the Monastery, and a cookie exchange. We are very proud of our contributions to our Mater Dolorosa parish and to our community over the years through our charitable works, some of which include:

- Donation of proceeds from our Rummage Sale to the Stained Glass Restoration at MD.
- Donation of proceeds from our Rummage Sale for a Dishwasher at MD.
- Half Moon Bay “Food for the Needy”.
- SSF Firefighters Holiday Bagged Food Program.
- Most Holy Redeemer Homeless Lunch Program.
- Senior Center “goodie bags”.
- St. Vincent de Paul “Sponsor a Family” to give aid.
- Baked Goods for Nursing Homes.
- Donation to the annual MD Picnic.
- Donation of proceeds from our Rummage Sale to the Carpeting Project at MD.

We also support the Ballroom Tea & Dance Event and the Annual Christmas Bingo Luncheon with our time and talents.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the school. All women are welcome to join; we have a lot of fun!