Journeying through the Stations of the Cross

A Lenten devotion dating back to the fourth century

The Stations of the Cross as we know them, beginning with Pilate condemning Jesus to death and ending with Jesus being laid in the tomb, were a recent development by Catholic Church standards. It wasn’t until the early 1730s that Pope Clement XII exhorted priests to enhance and enrich their churches with the 14 standardized stations commemorating Jesus’ journey to his death.

The tradition and devotion of making some sort of pilgrimage relating to the way Jesus went to his death, known in Latin as the *Via Dolorosa* (the Sorrowful Way), dates back to the fourth century. When Emperor Constantine permitted Christians to be able to worship legally in the Roman Empire after centuries of persecution, pilgrims flocked to the newly erected Church of the Holy Sepulcher at the site where Jesus’ tomb was believed to be. Their route through Jerusalem’s Old City gained acceptance as the way Jesus went to his death, and especially during Holy Week was a popular pilgrimage route.

The devotion continues today, and with few changes in form or number since Pope Clement’s standardization of the 14 Stations in the eighteenth century. In 1991, in order to provide a version more specifically aligned with Biblical accounts, Pope John Paul II introduced the Scriptural Way of the Cross on Good Friday in 1991, and celebrated it in that form every year thereafter in Rome.

Please join us in participating in this devotion during Lent on Friday Evenings at 7:30pm in the church.
PARISH LIFE

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 to come and participate in this spiritual gathering for the weeks of Lent.

Sign up for secure eGiving with Faith Direct

We’ve upgraded to a more streamlined online provider for our eGiving needs through Faith Direct—now you can make contributions to Santa Maria directly and securely from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card—no more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door!

You can enroll securely by visiting www.faithdirect.net using parish code CA891, or the paper form you may have received in the mail this past week (also available in the Parish Office).

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Megan at 925-254-2426 x308 or megan@smparish.org.

You are Invited!
To Uncover Holy Week
All parishioners are invited to a Morning of Reflection, hosted by the Parish Liturgy team, to prepare ourselves to enter into Holy Week. Fr. Michael Amabisco, OP will facilitate the morning as we uncover, discover and/or recover why these days are so important and what they mean to our lives as followers of Christ. As participants we will be challenged to make these days different from all other days of the year.

Saturday, March 24
Parish Hall
9:30a—12Noon
Hospitality will begin at 9a
Please RSVP to 925-254-2426 x314
millette@smparish.org.

Erin Go Braghl!
Join us for Santa Maria’s St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef Dinner! The Santa Maria and St. Perpetua Knights of Columbus are co-hosting the event on Saturday, March 17, 2018 with a social hour at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. Come hear live Irish music by Celtic Sister, enjoy traditional Irish Dancing, and eat staples like corned beef, tatties, cabbage, and more! Ticket sales of $25.00 for adults will continue after Mass this weekend.

Good Friday Blood Drive
“The annual Good Friday Blood Drive” sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Santa Maria is scheduled for Good Friday, March 30th from 1:00pm thru 5:00pm. The Bloodmobile will be located in the lower church parking lot to take your donations. To schedule a lifesaving appointment visit www.bloodheroes.com, click on “Locate a Blood Drive” and enter Sponsor Code; santamaria. Contact Bob Semar at thebobs2@comcast.net or 925-263-1348 if there are any questions.”

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Citizen of the Year

We wish to congratulate Janet Riley, parishioner, for having been selected as Citizen of the Year 2017 by the Orinda Community Foundation for the City of Orinda. Janet and James Phillip Wright, Orinda Association’s honoree will be honored at a gala dinner at the Orinda Country Club this evening at 6:00pm.

Janet’s volunteer history in Orinda spans over 28 years, with extensive focus on Orinda schools, the Church of Santa Maria and the Orinda Garden Club.

Through her links here at Santa Maria, she worked with Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB) to sponsor the relocation of the Klaw Reh family from Burma to the United States. Having settled the family, Janet is mentoring the next chairperson who is working with the Maqsoodi Family of 10 from Afghanistan which the parish is sponsoring.

Currently, Janet is focusing on a huge event for the Orinda Garden Club as co-chair of the Annual Meeting Flower Show in San Francisco which will take place in April.

Summer Sports

Saint Mary’s College High School, Berkeley will offer summer sports and academic programs for grades 6 to 9 from June 18 through July 14.

Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, Flag Football, and Strength & Conditioning, as well as Math and English enrichment (grades 6,7 and 8 only) are offered. Registration is now open on the Summer School link on Saint Mary’s web site at www.saintmaryschs.org.

"Loving Your Neighbor: Covenantal Reasoning and the Common Good"

will be offered March 13 from 7:30-9:00pm at The Soda Center on the campus of Saint Mary’s College of California, 1928 Saint Mary’s Road, Moraga.

Presenter is Saint Mary’s College Professor of Biblical Studies Michael Barram, author of “Missional Economics: Biblical Justice and Christian Formation” (Eerdmans, May 2018). The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Father Dave Gentry, dgentry@stmarys-ca.edu, 925.631.4790.

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, www.santamariaorinda.com to register.

See you next week!

FAITH SHARING GROUPS!

Open Our Hearts Week #4:

Into the Light: God So Loved the World

The one who acts in truth will come into the light—Jn 3:20

Focus of this past week’s Faith Sharing Group

“We have our sins forgiven by being in community, at table with each other. Bluntly put, we will never go to hell as long as we are touching the community - touching it with sincerity and a modicum of contrition.

To state things rather crassly for the sake of clarity, if I commit a serious sin on Saturday night and, whatever my physical state on Sunday morning, I enter a church with some sincerity and contrition in my heart, I am forgiven my sin. I am touching the hem of Christ’s garment, as the woman in Mark’s Gospel.”

-The Holy Longing-R Rolheiser

Staying close to the community keeps us in the light and in touch with God’s infinite love. He loved us enough to send His son. For our part, we must stay connected to the light of His community.

How do you build connections with family, friends, neighbors and Santa Maria?
Pastoral Team

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Priest in Residence

Reverend Michael Amabiso, OP
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Prayer Intentions

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Arntmann, Shoab Aryan, 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 Kouphus, 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
Jeffrey Baus
Patricia Connolly

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, March 12
FSG Women’s Group
(1:00pm, Youth Room)

Tuesday, March 13
RCIA
(7:00pm, Library)

Wednesday, March 14
Faith Sharing Women’s Group
(11:00am, Conf Room)
Middle School Youth Ministry
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Baptism Class - 1 of 2
(7:00pm, Conf Room)

Women’s FSG
(7:00pm, Library)

Couples FSG
(7:00pm, Kindergarten Room)

Knights of Columbus
(7:30pm, Parish Hall)

Thursday, March 15
Faith Sharing Men’s Group
(7:00pm, Library)

Choir Rehearsal
(7:00pm, Church)

Friday, March 16
Stations of the Cross/Lenten Supper
(6:30pm, Supper, Parish Hall
7:30pm, Stations, Church)

Saturday, March 17
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Knights of Columbus
St. Patrick’s Dinner
(6:00pm, Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 18
Rite of Welcome for Baptism
(8:30am, Church)

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

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

March 4, 2018 Actual

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Faith Formation $1,484.61

Upcoming Collections:
03/30/18 Holy Land/Good Friday
04/01/18 Easter

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vicki Leutra and Bev Harris after the 8:30am Mass
Maria Nunez after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!
C1 Retreat

Gifted by the Holy Spirit
Called by Name

This Weekend

Pray for Retreat!