The Paschal Triduum

The Triduum ("three days") refers from the evening liturgy on Holy Thursday until the evening prayer on Easter Sunday. The sacramental says of it: “The Easter triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire liturgical year. What Sunday is to the week, the solemnity of Easter is to the liturgical year.”

Why are these Three Days so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

**Holy Thursday** - After listening to scriptures, we do something strange on this evening: We wash feet. This is Christ’s mandate that we are to be in service to others, as shown to us in the ritual of washing feet. Later we celebrate the Eucharist and then after communion process with the reserved Eucharist to the altar of repose. The evening liturgy has no ending: Whether we stay to pray until night prayer or we leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

**Good Friday** - We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture. We pray at length for all the world’s needs. Then there is another once-a-year event: The holy cross is held up in our midst and reverenced by the assembly. We then continue to fast and pray and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God’s rest at the end of creation. It is Christ’s repose in the tomb.

**Holy Saturday** - Hungry now and excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible and then we pray to all the saints as we go to the font and bless the water. There the Elect are baptized and then the candidates are anointed. These are moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist.

**Easter Sunday** begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing!
PARISH LIFE

Easter Flower Memorial Envelopes

Easter Flower Envelopes in memory of a loved one are available in the narthex on the black table. Please return the envelope and your donation to the Parish Office by Holy Thursday, March 29th. These donations will help with the cost of our Easter Lilies. We will post the names of those you wish to remember in the April 15th bulletin. Thank you for your help!

Stations of the Cross

This Friday, March 30th we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the church. 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.

Faith Formation Box for Children

There is something NEW for your children when your family attends Mass at Santa Maria Church. To help your children focus or at least less distracting during the Mass, we will have a box called "FAITH FORMATION BOX FOR CHILDREN," which is located in the Narthex (the room to the right of the church entrance). This box contains:

1. Children's Bibles
2. Children's Mass books
3. All kinds of Children Prayer books
4. Coloring pages (Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Saints, with seasonal colors)

Your children may use them during the Mass and return them afterward.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – March 29th
Morning Prayer – 8:00am (Parish Hall)
Mass of Lord's Supper – 7:30pm
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – 9:00pm
Night Prayer-9:30pm (Parish Hall)

GOOD FRIDAY – March 30th
Morning Prayer–8:00am (Parish Hall)
Way of the Cross through Orinda – 12:30pm (walking)
(No Stations of the Cross in the Church at this time)
Good Friday Liturgy – 2:00pm
Lord's Passion/Veneration/Communion
Stations of the Cross in the Church – 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY – March 31st
Morning Prayer – 8:00am (Parish Hall)
Easter Vigil – 7:20pm

EASTER SUNDAY – April 1st
Masses: 8:30am-Church
10:30am Children's Liturgy-Hall
10:30am Youth Liturgy-Church

(No 5pm Sunday Evening Mass)

FAITH FORMATION RICE BOWLS ARE DUE BY MARCH 26.
PLEASE BRING THEM TO CLASS THAT DAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 26
8am: Maria Nguyen (d)

Tuesday, March 27
8am: Dominic Hoang (d)

Wednesday, March 28
8am: Francis Scepi, R.N. (d)

Thursday, March 29
8am: Morning Prayer

Friday, March 30
8am: Morning Prayer

Saturday, March 31
8am: Morning Prayer

Thursday, April 1
8:30am: Mat Katicich (d)
10:30am: Amelia Gloria Garlock (d)
10:30am: Marilyn Berg (d) (church)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lszmino@smparish.org.
Parish Administrative Assistant Opening

Santa Maria is seeking a full time Administrative Assistant for the parish office. This person is responsible for providing a full range of clerical and administrative functions including timely opening and closing of the parish office, greeting and referring visitors, answering the telephone, scheduling parish facilities, and maintaining the parish sacramental record books. This position reports directly to the pastor. This position is S-4 on the Diocesan job classification. Salary commensurate with ability and experience within this classification. Interested persons should contact the parish office for an Application form and a copy of a more complete job description.

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 thebobe2@comcast.net or 925-263-1348 if there are any questions.”

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.

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 last week (also available in the Parish Office).

If you have any questions, contact Megan at 925-254-2426 x308 or megan@smparish.org.

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! You may also register online at www.santamariaorinda.com.

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, Harlon Berg, 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 Koupus, Mary Lou
- Mackintosh, Rose Mary McPhee,
- Mike Murphy, Deacon Jim Pearce,
- Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark
- Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,
- Charlene Smith, John Wheeler

*For the Deceased*
- Jeffrey Baus
- Patricia Connelly

**Week-At-A-Glance**

- **Monday, March 26**
  Faith Formation Classes
  (2:30pm, Church/Classroom)

- **Children's Choir**
  (3:30pm, Room #1)

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

- **Choir Rehearsal**
  (7:00pm, Church)

- **Tuesday, March 27**
  RCIA
  (7:00pm, Library)

- **Choir Rehearsal**
  (7:00pm, Church)

- **Wednesday, March 28**
  Middle School Youth Ministry
  (7:00pm, Youth Room)

- **Thursday, March 29**
  *Holy Thursday*
  Morning Prayer
  (8:00am, Parish Hall)

- **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
  (7:30pm, Church)

- **Friday, March 30**
  *Good Friday*
  Morning Prayer
  (8:00am, Parish Hall)

- **12:30pm, Cross Walk**
  (starts at Fountain)

- **Passion of the Lord**
  (2:00pm, Church)

- **Stations of the Cross**
  (7:30pm, Church)

- **Saturday, March 31**
  *Holy Saturday*
  Morning Prayer
  (8:00am, Parish Hall)

- **Easter Vigil**
  (7:30pm, Church)

- **Sunday, April 1 (Easter)**
  (8:30am Mass, Church)

  (10:30am Mass, Parish Hall)

  (10:30am Mass, Church)

**Treasure**

*March 18, 2018 & March 25, 2018 Actuals will be in the April 1 bulletin—due to early deadline at printer*

**Upcoming Collections:**
- 03/25/18 Holy Land/Good Friday
- 04/01/8 Easter

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**
- Barbara & Jim Sweetser after the
  8:30am Mass
- Maria Nunez family after the
  10:30am Mass

**Thank you for your generosity!**
Thanks everyone for a great CI Retreat!

"Family time" spent in small groups

Trust walk – a retreat classbell

Playing goofy games outside

Listening, singing, pondering as a large group

Gotta roast them marshmallows.

Father George joined us Saturday afternoon