Church of Santa Maria
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 1, 2018

Living as an Easter People with Alleluia as our song

Bringing to life Pope Saint John Paul II’s words as a parish community

Welcome to Santa Maria! We’re glad to have you here with us this Easter. Easter is a time of new life and new beginnings, and at the same time of remembering where (and Who!) we’ve come from—all of which prompts the joyful strains of “Alleluia” to become our song.

Our parishioners try to live out that song throughout the year. Check out the following pages for some of the ways we lovingly attempt to do God’s work, whether with children and youth, young families, working adults, or those in their retirement years!

Dear Lord, may our hearts and minds be nourished by your sustaining love;
May our words and actions be guided by your ever present grace:
That all who seek to know you encounter you here;
That all who seek to serve you be welcomed to the vineyard;
That all who seek to love you know that they are loved.
That all who seek to find or return to their faith
may here be warmly welcomed home. Amen.

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Parish Office Hours
Monday–Thursday 9:00am–5:00pm
Friday 9:00am–1:00pm

Mass and Liturgy Schedule
Daily Mass
8:00am (Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration
Noon-3:00pm Tues (Chapel)
(From Sept-May)
Reconciliation
4:00pm Sat (Church)
Sunday Masses
5:00pm Sat Vigil (Church)
8:30am; 10:30am; 5:00pm Sun
(Church)
Holy Days
8:00am and 7:30pm (Church)

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office
Marriage: Call the Parish Office
SIMPLE SUPPERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, our parish gathers on Friday evenings to remember the last steps Jesus took on earth before He died. This devotion is called “The Stations of the Cross.”

This year, two of our parishioners, Bernie Martis and Marina Gracias, thought it would be nice to add an extra touch of fellowship to the Stations by offering a simple supper in the Parish Hall before celebrating Stations.

It’s been so great to see our parishioners gathering together both to break bread as a community and to pray the Stations of the Cross! If you were able to join us, what did you think? If you couldn’t make it, we hope you can join us next year!

Do you have an idea you’d like to put into place at our parish like the Martis family did? Contact the Parish Office to let us know!

FORMING FOUNDATIONS BUILT ON FAITH

A big part of our Youth Ministry program is the preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a two-year program that guides our teens in prayer, catechesis (learning about our church and the practice of our faith), evangelization (spreading our stories of God acting in our lives both yesterday and today), worship (including our twice-monthly Youth Masses), and more.

Last month, the teens in their first year of Confirmation went on a retreat at Mount Hermon to continue to solidify their foundation built on our faith. The theme was “Gifted by the Holy Spirit, Called by Name.” Teen leaders Emma Collins, Livi De Paschalis, Emma Fuller, Julia Lang, Cayley O’Brien, Miranda Schair, and Ella Tierney led activities, shared their stories and witnesses of what God has done in their lives, and connected everything back to the retreat theme. Special thanks to Kevin Bruen, Nick Farrah, Anne Fuller, and Theresa Gonzales for being the adult presence and guidance all weekend with Youth Minister Megan Arteaga!

Ever wondered where “the young people” of our Church are? Join Youth Ministry’s Faith in Action Team and you won’t wonder anymore—you’ll be a part of it! Contact Megan in the Parish Office at megan@smparish.org for more information on Youth Ministry.

INSPIRATION AFTER RECONCILIATION

Another part of Youth Ministry is our Middle School Youth Group. After attending our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service, where our parish had the opportunity to reflect on God’s love and mercy in song and readings and then to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and be cleansed of sin and reconciled with God, our youth were inspired to create a video to show their more nervous peers (and maybe adults!) what actually happens in Confession.

Ben Boccabella, Nick Curran, Jack Foy, Ryan Gross, Loren Sweet, Hunter Tierney, Liam Tierney, and John Williams filmed a video at Middle School Youth Group the following week. Kudos to Faith in Action Team member Reagan Tierney for producing it (and entertaining those who weren’t actively filming!).

The video can be viewed at youtu.be/DLZYyDG7nA8.

Youth Ministry is on Instagram! Check us out — @smyouthmin

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 2
8am: Izetta Lota Scott (d)

Tuesday, April 3
8am: Joseph Hung Nguyen (d)

Wednesday, April 4
8am: Mgr. Ted Kraus (d)

Thursday, April 5
8am: Ann Bach (d)

Friday, April 6
8am: Special Intention

Saturday, April 7
5pm (Vigil): Rev. J. Roger Lucy (d)

Sunday, April 8
8:30am: Mike Mitchell (d)
10:30am: Int: Tom Styer
5pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzanni@smparish.org.
FAITH SHARING GROUPS GROW TOGETHER

Back in the 90s, “Renew” groups formed at Santa Maria for parishioners to share their faith in a small-group setting. They later developed into “Small Church Communities” that met and shared Scripture and wisdom together.

The idea of small groups growing in faith together isn’t new at Santa Maria, but its newest form, “Faith Sharing Groups,” spearheaded a few years ago by Debbie Berndt, Anne Fuller, and Theresa Gonzales has been a very successful iteration!

If you’re attending the Children’s Mass this Easter Sunday (10:30am in the Hall), you’ll notice the big “Alleluia” banner being unfurled as part of the gathering rite as we joyfully praise God again at Easter!

If your kids would benefit from this kind of faith learning, contact Sister Theresa in the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 x306 or by email at sistertd@smparish.org.

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!

You can also register online at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoab Aryan, Harlon Berg, Maria Carmen, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer, and John Wheeler

For the Deceased
Mike Mitchell, brother of Karen Kinsey

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, April 2
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3
RCIA
(7:00pm, Library)

Saturday, April 7
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, April 8
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)

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.

Pastoral Care Ministry
April 2 - 10:00am
Communion Service & Rosary
Orinda Senior Village
20 Irwin Way, Orinda

April 4 - 11:00am
Holy Mass
Orinda Convalescent Hospital
11 Altarinda Road, Orinda

All Are Welcome to Attend!
Each Sunday the presider blesses the teens in our confirmation program.

Our Faith in Action Team at a training day.

C.O.T. teams enjoy s'mores while on retreat.

Spending a day at the beach reflecting on living a "Life in Christ".

Youth Group has "Pajama and Pie" night at Nation's.

P.I.A.T. planning our next activity on retreat.

Our Teen Choir is the extra, most bestest!

Youth Group reenacts the call of the disciples.

Our teens receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.