The Chrism Mass

By Tony Millette

On Thursday, April 6th at 6:30pm, the Diocese of Oakland will gather at our Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass, which unites the priests with their bishop and at which time the bishop blesses three oils - the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism. This tradition is rooted in the early Church and was later absorbed into the Holy Thursday evening Mass and now is celebrated at a special Mass distinct from the evening Mass on Holy Thursday.

Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread, that basic food substance for nourishment; as a fuel for lamps; and as a healing agent in medicine. Moreover, with oil the Jews anointed the head of a guest as a sign of welcome, beautified one’s appearance and prepared a body for burial.

As our bishop blesses these three oils at the Chrism Mass this year, our hearts turn to our Lord who shares His love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish and that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord. How about attending the Chrism Mass this year!
Easter Flowers
If you would like to donate to the Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones; Easter Flower envelopes will be available starting this weekend on the table in the narthex. Envelopes may be returned to the parish office either by mail or through the Sunday collection basket.

Friday Evening Lenten Stations of the Cross
Friday evening Stations of the Cross for Lent began Friday, April 7th at 7:30pm in the church and will continue each Friday through Good Friday, April 14.

Passion / Palm Sunday
Next Sunday we enter Holy Week with the celebration of Passion Sunday – Christ’s Triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem. The liturgical color for Passion Sunday is RED, so, how about wearing some red to Mass next weekend?

Triduum Liturgical Ministers
To assist the liturgy team with the planning of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday you are asked to sign-up for one or more of the many ministries. Sign-up forms will be found in the narthex.

Bishop’s Appeal
We would like to thank everyone who has participated and supported the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal.
We have reached 37.91% of our goal with 81 donations. If you have not yet made a gift to the Bishop’s Appeal, we encourage you to do so today or as soon as possible. Pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Knights Blood Drive
"The Knights of Columbus and Santa Maria will host the annual Good Friday Blood Drive on April 14th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The blood mobile will be parked in the lower church parking lot. To schedule your Life Saving appointment, please visit www.bloodheroes.com and click on "Locate a Blood Drive" and enter Sponsor Code "santamaria". If you have any questions, please contact Bob Semar at thebobs2@comcast.net or call him at (925) 283-1348. When you arrive for your appointment, be sure to bring a photo ID. Also, please eat and drink plenty of water before donating."

Weekly Food Collection
1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School (fruit cups, crackers, granola bars, juice, water, chips, Cup-O-Noodles, macaroni and cheese, sugar, rice, beans, cereal, and cooking oil)
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry (canned meats like Vienna sausage, chicken, and tuna, cereal, canned vegetables, and canned fruit)

A Friendly Place
Please remember to bring items for A Friendly Place, a daytime shelter for homeless women in Oakland. Needed are: socks, antacids, cold remedies, bingo prizes, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner and deodorant. Place them in the outreach closet to the left as you enter the church.

HOW’S YOUR FASTING & ALMSGIVING GOING!

FAITH FORMATION RICE BOWLS ARE DUE BY APRIL 10
PLEASE BRING THEM TO CLASS THAT DAY

MASS INTENTIONS

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<td>Thursday, April 6</td>
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L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office unino@smparish.org.
Are you new to Santa Maria?
We’re glad you’re here!

The Church of Santa Maria is a vibrant community of faith who believes and professes the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We provide the Sacraments and Sacramental preparation, pastoral care, opportunities for social outreach, and faith formation for all ages of the Catholic Community of Orinda, CA.

Our mission is that of our Diocese of Oakland: To know Christ better and to make Him better known.

Thank you for joining us this weekend for your worship! If you’re not yet registered in the parish, please contact the Parish Office and we’ll mail you a registration form!

See you next week!

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Holy Thursday - April 13th**
- Morning Prayer - 8:00am
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30pm
- Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament - 9:00pm
- Night Prayer - 9:30pm

**Good Friday - April 14th**
- Morning Prayer - 8:00am

Way of the Cross through Orinda - 12:30pm (walking)
- (No Stations of the Cross in the Church at this time)
- Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00pm
- Lord’s Passion/Veneration/Communion
- Stations of the Cross in the Church - 7:30pm

**Holy Saturday - April 15th**
- Morning Prayer - 8:00am
- Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

**Easter Sunday - April 16th**
- Masses: 8:30, 10:30am Children’s Liturgy (church)
- & 10:30am Youth Liturgy (parish hall)
- (No 5:00pm Sunday Evening Mass)

**Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat**

April 28-30 and September 22-24, 2017 are the dates for a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat.

Rachel’s Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend offers a supportive, and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

For retreat details contact: Gloria Maldonado: (510) 485-2574 or afterthechoice@oakdioadmin.org.

**ARROUND THE DIOCESE**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communication via both email and regular mail. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form!

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PASTORAL TEAM

Reverend George Mockel
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Harlon Berg, Maria Carmen, Blanca Christie, Delores Codde, Tom Crosby, Deacon Maurice Custodio, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Tricia Rosso, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer, John Wheeler and Margaret Wiegand

For the Deceased

TREASURE

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Catholic Relief $3,139.30

Upcoming Collections:

04/14/17 Holy Land/Good Friday

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:

Susanna & Frank MacDonald after the 8:30am Mass
Jim & Jackie Bava after the 10:30am Mass

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, April 3
Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Church)

Tuesday, April 4
Baptismal Class #2 of 2 (7:00pm, Conf Room)

Wednesday, April 5
Santa Maria Guild Mtg (9:30am, Library)
RCIA (7:00pm, Library)
Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Church)

Friday, April 6
Stations of the Cross (7:30pm, Church)

Saturday, April 8
Communion Service (8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice (9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation (4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday)
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (During the 10:30am Mass, Church)

For a full version of the Parish Calendar, please visit the website at www.SantaMariaOrinda.org and click on the “Events Calendar” at the top of the page.
Will you walk with Christ on Good Friday?

The Way of the Cross
Walking Stations of the Cross through the City of Orinda

Good Friday | April 14 | 12:30pm* | Meet in front of the Church
We will return in time for the 2:00pm Good Friday Liturgy.

Walk with us this Good Friday through the Stations of the Cross as we circle around from Santa María to Orinda Senior Village.
All are welcome!

*Students: if you need a letter of excuse from your afternoon classes, please email megan@smparish.org for a PDF to print.