Understanding the “order” in Holy Orders as deacons are ordained

by Reverend George Mockel

This past Friday evening at the mission church in Mission San Jose, Bishop Barber ordained two men to the diaconate. We call this the “transitional diaconate” because in the spring of next year they will be ordained to the priesthood. The term “transitional” is really a misnomer. It is a handy way to distinguish these men who will eventually be ordained priests from those who remain deacons.

It may be “handy,” but it is not accurate. That’s because when someone is ordained a priest (or Bishop) they don’t stop being a deacon. The charism of the deacon, which is service (especially to the poor) and the ministry of the Word continue and are an essential part of the priesthood. And so, a priest is still a deacon, and a Bishop is still a deacon and a priest. Thus the term Holy Orders. There are (theologians close your ears and eyes) “degrees” or “layers” of Holy Orders, but all comprise one single sacrament.

We are blest with three “permanent” deacons (another misnomer) in our parish. Deacon Maurice Custodio (retired), Deacon Jim Pearce and Deacon Rey Encarnacion. In addition to their liturgical service at the altar they each have various other ministries in the parish like Baptismal preparation for parents, R.C.I.A, marriage preparation, pastoral counseling, etc.

If you have not met one of them, introduce yourself!
PARISH LIFE

Faith Formation (K-Fifth)
We have been accepting 2017-2018 faith formation (K-Grade 5) registrations!

You can get the Registration Package at the Church in the Narthex, at the parish office, or on the parish Website http://santamariaorinda.com/faith-formation-registration

Once completed, please mail it to Santa Maria Parish, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda, CA 94563, or drop it off at parish office before August 31, 2017.

Save the dates:
Parent Orientation: Sunday, September 17 at 9:15am in the conference room of the school.
First Day of Faith Formation: Monday, September 25.

Adoration
Autumn will be upon us soon and beginning with the month of September we will once again have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent chapel. This will take place on Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with our Lord.

RCIA
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
RCIA is a journey of faith for those inquiring about becoming a Catholic and those who were baptized in the Catholic Church but have not celebrated the sacraments of confirmation and/or Eucharist. This process recognizes that all who join us have already experienced God in their lives and are now searching for a community in which they can join in worship of God and learn more about their faith.

Maybe you have been searching. Maybe you know someone who is. Come October we will begin a journey of discovering who God is, who we are as church and as a people of faith.

Come and see!
Contact the parish office at 925.254.2426 x303

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

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<td>Saturday, August 12</td>
<td>5pm (Vigil): Parishioners of Santa Maria</td>
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<td>Sunday, August 13</td>
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L = Living, D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at tambino@smparish.org.
Welcome Back, Fr. Joseph

Fr. Joseph Duong Nguyen has returned from his trip to Viet Nam. Please say hi when you see him at one of the Masses.

Sunday Morning Donuts

Donuts are kind of like music and art: Everyone has an opinion about which ones they like and don’t like! We have donuts and coffee after the two morning Masses on Sunday. It is a wonderful way for people to get together and enjoy one another’s company. The donut shop that delivers our donuts requires a minimum order which is much more than we ever use. It is not unusual to have dozens of donuts left over each week and despite our efforts to find a worthy destination for the leftovers, they get thrown away. Not a good example and certainly not good stewardship. The sisters have generously offered to pick up the number of donuts we really need each week from Safeway. So until and unless we come up with a better solution, that is what we will be doing. Try them - you might like them!

Reverend George Mockel

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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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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Celebrate our Patroness, Mary!

The Assumption of Mary-August 15
Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate the Assumption of Mary on Tuesday, August 15

Masses will be in the Church at 8:00am & 7:30pm
**PASTORAL TEAM**

Reverend George Mockel  
Pastor  
gmockel@smparish.org

Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen  
Priest in Residence

Reverend Vien Nguyen  
Sacramental Assistance

Deacon Maurice Custodio  
(Retired)  
smoffice@smparish.org x301

Deacon Rey Encarnacion  
dcn.rey@smparish.org x310

Deacon James Pearce  
dcnpearce@smparish.org x301

Linda Zunino  
Administrative Assistant  
lzunino@smparish.org x301

Tony Millette  
Liturgy and Music  
tmillette@smparish.org x303

Sister Theresa Lan Do, LHC  
Faith Formation (Grades K-5)  
sistertd@smparish.org x306

Megan Arteaga  
Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12) and  
CYO Parish Liaison  
megan@smparish.org x308

Sister Pauline Hoang, LHC  
Pastoral Care of the Sick  
sisterpauline@smparish.org x309

Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC  
Bookkeeper  
sistermagdalena@smparish.org x302

**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Hans  
Bedenbecker, Br. Dominic  
Berardelli, FSC, 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  
Linchan, Yal Liu, Mary Lou  
Mackintosh, Rose Mary McPhee,  
Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz,  
Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Fr. Tim  
Ryan, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,  
John Wheeler, and Margaret  
Wiegand

*For the Deceased*

**TREASURE**

*July 30, 2017 Actual*

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**Upcoming Collections:**

09/03/17 Faith Formation
09/10/17 Diocesan Priest Retirement

**Week-At-A-Glance**

*Wednesday, August 9*

Social Justice Mtg  
(4:00pm, Library)

RCIA FSG  
(7:00pm, Library)

*Saturday, August 12*

Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Wedding-Gabriel Powers &  
Teresa Kao  
(2:30pm, Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Reflecting On The Gospel**

Liturgy of the Hours:  
Of the Feast

When the voice from the cloud tells  
Peter, James, and John to “listen to”  
Jesus, they will hear something new.  
They were not prepared, however, for  
the "new" Jesus was inaugurating:  
that human flesh can shine with the  
glory of God; that death is not the  
end, rising "from the dead" is. Jesus'  
new covenant promises us a share in  
his risen Life. In the transfiguration  
of Jesus, Peter, James, and John see  
their own glorification. And so do we.  
-Living Liturgy™,

**This Week’s Readings**

**First Reading:**  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

_Psalm:_  
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

**Second Reading:**  
2 Peter 1:16-19

_Gospel:_  
Matthew 17:1-9
santamaria Youth Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

2017-2018 REGISTRATION DUE

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

AUG 31 2017

SIGN UP NOW ON OUR WEBSITE

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