“We are an Easter people, and ‘Alleluia’ is our song!”

Every Easter, the familiar refrains resound again in churches across the globe: “Glory to God in the highest!” “He is risen!” “Alleluia!” After over two thousand years, how do Christians still find such deep and joyful meaning in these oft-repeated phrases?

Because this Sunday we are reminded that death is not the end; instead, it is followed by new life in the Resurrection.

After 40 days of Lenten penitence and fasting, we find life in the praising and feasting: Alleluia is our song.

In the midst of a refugee crisis of epic proportions, we see people reaching out with love and compassion to welcome the stranger: Alleluia is our song.

When we welcome our loved ones home from war whole and healthy after tearfully sending them off in fear, Alleluia is our song.

As the rug is ripped out from under our lives when we lose a job, a home, or a loved one, and we find new intimacy, love, and support among our family, friends, and strangers, Alleluia is our song.

Each time we look past the pain and struggle to seek the Lord, we see Him turn another crucifixion into a resurrection.

“Glory to God in the highest!” “He is risen!” “Alleluia!” These Easter refrains are so meaningful to us because we have a faith that turns our temporary trials into eternal joy:

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.”
**Bishop’s Appeal**

We have reached 42.88% of our goal with 98 donations. We are almost half-way to our annual goal. 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.

**Eucharist Retreat**

Dear Parents, Sr. Theresa Do and the Faith Formation Team have written a message to you.

First Reconciliation and Eucharist is a very important landmark for your child. Your family is beginning a wonderful journey, for you, for your child, and for the entire parish community. In faith you are bringing your child not just to the moment of First Reconciliation and Communion, but also to an exciting new life with Christ.

Our Faith Formation Team has taken great care to provide a preparation process that, with your help and collaboration, will not only enrich your child, but will inspire your entire household to grow in faith. In that spirit, we would like to invite you and your children to the Eucharist Retreat on Sunday, April 23rd, 2017 from 9:00am – 10:15am. The parents will meet in the Conference room and our Pastor, Fr. George Mockel, will be the speaker for the parents. The children will meet in room 2 with their teachers.

I hope to see you all! Thank you! And God bless

Sr. Theresa Do  
Faith Formation Coordinator

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**Christ Has Risen**

Where is your sting, O death?  
Where is your victory, O hell?  
Christ has risen, and you are overthrown.

Christ has risen, and the angels Rejoice.

Christ has risen, and life reigns.  
Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave.

For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept.  
To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages.

Amen.

-Byzantine Pentekostarion

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**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.

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**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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 17**
8am: Anna Hoan Nguyen (D)

**Tuesday, April 18**
8am: Dominic & Maria Nguyen (D)

**Wednesday, April 19**
8am: Msgr. Ted Kraus (D)

**Thursday, April 20**
8am: Peter Browning (D)

**Friday, April 21**
8am: Joseph Phuong (D)

**Saturday, April 22**
5pm (Vigil): Parishioners of Santa Maria

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**Sunday, April 23**
8:30am: Stephen O’Brien (D)  
10:30am: Helen Horton (D)  
5pm: Tom Kelly (D)

L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzunino@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 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!

AWARDING THE DIOCESE

Emerging Global Consciousness: An Introduction to World Religions

The School of Applied Theology, St. Albert’s Priory, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland will offer a course, led by Fr. Thomas Bonacci, CP on April 18, 24, and 26 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

This course offering provides an introduction to world religious traditions including Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Taoism. It introduces the key beliefs and principles of each major religion and compares and contrasts the similarities and differences among them. It also opens discussion of the historical and spiritual relationships between these religions and the Christian tradition and Catholic Church. This course costs $120.

For more information contact St. Albert’s Priory at (510) 652-1651 or info@satgtu.org.

Concerts at St. Mary Magdalen Church

A couple of concerts will take place at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2005 Berryman St., Berkeley on

5/13/17 Piano Trios by Dvorak and Beethoven
6/10/17 New Esterhazy String Quartet and Robert Weiss, period clarinet

Each concert is preceded by no host drinks and hors d’oeuvres in the social hall under the church from 6:30pm - 7:20pm, and the concert begins at 7:30pm. Price varies by concert. For information please contact (510) 526-4811.

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!

Name

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Phone Email
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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, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer, John Wheeler, and Margaret Wiegand

For the Deceased
Marilyn Booty

**Treasure**

**April 2, 2017 Actual**

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Faith Formation $1,495.00

**Upcoming Collections:**

04/30/17  Maintenance Fund
05/07/17  Faith Formation

**Bulletin Bloopers that bring a Smile!**

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Don’t let worry kill you off - let the Church help!

**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Monday, April 17**
Faith Formation Classes  
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)

Faith Formation Classes  
(4:00pm, Church/Classroom)

**Wednesday, April 19**
Middle School Youth Ministry  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

**Friday, April 21**
Richard Vincent Memorial Mass  
(11:00am, Church)

Wedding Rehearsal  
Floro & Songponnopachon  
(6:00pm, Church)

**Saturday, April 22**
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)

Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)

Wedding-Lauren Floro & John Songponnopachon  
(2:30pm, Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, April 23**
First Eucharist Retreat & Parent Family Formation  
(9:00am, Room #1 & Conf Room)

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

Confirmation 2  
(3:00pm, Youth Room)

Confirmation 1  
(6:15pm, Youth Room)

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.
Alleluia
He is Risen

Santa Maria Youth Ministry wishes you all the joy of the Resurrection this Easter season!

Looking for a way to get more involved at church? Join us at Wednesday night Youth Group for Middle School, or ask about High School Confirmation and High School Retreats and Leadership!