A Reflection on Father’s Day

...I am a modest participant in a much greater world of love.

Becoming a father may be the most uplifting and ennobling experience a man will ever have. Suddenly, one’s focus is not on self but on another. That “other” is a person, one whom I love immediately and deeply, who enters my world fully dependent on others.

The first moment holding my newborn daughter I knew “I” was no longer the center of the universe. I realized that the gift of my existence was much more generous than I had understood, including recognition of what my father and mother gave to me.

Fatherhood opened me both to a deeper understanding of other persons, and also to a more intense appreciation of God and his plan of life for us.

As my children grew, they learned from their mother and me every day as they progressed--first smiles, then steps, words, soon relationships. Each brought me joy, and also wisdom and reverence for their lives. In time they shared ideas that brought me important new insights. My joy continues today as they progress in their adult lives.

As parents we also value those who touch their lives as in loco parentis--the teachers, coaches, priests, religious sisters and brothers, relatives and friends who have helped them grow in God’s love and their faith.

Ultimately, I understand that I am a modest participant in a much greater world of love. Each child is unique, remarkable. I am grateful and humbled that I have been a vital part of our children becoming unique children of God, and I recognize that God’s love is the foundation of all the joy I find in my children.
During morning liturgy and next to the tabernacle in the church on the weekend during the novena.

**Liturgical Minister Needs By Mass...**

We are blessed with many dedicated parishioners who minister at our weekend liturgies in a variety of ways. However, each liturgy is always in need of additional ministers—maybe this invite is directed to you! Please consider assisting at:

- **5:00pm Vigil Mass**—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion or adult server (sacristan/acrolyte)
- **8:30am Mass**—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion, minister of the word, adult server (sacristan/acrolyte)
- **10:30am Mass**—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion, member of the adult choir, adult server (sacristan/acrolyte)
- **5:00pm Sunday Mass**—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion, minister of the word, adult server (sacristan/acrolyte)

**Liturgical Musicians**—we are always looking for additional instrumentalists to supplement our current music ministry. *Flute, violin, guitar, etc.*

Please contact Tony Millette at 254-24726 x303 or tmillette@smparish.org

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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.

**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**

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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.
We Are Connected
tinyurl.com/WeAreConnected-3MR

“Reflections from Megan”.

I have a friend who loves giving gifts. They’re mostly small things, like a book or a candy bar, but they let us know he’s thinking of us and cares for us. It’s usually not so much the gift itself that strikes me as it is the love I know is behind the giving. A much greater gift of love is the Eucharist: the Father’s sacrifice in giving his Son and Christ’s gift of his own self are so striking because they come from the deepest kind of love there is. If I allow it, this kind of love changes me, and inspires me to reflect it outward to others. It helps me continue to grow in God’s image - a growth that could might even be shown through the simple loving gift of a candy bar.

Summer Concerts and Movies
Concerts are held most Tuesday nights at 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Orinda Community Center Park. Summer Movies are held every other Thursday evenings beginning at dusk in the Orinda Community Center Park. You may find more details on the City website or in the Summer Activity Guide.

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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

San Damiano Retreat Center
How your spiritual life? Maybe a retreat is in order…

710 Highland Driven
Danville
925-837-9141
katerik@sandamiano.org
SanDamiano.org

Art & Soul:
A Workshop/Retreat on the Gifts & Ministry of Creative People
June 24

NEW RETREAT
Need Solutions? Try the 12 Steps
June 29—July 8

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
**Pastoral Team**

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Priest in Residence  

Reverend Vien Nguyen  
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Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC  
Bookkeeper  
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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  
Koups, 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

Jack Schieble

**Week-At-A-Glance**

Monday, June 19  
Parish Staff Meeting  
(10:30pm, (parish office)

Saturday, June 24  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Reflecting on the Gospel**

Liturgy of the Hours: Of the Solemnity

Jesus giving himself as living bread is a foretaste of the life that one day we will share eternally with him. When we eat this bread we “will live forever.” Heaven is above. Forever is beyond. Life is fleeting. But Life eternal is here and now in Jesus, “the living bread.” We who eat his flesh and drink his blood have eternal Life now. Heaven is not above. Forever is not beyond. Life is not fleeting. Because Jesus is living bread.

-Living Liturgy™,  
Body and Blood of Christ 2017

**Treasure**

**June 11, 2017 Actual**

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**Upcoming Collections:**

07/02/17 Faith Formation  
07/09/17 Holy Father/Peter’s Pence

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

8:30am—Joan O’Brien  
10:30am—Sisters of the Holy Cross

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Program Start:
July 20th, 2017
@ 10:00am

Program End:
July 23rd, 2017
Mass @ 11:00am
BBQ Lunch at Noon

Location:
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200 Maritime Academy Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590

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