Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope

Sr. Theresa Lan Do

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May no. 1).

In order to inculcate in the students a sense of devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, the Faith Formation Program annually celebrates the month of May with some special activities to express our love and dedication to Mary, such as Flower Offering and praying the Rosary. If each family could do something at home to show devotion to Mary, that would be wonderful as well.

Each year on the last day of Faith Formation, the children gather around the statue of Mary in the church for the annual Crowning of Mary. Flowers are brought by the children to be placed around the statue of Mary. Afterwards the children gather in the parish hall for refreshments.
Baptismal Classes
If you have a child under the age of 5 years old who needs to be baptized please be aware that our next cycle of baptismal classes for parents will start at the end of May. This cycle includes two parent classes and a rite of welcome which all take place within one week. Classes are held on the Tuesday evenings at 7p in the conference room. The first class is scheduled for May 30th. If interested in registering contact Tony Millette at 254.2426 x303.

Children’s Liturgy Thank You
This weekend was our final children’s liturgy of the school year. Many hours of preparation go into making these liturgies special for the children of our parish and we want to send a big “thank you” to the Children’s Liturgy Team Members – Maggie Reeves, Tricia Arreola, Tili Tasker and Ursula Gordon. Another thank you needs to be extended to the members of the Children’s Choir who met every time there was a faith formation class to rehearse their song. The choir members are: Christina Hageboeck, Kate Knight, Sophia Knight, Aiden Kuss, Olivia Kuss, Sophie Kuss, Gian Maguire, Sean Maguire, Josephina Martini, Priscilla Martini, Vivian Nunez, Emma Stokes, Gretchen Yakaitis, Marcus Yakaitis.

Mother’s Day Novena Cards
This is the last weekend for Mother’s Day novena cards. They may be obtained in the narthex of the church. Remembrance envelopes may be deposited in the collection or returned to the parish office.

The Mother’s Day novena will begin this Sunday, May 14 through Monday, May 22nd. The remembrance envelopes will be placed on the altar during morning liturgy and next to the tabernacle in the church on the weekend during the novena.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Collection
What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8). Each year we are invited to partner with Catholic Charities of the East Bay and walk together, reaching out to the marginalized in our community.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is our charity and as such makes us one of the largest providers of social services in the East Bay. Your financial gifts help the Church welcome the stranger, heal trauma, and lift people out of poverty. Please give generously to this appeal on May 20th and 21st. For more information contact Steve Mullin, Director of Engagement, at 510-768-3165 or smullin@cceb.org.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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_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!

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!

Name

Address

Phone   Email

Motherhood

All mothers are working mothers!


**TREASURE**

**May 7, 2017 Actual**

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**Faith Formation** $1,172.60

**Upcoming Collections:**

- 05/14/17  Catholic Charities
- 11/20/16  Catholic Communications

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**

- Vicki Leutza & Joan O’Brien after the 8:30am Mass
- Lisa de Paschalas after the 10:30am Mass

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**PASTORAL TEAM**

Reverend George Mockel  
Pastor  
gmockel@smparish.org

Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen  
Priest in Residence

Reverend Vien Nguyen  
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Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC  
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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**For the Sick**

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Harlon Berg, Maria Carmen, 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, Katherine Linehan, 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**

Blanca Christie  Tricia Rosso

Nancy McGhee  Beverly Parent

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**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Wednesday, May 17**

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

**Friday, May 19**

- Wedding Rehearsal McClure & Downs (4:00pm, Church)
- Wedding Rehearsal Sander & Hoseit (6:00pm, Church)

**Saturday, May 20**

- Communion Service (8:00am, Chapel)

- Minister of the Word Practice (9:00am, Church)
- Wedding-Alana McClure & Stephen Downs (12:00pm, Church)
- Wedding-Christina Sander & Peter Hoseit (3:00pm, Church)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, November 20**

- Today’s Youth Matters (1:30pm, Conf Room)
- Confirmation 2 (3:00pm, Youth Room)
- Confirmation 1 (6:15pm, Youth Room)

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*For a full version of the Parish Calendar, please visit the website at www.SantaMariaOrinda.com and click on the “Events Calendar” at the top of the page*
TWO WEEKS LEFT