Sacrament of the Sick

"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed."

(2 Timothy 3:14)

The World Day of the Sick is a feast day of the Church which was instituted on May 13, 1992 by then Pope John Paul II. Beginning on February 11, 1993, it is celebrated every year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. For all believers it is a special time of prayer and sharing of one’s suffering.

A person who is to undergo surgery may also be anointed. This sacrament is for the sick and not just for the dying, so please request the sacrament when illness is discovered. The presence of loved ones and friends who pray along with the priest is important at the anointing. Uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, giving them the strength, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner through the sufferings of illness or old age.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states the priority with which Jesus held the care of the sick and dying as a component of his ministry and life: “Christ’s compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a re-splendent sign that ‘God has visited his people’ (Luke 7:16) and the Kingdom of God is close at hand.” [Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #1503] Jesus sought healing for the entire person -- spirit, soul, and body. His compassion for the sick and dying was such that he even identified with them in both word and deed. And the Catechism states: “His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul.

Twice each year we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at Santa Maria. The Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated on February 24th at 11:00am and administered to all who are suffering from an ailment or undergoing medical treatments, and the elderly.
**Dust Busters**

Many of you may not know, but every week there is a dedicated team of volunteers that polish the brass and dust the altar and the worship space in the church. To keep this team up to date, we are now looking for additional volunteers. At present, we need volunteers to help cover the months of May, September and December. Training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact ANA ZIMMANK @ 925-640-6008 or by email: anazimmank@aol.com.

**Stations of the Cross**

Beginning on Friday, March 9th we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the church. This year we will also have a simple supper in the parish hall at 6:30pm before the stations. We invite all the families and others who are interested to mark their calendar and come and participate in this spiritual gathering for the weeks of Lent.

**Social Justice Stewardship - Gifts in Gratitude**

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10)

2017 Parish Stewardship donations:
Spring Day of Renewal
The Santa Maria Guild will have their Spring Day of Renewal on Thursday, March 8th at the San Damiano Retreat in Danville. The day will begin at 9:30am and conclude at 3:00pm. Father Charles Talley, OFM will lead everyone. The cost including lunch is $40.00.
The Guild has reserved 12 spaces and will arrange ride pools from Santa Maria. Please call Kathie Brady at 254-3674 to reserve your spot. If we fill all our spaces you will need to contact San Damiano Retreat Center on your own. Their telephone number is 925-837-9141.

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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

End-of-life Issues Workshop
Learn how to navigate end-of-life issues through your Catholic faith, including healthcare forms, choosing a healthcare decision maker, how to find practical living advice and knowing when to request the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
To register or find more information, visit www.oakdiocese.org/catholics-care or call 510-267-8392.
Workshops will be offered as follows:
March 15, 7 p.m. Good Shepherd, Pittsburgh
March 24, 10 a.m. St. Joan of Arc, San Ramon
April 12, 7 p.m. St. James the Apostle, Fremont
April 21, 10:30 a.m. St. Joseph, Pinole

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 call the parish office for a form and we will mail you a registration form or go online to our website, wwwsantamariaorinda.com to register.
See you next week!

FAITH SHARING GROUPS!

Open Our Hearts Week #1:
Into the Desert: The Time of Fulfillment
"Reform your lives and believe in the Good News." Mark 1:15

Focus of this week’s Faith Sharing Group
As we open our hearts, we will be set free by the power of God’s love so that we can embrace what we already possess—an intimate relationship with a God who loves. Now is the time of fulfillment. Now is the time to wake up. The hour has come to be free from what binds us. Through the spiritual practice of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, and through the trust we offer each other in our lives, we can be free from what burdens us, and embrace a greater peace & joy.

What burdens do you carry?
What would life be like if you were set free of those burdens?
**Pastoral Team**

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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Harlon Berg, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen,  
Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott,  
Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez,  
Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley,  
Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher,  
Noreen Gillham, Phyllis Hassan,  
Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp,  
Carol Koups, Mary Lou  
Mackintosh, Kevin Madsen, Rose  
Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,  
Charlene Smith, and John Wheeler

*For the Deceased*

Mike Murphy  
(brother of Cell Baron)

**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, February 19**  
President’s Day  
Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, February 20**  
RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

**Wednesday, February 21**  
Faith Sharing Women’s Group  
(11:00am, Conf Room)  
Middle School Youth Ministry  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)  
Faith Sharing Couples Group  
(7:00pm, Conf Room)  
Faith Sharing Women’s Group  
(7:00pm, Library)

**Thursday, February 22**  
Faith Sharing Men’s Group  
(7:00pm, Library)

**Saturday, February 24**  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, February 25**  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)  
C2 Session  
(3:00pm, Youth Room)  
C1 Session  
(5:00pm, Youth Room)

For a full version of the Parish Calendar, please visit the website at www.SantaMariaOrinda.org and click on the “Events Calendar” at the top of the page.

**Treasure**

February 11, 2018 Actual

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**Upcoming Collections:**

02/18/18 Annual Bishop’s Appeal  
03/04/18 Faith Formation

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

Dave Fulton after the 8:30am Mass  
Jessica Fairbourn after the 10:30am Mass  
Thank you for your generosity!
C1 RETREAT

GIFTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
- MARCH 9-11, 2018 -

SIGN UP NOW

Return your Permission Slip (available on the YM Announcements page) to Megan by Feb 28.

Note: you may submit the names of 2-3 other people you’d like to room with for the weekend.