The Paschal Triduum

The Triduum ("three days") refers from the evening liturgy on Holy Thursday until the evening prayer on Easter Sunday. The sacramentary says of it: “The Easter triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire liturgical year. What Sunday is to the week, the solemnity of Easter is to the liturgical year.” Why are these Three Days so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

Holy Thursday - After listening to scriptures, we do something strange on this evening: We wash feet. This is Christ’s mandate that we are to be in service to others, as shown to us in the ritual of washing feet. Later we celebrate the Eucharist and then after communion process with the reserved Eucharist to the altar of repose. The evening liturgy has no ending: Whether we stay to pray until night prayer or we leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

Good Friday - We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture. We pray at length for all the world’s needs. Then there is another once-a-year event: The holy cross is held up in our midst and reverenced by the assembly. We then continue to fast and pray and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ’s repose in the tomb.

Holy Saturday - Hungry now and excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible and then we pray to all the saints as we go to the font and bless the water. There the Elect are baptized and then the candidates are anointed. These are moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing!
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Lord’s Passion/Veneration/Communion
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**Monday, April 10**
8am: Gene Kraus (D)

**Tuesday, April 11**
8am: Jose Sandoval (D)

**Wednesday, April 12**
8am: Maria Soi Dinh (D)

**Thursday, April 13**
8am: Morning Prayer

**Friday, April 14**
8am: Morning Prayer

**Saturday, April 15-Easter Vigil**
8am: Morning Prayer

**Sunday, April 16-Easter Sunday**
8:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: John Dodge (D) (church)

No 5:00pm Mass this weekend

*L = Living; D = Deceased*
Winter Nights Shelter

Below is a list of parishioners who helped this year in the Winter Nights Shelter housed at Orinda Community Church. We wish to acknowledge and thank them for their participation.

Sheila Eversole & Susan Lundstrom co-chairs

Marci Adams
Debbie Berndt
Ethan Berndt
Gail Brewster
Annie and Alex Eversole
Scott Eversole
Anne Fuller
Theresa Gonzales
Mike Gonzales
Christian and Joe Gonzales
Susan Hamilton
Katharine Hawkins
Ellie and Hank Hawkins
Mary Henderson
Sean Hogan
Kirsten Kemner
John Kemner
Caroline Kemner
Catherine Kemner
Laura Lamison
Eric Lamison
Nicole Lamison
Luke Lamison
Lunny Lundstrom
Judy Marquis
Bob and Anmarie McGee
Kathleen Metheney
Dylan Nestal
Nikki Nestal

Rosary and Communion Service

On Monday, April 10 we will pray the rosary and have a communion service at 10:30am at Orinda Senior Village. All are invited to participate.

On Monday, April 24th we will hold our monthly Mass at Orinda Senior Village at 9:30am.

The Orinda Convalescent Hospital will conduct a bible reading at 11:00am on the Wednesdays of each month. Call Sr. Pauline at 254-2426, ext 309 if you would like to help.

OUTREACH
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)

All items can be put in the barrel in the Narthex.

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 cut out and return the portion below to the collection basket or to the Parish Office, and we’ll mail you a registration form!

See you next week!

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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TREASURE

April 2, 2017 Actual will be in Easter Sunday issue due to early bulletin deadline

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Faith Formation: $  

Upcoming Collections:  
04/30/17 Maintenance Fund

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:  
Vicki Leutza & Bev Harris after the 8:30am Mass  
Lisa de Paschalas after the 10:30am Mass

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, April 10  
Faith Formation Classes  
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)  
(4:00pm, Church/Classroom)

Children’s Choir  
(3:30pm, Room #1)

Adult Choir Rehearsal  
(7:30pm, Church)

Wednesday, April 12  
Santa Maria Bridge Group  
(10:00am, Conference Room)

Social Justice  
(4:00pm, Library)

Middle School Youth Ministry  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

Knights of Columbus Mtg  
(7:30pm, Parish Hall)

Thursday, April 13  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
(7:30pm, Church)  
(9:00pm, Prayer before blessed sacrament)  
(9:30pm, Night Prayer)

Friday, April 14 (Office is Closed)  
Stations of the Cross-(Outdoors)  
(12:30pm, Walking)  
Passion of the Lord  
(2:00pm, Church)  
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(7:30pm, Church)

Saturday, April 15  
Easter Vigil  
(8:00pm, Church-reception to follow)

Sunday, April 16  
(8:30am Mass, Church)  
(10:30am Mass, Church)  
(10:30am Mass, Parish Hall)
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.