History of the Rosary and Invitation

Deacon Rey Encarnacion

The rosary is the best known private devotion in the Catholic Church and Christianity's most popular method of meditation. The use of key prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Doxology), which are repeated with the aid of a string of beads, focuses the meditation on scenes (mostly biblical) called "mysteries."

In the 16th century, a standard fifteen Mysteries of the Rosary, based on the long-standing custom, was established by Pope Pius V, grouping the mysteries in three sets: the Joyful Mysteries, the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Glorious Mysteries. In 2002 Pope John Paul II said that it is fitting that a new set of five be added, called the Luminous Mysteries, bringing the total number of mysteries to twenty.

In October 2016, Pope Francis, on the Vigil of the Marian Jubilee on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary said “Through prayer and meditation on the life of Jesus Christ, we see once more his merciful countenance, which he shows to everyone in all the many needs of life. Mary accompanies us along this journey, pointing to her Son who radiates the very mercy of the Father.”

In 1883, Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the month of October to the Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary is, of course, to pray the rosary daily. Let us come together and pray the Holy Rosary at Santa Maria Church on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 7:30 pm.
**PARISH LIFE**

**Oktoberfest**

On Oktober 7th following the 5pm Mass we are all invited to the Parish Hall to partake in the annual Santa Maria Oktoberfest from 6 to 10pm.

Come join us for sumptuous sausage, salty pretzels, sauerkraut, salad and strudel. And, of course, frothy steins of beer and fine wine. Hot dogs, pasta and drinks for the kids are free.

We welcome all families, singles and friends to have great fun, eat and drink heartily and toast the end of summer with our Santa Maria Community.

Cost is $20 per adult—kids are free. To reserve your spot please email gasmith4@pacbell.net.

**Anointing of the Sick**

All those seriously ill or anticipating surgery and all who suffer from physical or emotional illness are invited to come to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on:

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

at 11:00am in the church

You are also invited to join us for a reception after the Liturgy in the parish hall.

More information contact Sister Mary Magdalene at 925-254-2426, ext 309.

**Blood Drive**

The Knights of Columbus and Santa Maria will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The Blood Mobile will be parked in the lower church parking lot. To schedule your Life Saving appointment, please visit www.bloodheroes.com and click on "Locate a Blood Drive and enter Sponsor code Santamaria."

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Semar at thebobs2@comcast.net or call 925-283-1348.

When you arrive for your appointment please bring a Photo ID. Please also go online and complete the required questionnaire and bring the printed sheet indicating completion. Please eat and drink plenty of water before donating.

**Rosary Prayer Service**

On Wednesday evening October 4th there will be a Rosary Prayer Service at 7:30pm with a light social following in the parish hall. Our Middle School Youth Group will be attending this service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**Why do I need to do Safe Environment training?**

If you’re new to ministry at our parish, welcome and thank you! Before you get started, you’ll need to participate in our Safe Environment program to help us create and maintain a community of caring adults aware of the reality of threats to our youngest parishioners’ safety. To register, go to www.virtusonline.org and sign up as a First Time Registrant. From there, you can either sign up for the ONLINE version of the “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” course, or an ON-SITE training of the same course. Each takes approximately 2-3 hours.

**Local Upcoming On-Site Trainings:**

**NEW:** St. Leander Parish, San Leandro: Mon, Oct 9, 7:00pm
St. Felicitaes Parish, San Leandro: Thurs, Oct 19, 7:00pm
**NEW:** St. Augustine Parish, Oakland: Sat, Oct 21, 10:00am
Questions? Contact Megan Arteaga (megan@smparish.org) for help!

**Children’s Choir**

We will begin Children’s Choir rehearsals on October 2nd at 3:30pm in classroom 1. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Tony Millette at (925) 254-2426, ext 303 or email him at tmlilette@smparish.org.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, October 2**
8am: Int: KW Klaver (L)

**Tuesday, October 3**
8am: Joshua Sean Klaver (D)

**Wednesday, October 4**
8am: Edward & Susan Abinsay (D)

**Thursday, October 5**
8am: Maria Huyen (D)

**Friday, October 6**
8am: All Souls

**Saturday, October 7**
5pm (Vigil): Michael Hopkins (D)

**Sunday, October 8**
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Jo Lupsha (D)
5pm: Glenn Slicker (D)

*L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzunino@smparish.org.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel of the convent on Tuesday of each week between Noon and 3:00pm.

The Blessed sacrament will be exposed for personal adoration and prayer. Benediction is celebrated at 3pm—the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed before Benediction. Spend a few moments with our Eucharistic Lord! Pray for your needs, for your family & for your parish.

Guild Luncheon

Be our guests for the annual Guild Membership Luncheon at 11:00am, Wednesday, October 18th in the Parish Hall.

Ann Walker Collins, a fellow parishioner and very talented singer and speaker will do a presentation of “Songs of the Slaves” based on spirituals remembered from her childhood. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex of the Church.

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!

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.

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!

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Prayer Intentions

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,
Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Br.
Dominic Berardelli, FSC, Harlon
Berg, Maria Carmel, Delores Codde,
Tom Crosby, Aida Ding, 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, Katherine
Linehan, 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
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For the Deceased
Deacon Maurice Custodio
Thomas Poggi

Treasure

September 24, 2017 Actual

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Upcoming Collections:
10/08/17 Catholic Voice
10/22/17 Mission Sunday

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, October 2
Faith Formation Classes
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)

Children’s Choir
(3:30pm, Room #1)

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

Wednesday, October 4
Parish Rosary
(7:30pm, Church)

Saturday, October 7
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Oktoberfest
(6:00pm, Parish Hall)

Catholics At Work

Linda Del Rio, wife of Oakland
Raiders head coach Jack Del Rio,
will tell the story of her family’s
charity at the Tuesday, Oct. 10 Catho-
lices@Work breakfast. Linda man-
gees the Jack Del Rio Foundation
that is focused on helping youth.

The foundation has provided help to
a wide range of charities, including
Catholic Charities, Committee
Cenacolo, the Children’s Hospital,
Special Olympics and Knights of
Columbus youth programs. Linda
will talk about her active Catholic
life and the foundation.

The program, at Crow Canyon
Country Club, begins at 7 a.m., pre-
ceded by Mass at 6:30. It ends at
8:15.

All are welcome. Reservations are
not required but facilitate food prep.
Price is $30 per person ($20 mem-
bers). More information and reser-
varions at Catholics@Work.org

Donuts and Coffee this
weekend are hosted by:

Susanna & Frank MacDonald after
the 8:30am Mass
Jim & Jackie Bava after the 10:30am
Mass
FIAT
Mary said yes. Will you?

C2 OVERNIGHT RETREAT
OCTOBER 14-15, 2017
LAFAYETTE RETREAT CENTER