

**MATER DOLOROSA  
CHURCH  
1040 Miller Ave.  
South San Francisco  
California 94080-1446**



**December 21, 2025**

Father Vito Perrone, Parish Office & Family Faith Formation:  
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Mater Dolorosa Website: mdssf.org

Parish Center Hours: (NEW HOURS)

Tuesday—Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**In URGENT need of sacrament of the sick only:**  
call: 650-930-7819,

*Otherwise, please call the parish center  
at 650-583-4131 x 1.*

**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: 1040 Miller 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  \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

♦ 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.  
Byzantine Divine Liturgy (In the Monastery) on  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Latin Mass)  
12:00 Noon, & 7:00 p.m.

Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form: Monday through  
Friday 12:00 Noon. Saturday 9:00 a.m. & Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

First Friday Healing Ministry Mass 7:00 p.m.

First Saturday Marion Devotion following the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:30 p.m.

♦ BAPTISM ♦

We welcome your child to be baptized at Mater Dolorosa Church. Baptisms take place the fourth Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. Baptism Preparation Class is offered for families of scheduled baptisms, the third Saturday of every month at 11:30 a.m. Parents should contact the Parish Center *three months prior* to the desired date of the baptism to allow for preparation and for scheduling.

♦ FIRST EUCHARIST and FIRST RECONCILIATION ♦

Families must be enrolled in Family Faith Formation one year prior to the direct preparation for each Sacrament.

♦ CONFIRMATION ♦

Families must be enrolled in Family Faith Formation one year prior to the direct preparation for the reception of Confirmation.

♦ MARRIAGE ♦

Please contact the Parish Center at least 6 months prior to your wedding date to allow time for Marriage Preparation.

♦ FAMILY FAITH FORMATION ♦

Family Faith Formation is a ministry in which parents and children learn about the Catholic faith together and with other families.

Family gatherings begin in September.

♦ RCIA ♦

Contact Deacon Ramon de la Rosa

♦ PASTORAL STAFF ♦

Father Vito Perrone, COSJ, Priest-Monk, Pastor

Father Andrew Mbinkar Berinyuy, Sch.P., Parochial Vicar

Father Mikhael Mihic, COSJ, Priest-Monk

Father Joseph Homick, COSJ, Priest-Monk

Rev. Mr. Ramon de la Rosa, Permanent Deacon

Mrs. Betti Magoolahan, COSJ-TO, Counselor, LMFT #129494

Mr. Robert Kosch, COSJ-TO, Head Sacristan

Mrs. Frances Lidwell, Parish Manager

Mrs. Felisa Cepeda, Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Evangeline deGuzman, Finance Manager

Dr. Jennifer Donelson, Music Director

Mr. Marlon Evangelista, Music Director

Ms. Aida Gamboa, Music Director

Mary Charisse Rozario, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

Mr. Bernardo Ortiz, Parish Maintenance

Mr. Alfred Urcuyo, Building Maintenance

- New Parishioner
- New Address
- New Phone Number
- Moving/Remove Name

**December 21, 2025**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Today's Readings:**

ISAIAH 7:10-14; PS 24:1-6; ROMANS 1:1-7; MATTHEW 1:18-24

**The Love That Comes From God Who Is With Us**

Love is the theme of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A good definition of love is in the name that we see in the first reading and again when the prophecy is fulfilled in the Gospel reading: Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." To have love is to have "God with us". To give love is to give God who is with us.

We need to ask God for a supernatural ability to love with his love. This prayer always works! It's how we become effective evangelizers as distributors of his love.

We need to remind ourselves that our happiness is not dependent upon how others treat us. God is with us! We need to call upon Emmanuel. God who is with us already loves us fully and unconditionally, whether or not we deserve it. Emmanuel. It's a name for Jesus that we should use year-round.

When we're looking for others to love us more than they do, we feel unloved, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, his love fills in all the gaps. As you finish preparing for the celebration of Christmas, focus on Emmanuel. Sing to Emmanuel. Pray to Emmanuel. This sign, this reminder, this name is God's personal Christmas gift to you. Good News Ministries



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat. Dec. 20	5:00 p.m.	<i>Blanche Sanchez (D)</i>
Sun. Dec. 21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Ricardo Carlos (D)</i>
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Lourdes Senoran (D)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>Manuel &amp; Anita Bolisay (D) (Latin Mass)</i>
Mon. Dec. 22	8:00 a.m.	<i>Violeta Valera (D)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Agapito &amp; Remedios Tabajonda (D)</i>
		<i>Latin Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 23	8:00 a.m.	<i>John Junier (D)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Elgina Cheng (L) Latin Mass</i>
Wed. Dec. 24	8:00 a.m.	<i>B. Maldonado (D)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>The Souls in Purgatory (D) (Latin Mass)</i>
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Socorro De La Rosa (D)</i>
	10:00 p.m.	<i>Ricardo Carlos (D)</i>
Thur. Dec. 25	12:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish (Latin Mass)</i>
	8:00 a.m.	<i>John Junier (D)</i>
	10:00 p.m.	<i>Cameron Grivas (L)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	2:00 p.m.	<i>The Souls in Purgatory (Latin Mass)</i>
Fri. Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	<i>B. Moldonado (D)</i>
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Gloria Mendieta Gazave (L) (Latin Mass)</i>
Sat. Dec. 27	8:00 a.m.	<i>Stephen Angeles (L)</i>
	9:00 a.m.	<i>B. Moldonado (D)</i>

**FROM OUR PASTOR .....**

Our deepest gratitude goes to *John Dooley* and *Colleen Hera* for their enormous contributions to the success of our Simbang Gabi Masses and the fellowship that follows each evening. Their thoughtful coordination of the priests, hospitality, Mass intentions, donor scheduling, and nightly handouts, helped create a holy, festive, and joyful experience for all who participated. We sincerely thank them both and all their assistants, for their dedication and hard work, which greatly enriched this year's Simbang Gabi! *Father Vito*



**COLLECTIONS**

**Collection Totals For Dec.14**  
**First Collection:** \$ 6,915.00  
**Retired Religious:** \$ 1,892.00

**Our Second Collection this Sunday is for Maintenance & Improvement Fund**

**Our Second Collection next Sunday is for Our Music Ministry**

*Thank you for your continued, generous, support of our parish and your Catholic Church!*

**ON LINE DONATIONS—SIMPLIFIED!**

You may scan the QR Code which will take you directly to the donation page on our website, or you may use the link provided below. Thank you for your support! All online donations will go through the Mater Dolorosa Church PayPal donation page: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=9MZ4QA7W5X6RQ](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=9MZ4QA7W5X6RQ).



***Please keep all those who are sick or unable to attend Mass in our parish family, in your prayers:***

*Jill Abalos, Maria Avendano, Linda Bagain, Edward Barrientos, George Barrientos, Jason Bell, Benjamin Bonilla, Cleo Brazier, Dan Buntjer, Marlene Caballero, Ambrose Calonsag, Sionita Carmen, Zosimo Carmen, Charito Casanas, Evelyn Cenni, Augusto Cepeda, Gael Cermenio, Monica Chew, Annalie Davanzo, Bernard deGuzman, Lucy Delahoussaye, John Dresser, Mario Evangelista, Luis Flores, Rodolfo Flores, Demetrio Gomez, Jr., Donald Gomez, Katherine Hernandez, Kristin Ibisate, Patricia Kelly, Sally Lacanlale, Anna Lee, Cindy Mak, Lina Mamerto, Efren Mendoza, Jr., Ricardo & Marina Menendez, Pat Mendoza, Lucy Ocampo, Antonio Ocbena, Antonio Paat, Francisco Quitugua, Eleanora Rivera, Gerald Ramos, Archie Sam, Gigi Sam, Brian Samujh, Erlinda Silverio, Ken Sweeney, and Simeon Wee.*



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



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

**Explore the Gospel as a family:** Matthew 1:18-24 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent** - The Birth of Jesus – Go to the link below to read the Gospel as a family; <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122125.cfm>

**Family Chat:** Joseph trusted in God's plan for him and for Mary. What do you think is God's plan for your life?

**Liturgy Link:** Jesus took flesh in Mary's womb. What action do we do during the Creed to give honor to this?

**Family Fun:** **Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses** - *In today's Gospel, Joseph takes Mary into his home. Take some time today to make a gingerbread home.* Using graham crackers, vanilla frosting, and candy, build and

decorate a family gingerbread house. The frosting acts as glue. Put a thin layer of frosting on the base (i.e., plate, piece of cardboard, etc.) for the house to stick. Need some architectural help? Use a small milk carton to hold up the graham crackers. Use frosting to stick the graham crackers to the sides of the carton. Decorate with candy, using a small dab of frosting to hold the candy in place. Consider dying the frosting with food coloring if you want to add some more decorative touches.

**Family Challenge:** Jesus took flesh in Mary's womb. What action do we do during the Creed to give honor to this?

**Family Prayer:** **The Divine Praises** - *The Divine Praises praise not only God, but the entire Holy Family. Have one person read the line, and everyone else repeats it.*

Blessed be God. Blessed be his holy name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be his most Sacred Heart. Blessed be his most precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception. Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Amen. [www.52sundays.com](http://www.52sundays.com) produced by the Archdiocese of Detroit.



EPIPHANY FAMILY RETREAT DAY

SAVE THE DATE:  
JANUARY 3, 2026  
10:00 A.M.  
to 1:00 P.M.

Visit the [Family Faith Formation webpage](https://www.mdssf.org/family-faith-formation) (<https://www.mdssf.org/family-faith-formation>) for more information about our Family Faith Formation program.

**OUR NEXT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION IS SUNDAY  
JANUARY 4, 2025**

### BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH

Please help to decorate our church with donations of red poinsettias and white flaming Katy/Christmas kalanchoe. You may drop off the plants in the vestibule of our church. Thank you!



### Blessing of Expectant Mothers

All expectant mothers are invited to join our faith formation families for Mass at 10:00 AM this Sunday, December 21st, followed by a special blessing in the San Lorenzo Ruiz Hall after Mass.

### ST VINCENT de PAUL GIVING TREE

Please take a paper "ornament" (or several) from the tree in the church vestibule, and purchase gift cards for our many neighbors who are in need. Gift cards may be purchased from Target, Safeway, or Grocery Outlet. Gas cards are especially needed too. Please know that these cards are given out during the holiday season and throughout the year. Ten dollar increments are most helpful.



**Thank you for considering all those who have less this year, and need our kindness.**

### AAA 2025

#### GOAL REACHED!

Our Annual Archdiocesan Annual Appeal for 2025 has exceeded our goal as soon as all pledges are received.

AAA Assessment Goal: \$ 66,691.00  
Received to date: \$ 66,716.00  
(On-line, and by mail )

We are over our goal by \$25.00!! We reached our goal!

Thank you for all for your generous donations! Make sure you fulfill your pledge amounts if you have not already done so, before the end of this year. Again, many thanks!

**Please make your checks payable to  
The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**



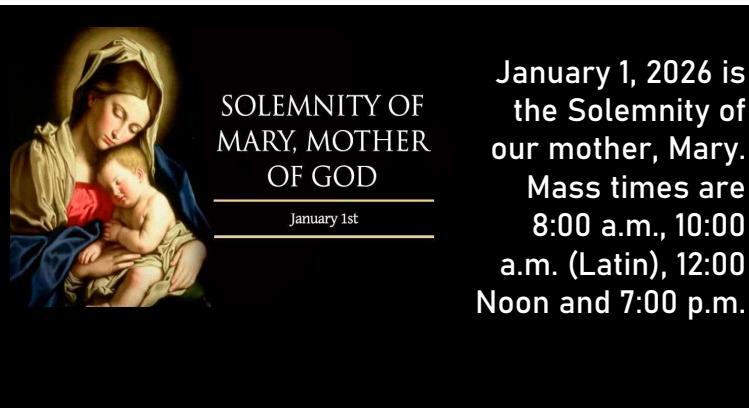
### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

January 1, 2026	Father Vito Perrone (L)
January 2, 2026	Father Joseph Homick (L)
January 3, 2026	Father Mikhael Mihic (L)
January 4, 2026	Father Andrew Mbinkar Berinyuy (L)
January 5, 2026	Father Rolando de La Rose (L)
January 6, 2026	Father Brian Costello (D)
January 7, 2026	Father Hugh O'Donnell (D)

Please pray each day for one of our priests listed above. *Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them to be pious in mediation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. (St. Charles Borromeo).*

*For those priests who have passed, may Perpetual Light shine upon them for their service to God's Holy Catholic Church.*

**Sponsored by the Mater Dolorosa Women's Club.**



### Worship Schedule at Mater Dolorosa

**January 1, 2026 is the Solemnity of our mother, Mary.**  
**Mass times are 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Latin), 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, January 17, 2026**

**LAY MINISTRY DAY FOR PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS - "Growing Together into a Thriving Parish"**

Come together for an inspiring day designed to strengthen our shared mission and deepen our commitment to vibrant parish life. Details to follow.



**SPIRITUAL WARFARE**  
**Deacon of Deliverance**  
**REVEREND MR. R. CHRISTOPH SANDOVAL**

**"DELIVER US FROM EVIL"**

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 10, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

*Simple lunch provided*

**Former Mandated Exorcist  
of the Diocese of San Jose**

**FATHER GARY THOMAS**

And subject of the 2011 movie "The Rite" which chronicles his training with veteran exorcists in Rome.

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

*Simple lunch provided*

**No Registration Required**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026**  
**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**  
**12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**More details in upcoming bulletins.**

#### SUNDAY

6:30 AM MORNING PRAYER  
 7:00 AM Deep Listening to Sacred Scripture  
 8:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
 8:00 AM Byzantine Divine Liturgy (COSJ Chapel)  
 10:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
 12:00 PM HOLY MASS (English)  
 2:00 PM HOLY MASS (Latin)  
 5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
 6:00 PM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 AM Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
 7:30 AM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings  
 8:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
 Followed by Eucharistic Procession on 1st Fridays  
 8:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration until 11:45 AM  
 12:00 PM HOLY MASS (Latin)  
 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration until 7:00 p.m.  
 5:30 PM EVENING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
 7:00 PM Healing Mass First Fridays followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight  
 5:00 PM Begin with Eucharistic Procession on Thursdays  
 6:00 PM Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration  
 End with Benediction on Thursdays  
 6:55 PM Closing Prayer. Sung Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Joseph, Followed by Individual Blessing with Holy Water

#### SATURDAY

6:00 AM Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant)  
 7:30 AM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings  
 8:00 AM HOLY MASS (English)  
 9:00 AM HOLY MASS (Latin)  
 10:00 AM BYZANTINE DIVINE LITURGY (COSJ Chapel)  
 3:00 PM CONFESSION  
 4:00 PM EVENING PRAYER (Gregorian Chant) (First Saturdays Prayer 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.)  
 4:30 PM Deep Listening to Scripture Readings  
 5:00 PM HOLY MASS (Sunday Vigil—English)  
 (See Bulletin Cover)

#### SUNDAY

