Happy New Year!

A time to recall and a time to renew.

Fellow Parishioners -

As we come to the end of the Church Year and we prepare ourselves to enter into the holy season of Advent next Sunday – let us pause and reflect on the year past in light of today’s Gospel in which we hear the Beatitudes and Jesus say “Whenever you did this for one of the least important you did it for me.”

Over the past year when did we, as a community of faith, care for the Hungry, the Thirsty, the Stranger, the Naked, the Ill and the Prisoner?

As we enter a New Church Year, let us celebrate the many ways that we did act in the way of Jesus. And, acknowledge those times that we failed, as a new year always brings hope!

Therefore, let us pledge that as a parish community we will continue to embrace our baptismal calling - to be the light of Christ in the world.

We, the parish of Santa Maria, pledge to be a community that PRAYS, a community that SERVES and a community that will BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

Happy New Year and Happy Advent!
PARISH LIFE

Buon Natale!
Come and kick-off the holiday season with your parish community. Your ticket includes appetizers, drinks, dinner, dancing and dessert!

Ticket sales for our Annual Christmas party on December 1st, 6:30pm will take place this weekend after all Masses; tickets are $50 per person. Don’t miss this great party!

Boxes of Joy
55 Boxes of Joy have been collected. On behalf of the less fortunate children, who will receive these gifts, the Faith Formation Program would like to thank all the parents and students for your generosity and love for our needy little brothers and sisters.

May God continue to bless your families and may we all grow in love for God and for others, a little more each day.

Sr. Theresa Lan Do,  
Faith Formation

Family Advent Wreath Workshop
We will have our annual Family Advent Wreath Workshop on December 3rd in the Parish Hall after the 8:30 & 10:30am Masses. Come and enjoy the fun and create a beautiful Advent Wreath for your family. Materials will be provided but a small donation would be appreciated. Questions, contact Sr. Theresa at (925) 254-2426, ext 306 or sistertd@smparish.org.

Christmas Adult Choir
Our Adult Christmas Choir will begin their practices for Christmas on November 30th at 7:00pm in the church. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Tony Millette at tmillette@smparish.org. Each year the choir increases by 8-10 members and we would love to have you join us.

Safe Environment Training
In light of our recent stewardship enrollment there may be some who are wondering how to begin their safe environment training.

You will need to go online to the Diocese of Oakland website, www.oakdiocese.org and look for the box with the word Virtus Online. Then you will need to register for the course so click on registration and follow the directions.

Advent Reconciliation
Please mark your calendars for December 6th at 7:30pm in the church as we will hold our Advent Reconciliation for the parish. Following the service we will have a reception in the parish hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

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.

Thank you for your continued help!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 27  
8am: Paul Bach Vien (D)

Tuesday, November 28  
8am: Anna Bach Duom (D)

Wednesday, November 29  
8am: Joseph Hung Nguyen (D)

Thursday, November 30  
8am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 1  
8am: Joan Marable (D)

Saturday, December 2  
5pm (Vigil): Alma Laing (D)

Sunday, December 3  
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria  
10:30am: Aquiles Tejada (D)  
5pm Int: Kim Lee (L)

L = Living; D = Deceased  
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzunino@smparish.org.
**CHRIST, KING OF ALL**

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ’s work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ’s saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls “the least ones” (Matthew 25:45).

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**Reflecting on the Gospel**

**Liturgy of the Hours: Solemnity**

Christ the King will come “in his glory.” It is not “if” he will come, but “when.” There is an imperative in the immediacy of this “when.” The gospel claim is clear: Christ the King, arrayed in all his glory, is present now in the other. His throne is the person of the other. The “when” is now. The kingdom of God is now. The judgment is now. In our care for others here and now, Christ the King reigns.

—Living Liturgy™, Christ the King

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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!

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**Prayer Intentions**

For the Sick  
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For the Deceased  
Jack Bevis  
Angie Reymander

**Week-At-A-Glance**

Monday, November 27  
Faith Formation Classes  
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)

Children’s Choir  
(3:30pm, Room #1)

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

Tuesday, November 28  
RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

Wednesday, November 29  
Middle School Youth Ministry  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Thursday, November 30  
Adult Choir Practice  
(7:00pm, Church)

Friday, December 1  
Parish Christmas Party  
(6:30pm, Parish Hall)

Saturday, December 2  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, December 3  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)

Family Advent Wreath Workshop  
(9:30 & 11:30am, Parish Hall)

C2 Session  
(3:00pm, Youth Room)

C1 Session  
(5:00pm, Youth Room)

**Treasure**

**November 19, 2017 Actual will appear in the December 3rd Bulletin**

**Upcoming Collections:**

12/03/17  
Faith Formation

12/08/17  
Immaculate Conception

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

Barbara & Jim Sweetser after the 8:30am Mass  
Jessica Fairbour family after the 10:30am Mass  
Thank you for your generosity!

**Pope Francis on Twitter**

“Go forth and reach out to all people at the margins of society! Go there and be the Church, with the strength of the Holy Spirit.” June 23, 2017
PJS AND PIE = WINNING MSYG

Did you know that about once a month, our Middle Schoolers head out into the community for an off-site social on a regular Youth Group night?

These events aren't just for fun and games, though – our getting out to the Clayton bowling alley, the Orinda Nation's, or Walnut Creek on Ice, and then starting our sessions as usual with some time for prayer (sharing "God sightings" and prayer intentions) provides a good opportunity to share our faith with those who get curious seeing 15+ young people giving it all to God.

All are welcome – join us next time, and say hi if you ever see us out there!