What Belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God?

Stewardship Sign-ups Next Weekend!

In last weeks Gospel we heard the familiar saying of Jesus: “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

So what belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? I saw a reflection that commented that there is really only one answer to that question and it is as simple as it is demanding. Everything, ultimately, belongs to God. We may at times be called upon to share a portion of that with “Caesar” (as in taxes!) But it nevertheless still ultimately came from and belongs to God.

Can you think of one thing in the universe, one thing on earth, one thing in your home, one thing in your life that truly belongs exclusively to you and not to God?

If God asked you for something, could you legitimately say: “Sorry Lord, but that’s mine, you will have to get your own.” If there is, then you have missed the point of the scriptures and of good stewardship. A point worth reflecting about.

That’s the central message of stewardship and a message we encourage you to reflect upon each year in our annual renewal of Stewardship, which is beginning today. When we have much, we deceive ourselves into thinking: “I earned it, I deserve it, it’s all mine.” As we heard in another Gospel passage this past week: “You fool this very night your life will be demanded of you and the things you have stored, to whom will they belong?”
PARISH LIFE

Baptismal Process
If you have a child that you would like to have baptized over the next two months the required parent classes will be held in the month of November starting on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00pm in the conference room of the school. The second class will be November 15th at 7:00pm, also in the conference room. Please contact the parish office, (925) 254-2426 for more information about the baptismal process or if you would like to register.

All Saints Day
This Wednesday, November 1, is the Feast of All Saints. On this Holy Day of Obligation, we will have a Mass at 8:00am and at 7:30pm in the Church. Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints.

All Souls Novena
In honor of your dearly departed loved ones, we will have an All Souls Novena from November 2 thru November 10th. Envelopes may be found in the pews in the church. Please complete the envelope, place your donation in it and place it in the collection. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for November.

Greeter Training
There will be training for all new greeters on November 11 & 12 after all the Masses in the Church. Even if you are a seasoned greeter you will need to come by for the training and to meet all the new members in this ministry. We will also have training on December 2nd at 10:00am.

Mass of Remembrance
November is the month we remember those who are deceased. We will have our annual Mass of Remembrance for our departed loved ones on:
Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 11:00 am.
All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and to pray for our loved ones who have passed away.
All are welcome to join us for this special Liturgy and the reception after Mass in the Parish Hall.
Thank you.

Stewardship Drive
Next weekend we begin our annual Stewardship Drive—a process which helps you discern how you can share your time and talent with your parish. Keep an eye out for news on ways you can give of your time, talent, and treasure to our parish community! Sign-ups will start soon.

Guild Fall Morning of Renewal
By popular request the Guild will have The Very Reverend Michael Amabisco, O.P., the rector of St. Albert’s Monastery as our speaker for our Fall Morning of Renewal.
The day will start at 9:30am on Thursday, November 9th in the convent and conclude with liturgy and a light lunch. Give yourself a morning of quiet contemplation before the Holidays begin.
Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex.

Maintenance Fund Collection for North Bay Fire Victims
This month the Maintenance Fund Collection will be used to aid the victims of the North Bay fires.
You may use the envelope that you received from Our Sunday Visitor that says Maintenance Fund for your fire victim donation or you may put a loose check into the collection basket. These funds will be given to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa to be used in aiding the North Bay fires victims.
Thank you for your generosity!

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 lsminda@smparish.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.

Balance

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

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 and: 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!

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.

We thank you for your continued generosity!

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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
**Pastoral Team**

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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Br.  
Dominic Berardelli, FSC, Harlon  
Berg, Jack Bevis, Maria Carmen,  
Delores Codde, Tom Crosby, Lorna  
Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora  
Enriquez, Ernido Fonseca, Liam  
Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget  
Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Brian  
Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly,  
Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol  
Kopuos, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Mary  
Lou Mackintosh, Rose Mary  
McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,  
Charlene Smith, John Wheeler

*For the Deceased*

Margaret Wiegnad

Tom Fellner

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**Treasure**

**October 22, 2017 Actual**

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Mission Sunday: $2,203.00

**Upcoming Collections:**

- 11/01/17: All Saints Day
- 11/05/17: Faith Formation

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

Bobbie Richards & Bob Semar after the 8:30am Mass
Pancake Breakfast after the 10:30am Mass

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**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, October 30**

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

Children’s Choir  
(3:30pm, Room #1)

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

**Tuesday, October 31**

RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

**Wednesday, November 1**

All Saints Day  
(8:00am, Church)

Mass at Orinda Convalescent Hosp.  
(11:00am)

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

All Saints Day  
(7:30pm, Church)

**Thursday, November 2**

All Souls Day  
(8:00am, Chapel)

**Saturday, November 4**

Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Remembrance Mass  
(11:00am, Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Stewardship Sign-up after Mass**

**Sunday, November 5**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

**Stewardship Sign-up after Masses**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)

C2 Session  
(3:00pm, Youth Room)

C1 Session  
(5:00pm, Youth Room)
Thanks to everyone who made this 02 Retreat a reality - especially our 30+ teen retreatant's leaders Laina Austin, Bao and Debbie Berndt, Ignacia Guzman, Andrew Klino, Lunny Lundstrom, and Ashley Miller, and Father George Wecikel. It was a blessing to have each of you join us and the weekend wouldn't have been the same with anyone missing.

Small groups bonded

Father George spent some time with us

We celebrated mass on Saturday

"Did you know hair bleeds?"

Reflecting on the light of Christ

Our awesome teens at the end of an awesome weekend

Practicing for real life with our trust walk