Golden Jubilee Celebration

"Jesus Christ Crucified is the one and only object of our minds and hearts." This motto by Bishop Lambert de la Motte (1624-1679) has been the spiritual compass for the QuiNhon Missionary Sisters of the Holy Cross since its founding in QuiNhon, Vietnam in 1671. The Lambertian spirituality has inspired our Sisters to commit our lives to the missionary work in Vietnam, Australia, Norway, and the USA, to become Christ’s hands in comforting the afflicted and the suffering through prayers and sacrifices.

We established our first community in the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1988 under the leadership of the late Archbishop John R. Quinn. In the 1990s, we were invited by Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins to establish our Novitiate house in Concord, and in 1996, the late Father Roger Lucey, S.J. welcomed us to Santa Maria Church. The Harrington Center became the formation house for the Aspirants and retreat place for those discerning a religious vocation. In the past two decades, through the support and prayers of the late Msgr. Ted Kraus, the Vicar General and current pastor, Father George Moeckel, and parishioners, we have reaped the fruit of numerous vocations to serve the people of God in the Bay Area. In the US Province, we have 28 professed Sisters serving in three dioceses: the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the Diocese of Oakland, and the Diocese of San Jose. Most of our apostolic ministries involve catechetical ministry, education, liturgy, pastoral care, and nursing. At Santa Maria parish, we have Sister Theresa serving as Faith Formation Coordinator, Sister Pauline as Pastoral Care Coordinator, Sister Magdalena as bookkeeper, and the Aspirants as sacristans at daily Mass.

We are blessed to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of religious profession of Sisters Josephine Vu and Ancilla Marie Le on July 15, 2017 at 10:30am. We wish to invite all Santa Maria parishioners to attend. Reflecting on the Sisters’ journey in consecrated life, we are grateful for the gift of religious life as well as the support and prayers of the clergy, benefactors, and parishioners. We pray that many young people will generously respond to the call to serve God in the religious life or in the priesthood.
PARISH LIFE

Baptismal Preparation Process

If you would like to have your child baptized during the months of August and September, please plan on attending the upcoming July Baptismal Preparation Process. The process begins on Tuesday, July 25th with the first of two parent classes, a presentation ritual at the 5:00pm Mass on the 30th of July, and then the second class on Tuesday, August 1st.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Millette at 925-254-2426, ext 303 or tmillette@smparish.org.

Daily Mass

We will have our daily 8:00am Mass in the church this week so the sisters may continue with their retreat in the convent.

Daily Mass will return to the convent chapel beginning with the 8:00am Mass on July 13th.

Golden Girl’s Cats

The Golden Girls (Lillian Conrad & Angie Reymander) have to give up their beautiful Himalayan cats. They would love to have them go with a loving family. If you are interested or have questions about the cats, please contact Joanne Lande at (925) 254-5070.

Nurturing Your Children’s Faith

As I recall some of the definitions of FAITH from the parents’ meeting, such as, Faith is a compass guiding people closer to God; Faith is a foundation to stand on; Faith is a way to heaven, etc., I realize that you treasure your Catholic Faith and want to pass it on to your children.

Our Faith Formation Team worked hard during the school year to nurture your children’s faith along with your faith nurturing at home. Now that Summer is here, we do not have the chance to walk with your children. But you parents can continue to nurture your children’s faith at home.

To enable you to do this you may need resources; so please check out these links:

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The registration form for next year’s Faith Formation is now available online and in the parish office. The first day of Faith Formation is Monday, September 25th. I wish you all a blessed and relaxed Summer. You are in my prayers.

Sr. Theresa Do

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.

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

Monday, July 10
8am: Int of the Harry Gleason Family

Tuesday, July 11
8am: Jack Leutza (D)

Wednesday, July 12
8am: Joseph Truong (D)

Thursday, July 13
8am: Jack Leutza (D)

Friday, July 14
8am: Raymond P rotti (D)

Saturday, July 15
5pm (Vigil): Elizabeth Holden (D)

Sunday, July 16
8:30am: Maurice Gracias (D)
10:30am: John Kennedy, Jr. (D)
5pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lumen@smparish.org.
**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Annual Book Sale**

St. Anne’s Church Library Annual Book Sale will take place on July 8 and 15, 10:00am-6:30pm in the Parish Center at 1600 Rossmoor Pkwy, Walnut Creek.

A large selection of books, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, CDs and more will await you at the annual sale. Why not drop by and have a look!

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**French Boy’s Choir**

St. Margaret Mary Church, 1219 Exceltsior Avenue, Oakland, will host a concert of Sacred Music by the French Boy’s Choir (Maitrise des Hauts de France). The choir is a group of about thirty singers and these children and young adults come from the town of Lambersart and from the City of Lille area. The concert will be on July 21, 7:00pm. A free-will donation accepted at the concert.

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**Villa Maria Del Mar Retreat Center**

The Retreat Center will have two retreats in July:

- Every Day Epiphanies: Finding God in Every Nook and Cranny—*July 7-14*

- Toward a New Spirituality for our time—*July 17-24*

The Retreat Center is located at 21918 East Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz. For more information go online to VillaMariaDelMar.org.

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**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**

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**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!
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Priest in Residence

Reverend Vien Nguyen
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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 Koupas, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Rose Mary McPhie, Edward Millpoint, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer, John Wheeler, and Margaret Wiegand

For the Deceased
Nancy McGhee

TREASURE
July 2, 2017 Actuals will be in July 16th Bulletin

Upcoming Collections:
07/30/17 Maintenance Fund
08/06/17 Faith Formation

HOPE
Never deprive someone of hope—it may be all they have.
—Anonymous

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vicki Leutz & Bev Harris after the 8:30am Mass
Lisa de Paschalís family after the 10:30am Mass
Thank you for your generosity!

Week-At-A-Glance
Monday, July 10
Rosary & Communion Service
Orinda Senior Village
(10:30am)

Wednesday, July 12
Social Justice
(4:00pm, Library)

Saturday, July 15
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Missionary Sisters
Golden Jubilee
Parishioners are invited to attend
(10:30am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Reflecting On The Gospel
Liturgy of the Hours:
Week II of the Psalter

What is our greatest labor and burden? Getting to know the Father through the Son. On our own, we labor under a chafing and unwieldy yoke. However, when we come to Jesus, he shoulders our labor by teaching us, revealing his Father to us, and sharing our burden. How do we come to Jesus? By being filled with the same meekness and humility of heart he has, emptying ourselves of ourselves to be filled with him. Then our yoke becomes easy and our burden light.

- Living Liturgy™, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, And I will give you rest.”
This summer
Cast into the deep!
A Summer of Retreats for Young Adults

Join us at one of nine retreats this summer built for you to encounter yourself, others and God.

All you have to do...is pick one.

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On these retreats you will
• meet other young adults
• have time for prayer and reflection
• be led to a deeper relationship with God

For more information, please contact Steven Lewis at slewis@oakdiocese.org