PASTORAL STAFF
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Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Diana Powell, Director of RCIA
Ms. Elsa Agasid, Director of Music
Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Associate Director of Music

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.
Healing Mass at 7:00 p.m.
First Saturday: Marion Devotion after 8:00 a.m. Mass
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.
Every Sunday: Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 am Mass.

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.

WELCOME: We hope you get to know us and we get to know you. Please fill out (PRINT) 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.
Mr. & Mrs. □ Ms. □ Mr. □ Miss □ ________________________________

Address __________________________ City __________________ Zip ____________

New Parishioner □ New Address □ New Phone Number
□ Moving/Remove Name
□
Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Psalm: Isaiah 12:6 ; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that dox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer. Please pray for our many sick, homebound and hospitalized parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

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.

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:
Rose Elaine Archer-Thompson, Jason Bell, Cleo Brazier, Trude Buntger, Lucy Delahoussaye, Phil Dow, Elsa Evangelista, Mel Feliciano, Rodolfo Flores, Luz Gopez, Walter Heim, Barbara Lagomarsino, Lorraine Leveroni, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Sunshine Ortiz, Melchor Realino, Barbara, Reid Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, Laura Skaff, Luis Torres, Kit Fong Woo and Donald Wood.

Mater Dolorosa’s Upcoming Week AT-A-GLANCE

Sat. Dec. 15
Legion of Mary Family Presidium
5:00 p.m.
Rosary
6:30 p.m.
Simbang Gabi
7:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 16
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:00 a.m.
Hospitality: Legion of Mary
11:00 a.m.
COSI Choir
2:00 p.m.
Latin Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rosary
6:20 p.m.
Simbang Gabi
7:00 p.m.

Mon. Dec. 17
Latin Mass
12:00 p.m.
Rosary
6:20 p.m.
Simbang Gabi
7:00 p.m.
RCIA
7:00 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 18
Second Harvest & Kid’s Now
9:00 a.m.
Second Harvest Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Latin Mass
12:00 p.m.
CFF Classes
5:45 p.m.
Rosary
6:20 p.m.
Simbang Gabi
7:00 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 19
Legion of Mary Meeting
8:30 a.m.
Latin Mass
11:00 a.m.
Rosary
6:20 p.m.
Simbang Gabi
7:00 p.m.

Thu. Dec. 20
Morning Hospitality
8:30 a.m.
Latin Mass
12:00 p.m.
MD Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.
Rosary
6:20 p.m.
Simbang Gabi
7:00 p.m.

Collected $ 2,945.00
First Collection
$ 5,486.00
Retired Religious
$ 2,338.00
Immaculate Conception
$ 2,338.00

Parish Maintenance & Improvement
Our Collection next Sunday is for
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Thank you for your continued support of your parish and our Catholic Church!
CHILD FAITH FORMATION

We will be on Christmas break beginning Dec 18. Safety training class for the children has been rescheduled for Jan 15. All CFF classes will resume on Jan. 8.

SACRAMENTAL CLASS REMINDERS:

First Communion classes (Level 2 and Sunday Older Communion class): Makeup Activity participating in the Children’s Christmas Mass – Dec 24 at 4:15pm – This activity is for those students who did not attend the Jesus Story Day of Reflection. Please arrive no later than 4:15pm to get into costume and practice. SAVE the DATE! Saturday, Feb 23 at 8:30 a.m. – 12noon – First Reconciliation Family Retreat. Older Communion Sunday classes: There will be class on the following days Jan 6, 12 and 27 – please meet in the Grade 2 classroom at 11am.

Questions of the Week:

In today's Gospel, we hear people ask John the Baptist what is needed for their repentance. Which groups question John? How does John respond? What is one specific change you might make during Advent to prepare for Jesus?

Warm someone’s heart this winter. Donate NEW or gently used men's, women's, or children's coats. Collection barrels can be found in the vestibule of the church thru Dec 16. Donations will benefit the Catholic Worker Hospitality House Shelter in San Bruno and Samaritan House. The 2018 Confirmation class thanks you for your generosity.

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. Vigil Mass with Children’s Pageant
9:30 p.m. 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.
Latin Mass 5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
January 1, 2019
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. &12:00 p.m.

Join the Celebration!

Join us to wish Father Angel our fondest good luck wishes as Pastor of St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Belmont, and to thank him for his years of dedication to Mater Dolorosa, on Saturday, December 29th following the 5:00 p.m. Mass with a Pot-Luck Dinner.
Mark your calendars!

Parish Center Closed for Christmas

Our Parish Center and Religious Education (CFF) offices will be closed from December 24th to January 2, 2019. We will be checking urgent messages during that time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Mater Dolorosa Parish Staff!

To honor the special bond between godparents and god children at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, please invite your godparent or your godchild/godchildren, to Mass, and spend some meaningful time together on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the 10 AM Mass and receive a special blessing.