

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



**JANUARY 4, 2026**

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.**

♦ **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 Magoolaghan, 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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**January 4, 2026**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12**

**Where did the faith of the Magi come from?**

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East. Let's consider the humble adoration of the



magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word "epiphany" means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word "epiphany" means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child. Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. Good News Ministries

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sat. Jan. 3</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Priest's Intention</i></b>
<b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Natasha Marston (L)</i></b>
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Nicole Lopez (D)</i></b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>People of the Parish</i></b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Maxima Franco Ramos (D) Latin Mass</i></b>
<b>Mon. Jan. 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Imelda Rajewski (L)</i></b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Maria Zenaida Esplana (D) Latin Mass</i></b>
<b>Tues. Jan. 6</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Louis Michel (D)</i></b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Mr. Paul (D) Latin Mass</i></b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 7</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Walter Marston (D)</i></b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Petronila Montoya (D) Latin Mass</i></b>
<b>Thur. Jan. 8</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Adela Diaz (D)</i></b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Bernice Wilson (L) Latin Mass</i></b>
<b>Fri. Jan. 9</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Eileen deGuzman (L)</i></b>
	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Laurie Mertz (L) Latin Mass</i></b>
<b>Sat. Jan. 10</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Priest's Intention</i></b>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Charlotte Magoalaghan (L) Latin Mass</i></b>

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

*One again, we made our Archdiocese of San Francisco AAA goal on time! And once again, thanks to your incredible generosity, I did not have to say anything to remind you that we need to do our part for the Archdiocese. How proud I am of our Mater Dolorosa parishioners! Thank you very much!*  
**Father Vito**



**COLLECTIONS**

**Collection Totals For Dec. 28**

**First Collection:** \$ 5,689.00  
**Music Ministry:** \$ 1,580.00  
**Christmas (to date):** \$16,381.00

**Our Second Collection this Sunday is for  
 Family Faith Formation**

**Our Second Collection next Sunday is for  
 Maintenance & Improvement**  
*Thank you for your continued, generous, support of  
 our parish and your Catholic Church!*

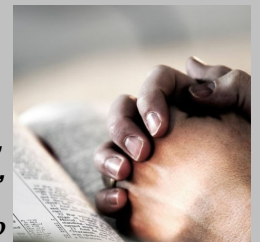
**ON LINE DONATIONS—SIMPLIFIED!**

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 Cermenon, 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.***



**Explore the Gospel as a family:**  
Matthew 2:1-12 – **The Epiphany of the Lord** – Go to the link below to read the Gospel as a family; [https://](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010426.cfm)

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**Family Chat:** The Magi followed the star without knowing exactly where it would lead. This reminds us that our faith journey is not always clear, but we trust God. We are called to follow Him, even when the path is hard. What are some challenges that make it hard to stay on the right path? What is one way you can give your time, gifts, or effort to God or others this week?

**Family Challenge:** Your challenge this week is to follow your star. That means choosing one thing that helps guide you closer to Jesus and sticking with it, even when it's not easy. Maybe it's making time for prayer each day, being kind to someone who needs a friend, or just staying honest when it's tempting to take shortcuts. Like the Magi, you don't need to know how everything will turn out—you just need to take the next step with faith.

**Meet Our Extended Family : Saint Anselm of Canterbury - Bishop, Confessor, Doctor of the Church (1033-1109)** Doctor magnificus (Magnificent Doctor), Doctor Marianus (Marian Doctor), "Father of Scholasticism" – Monk, Prior, Abbott, Archbishop, Theologian, Philosopher. Anselm was born in or around Aosta in Upper Burgundy sometime between April 1033 and April 1034. At the age of fifteen, Anselm desired to enter a Monastery but, failing to obtain his father's consent, he was refused by the Abbot. The illness he then suffered has been considered a emotional effect of his disappointment but upon his recovery he gave up his studies and for a time lived a carefree life. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior three years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen abbot. Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill.

**Family Prayer: Saint Anselm Prayer** - O my God teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you... You are my God and you are my All and I have never seen you. You have made me and remade me, You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, Still I do not know you... I have not yet done that for which I was made....Teach me to seek you... I cannot seek you unless you teach me or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire, let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you, let me love you when I find you. Amen. <https://young-catholics.com/>

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 18, 2026**

## MATER DOLOROSA PARISHIONERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2025.

*In recognition of their unwavering dedication to Mater Dolorosa Church through their many volunteer ministries, and for their generous willingness to share their time, talents, and treasure wherever they are needed. John & Colleen's commitment and friendly service have strengthened our parish community and helped it flourish in countless ways.*

*The parish of Mater Dolorosa extends its heartfelt thanks to you both and, another parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank*

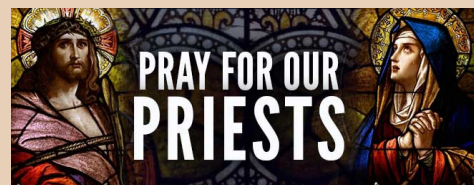
*you **John and Colleen** for your consistent generosity and for making our parish a more vibrant, meaningful, and welcoming home of faith in 2025.*



## COME CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY

January 6, 2026—7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Spanish Mass at Mater Dolorosa followed by fellowship and prizes in the parish hall. All are welcome!

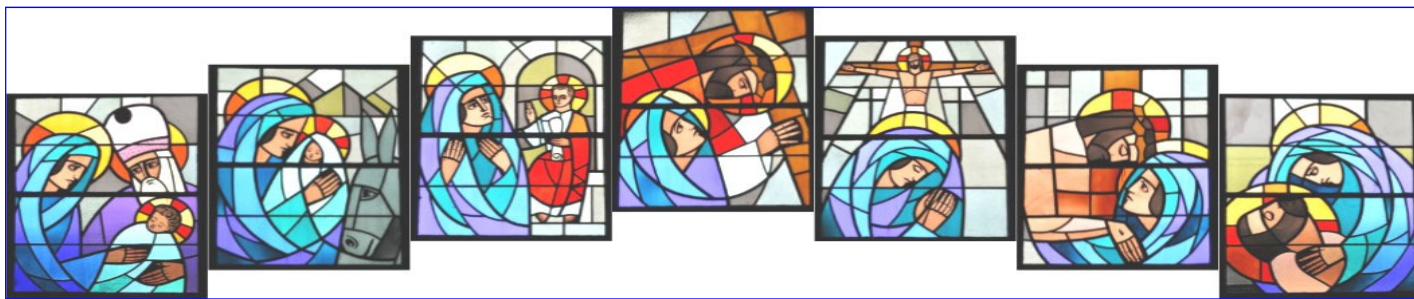


## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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 meditation, 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.



## COR Meeting – Prayer, Formation & Fraternity

WHAT: COR is open to the men of the parish and is a meeting that consists of prayer, formation and fraternity (brotherhood). The meeting will be led by Fr. Andrew Berinyuy

WHEN: January 10, 2026, 6:30 to 8 pm  
(immediately following the 5 pm mass)

WHERE: In the School hall or classrooms

It's a potluck! Please bring something to share.

**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.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

**12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**More details in upcoming bulletins.**

## 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**

## Worship Schedule at Mater Dolorosa

### 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)  
**SUNDAY**  
(See Bulletin Cover)

