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JANUARY 5, 2020

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦
Rev. Fr. Rolando De la Rosa, Pastor
Rev. Fr. Vito Perrone, C.O.S.J., Weekend Assistant
Rev. Mr. Alex Aragon, Permanent Deacon
Mr. Ricardo Carlos, Sacristan
Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager
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
Mr. Michael Malabed, Youth Minister

♦ 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 Saturdays: Marian Devotion 8:00 a.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.
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 Parish Center 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 Parish Center 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 (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 □ __________________________________________________________

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Address________________________________City___________________Zip_________

□ New Parishioner □ New Address □ New Phone Number □ Moving/Remove Name
JANUARY 5, 2020
EPHESIANS OF THE LORD
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

As we see the scene unfold, it doesn't look much like a royal court. It simply looks like a father, mother, and child, living in humble circumstances in a tiny, backwater town in a rural province of Rome. And yet, it was there that the magi encountered the King of all creation. It can be the same for us as church. When we attend Mass, it can seem ordinary, almost mundane, because we do it week after week. We may even find our minds drifting to the things we are going to do when we get home instead of the fact that we are in the presence of the Lord of the Universe. The early Church Fathers encouraged Christians at Mass to meditate on the magi. It's a good lesson for us, as well. When we think about the magi approaching the Infant Jesus, we can see ourselves coming before the Lord, offering our most precious possession—our very lives—as we worship and adore him as the magi did those thousands of years ago.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

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Sat. Jan. 4  | Marion Devotion       | 8:00 a.m.  |
|            | Bible Study           | 9:00 a.m.  |
|            | Legion of Mary Family Presidium | 2:00 p.m. |
| Sun. Jan. 5 | Children’s Liturgy of the Word | 10:00 a.m. |
|            | Hospitality: Altar Society | 11:00 a.m. |
|            | Latin Mass            | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Mon. Jan. 6 | Latin Mass             | 12:00 p.m. |
|            | A Capella Music Ministry | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tues. Jan. 7 | Second Harvest/Kids Now | 9:00 a.m.  |
|            | Latin Mass             | 12:00 p.m. |
|            | CFF Classes            | 5:45 p.m.  |
| Wed. Jan. 8 | Legion of Mary         | 8:30 a.m.  |
|            | Baptism Class          | 7:00 p.m.  |
|            | Ballroom Dancing       | 8:00 p.m.  |
| Thur. Jan. 9 | Morning Hospitality  | 8:30 a.m.  |
|            | Latin Mass             | 12:00 p.m. |
|            | MD Choir               | 7:00 p.m.  |
| Fri. Jan. 10 | Latin Mass             | 12:00 p.m. |

Please keep all those who are sick in our parish family in your prayers, especially:
Carlos Avendano, Jason Bell, Nieves Calara, Cleo Brazier, Marlene Caballero, Ambrose Calonsag, Annalie Davanzo, Lucy Delahoussaye, Phil Dow, John Dresser, Laura Duran, Maria & Elsa Evangelista, Rosie Fanese, Rodolfo Flores, Luz Gomez, Taylor Hardley, Nicky Magee, Leonila Magalued, Amy Marston, Walter Marston, Marisol Menses, Sunshine Ortiz, Melchor Realino, Barbara, Reid, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Maria Luisa Sarra, Laura Skaff, Ken Sweeney, Kit Fong Woo and Donald Wood.

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.
CHILD FAITH FORMATION
CFF classes will resume on Jan 7. Safety Training lessons for all classes will be on Tuesday, Jan 7 during class time. If you have questions or would like to learn more about our Faith Formation programs, please contact Felisa Cepeda 650-583-4131 x2 or email cff@mdssf.org.

SACRAMENTAL CLASS REMINDERS: First Communion classes: SAVE the DATE! Saturday, Feb 22, 8:30 a.m. – 12noon – First Reconciliation Family Retreat. Parents and children are required to attend. Level 2 class: Chap 4 from Reconciliation book due Jan 14. Older Communion Sunday classes: There will be class on the following days – Jan 5, 12 and 26 – please meet in the Our Lady of Fatima room. Confirmation 2 families: SAVE THE DATE – Jan 19 at 1:00 p.m. – Required Sponsor and Candidate service activity.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK (Cycle A)
WATCH: Opening the Word for the Feast of the Epiphany
Then answer these REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

CHILDREN
If you were going to visit the baby Jesus, what gift would you give him? Why? What gifts did the Magi give Jesus? What gift can you give Jesus that shows your love for God and others?

TEENS
When a person’s true identity is revealed, the experience can be referred to as an epiphany, a word that means “showing forth.” Whose identity is revealed in today’s Gospel? To whom is Jesus’ identity revealed? What gifts were given to Jesus by the Magi? What gift can you give Jesus that shows your love for God and others?

ADULTS
Today we heard how the early Church Fathers saw the visit of the magi as a symbol of the Eucharist. This week pay a visit to your church or adoration chapel, and spend a few minutes adoring Jesus as the magi did. Ask God to show you the direction you should take in your life.

Pick of the Week: The Case for Jesus by Dr. Brant Pitre or Were the Magi at Jesus’s Birth?
Signup for your FREE to FORMED subscription at MDssf.org

NOTE: For a complete list of options, which follows the Liturgical Calendar, check out https://leaders.formed.org/liturgical-calendar.

Celebrate Epiphany with the Three Kings: Bring a Gift for Baby Jesus
Baby items will be collected on Jan 4 & 5. This collection will benefit The Gabriel Project. The Gabriel Project is a parish based organization sponsored by the Archdiocese of San Francisco which serves pregnant women and their unborn babies. To find out more about The Gabriel Project, please visit their website; https://sfgabrielproject.wordpress.com/Be on the look out for GIFT IDEAS!

WINTER COAT DRIVE
Accepting New or Gently Used Men’s, Ladies, or Children’s coats. Collection barrels can be found in the vestibule of the church beginning Dec 29 thru Jan 12. Donations will benefit the Catholic Worker Hospitality House Shelter in San Bruno and Samaritan House. The 2020 Confirmation class thanks you for your generosity.

Happy New Year!

LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.