First Eucharist Weekend 2018

Pray for our Young Catholics:

These 37 young people and their families have been preparing for this weekend with two years of Faith Formation classes, weekend retreats, prayer, conversation, Masses, and more. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith—and as they return in the coming weeks and years to celebrate their “second, fifth, hundredth, and thousandth” Eucharist.

Julian Arrigotti
Elizabeth Attwood
Elise Berry
Mia Berry
John Boccabella
Cooper Buster
Angel Chimal
Madison Chong
Chloe Chua
Eleanor Conklin
Elyse de Cunha
Ceux Dudum
Jackson Bolquin
Alexander Kane
Katharine Kemner
Christopher Kim
Grace Kosla
Olivia Kuss
Aidan Kuss
Ethan Meger
Alessandra Ohnial
Barrett Olson
Madeline O’Meara
Dean Patel
Henri Patterson
Jack Porter
Andrew Shogan
Anabel Shogan
Henry Silveira
Madison Silveira
Joseph Smith
Lauren Stoffmann
Julia Swett
Dane Szeman
Trevor Tasker
Jake Williams
Marcus Vokaitis

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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
PARISH LIFE

Bishop’s Appeal

Thank you to all who have given to the annual Bishop’s Appeal. Thank you to Mark Roberts who gave the lay witness talk several weeks ago. He has been so generous in doing this for us. At the last report Santa Maria was at 101.01% of our goal of $34,700. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Any monies collected over our goal are returned to the parish for parish project use.

Children’s Liturgy

On Mother’s Day, May 13th we will have the last Children’s Liturgy of the school year at the 10:30am Mass.

Children will be singing and flowers will be distributed to all the Mothers during the Mass.

Come and understand what the good news is all about!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We extend an invitation to come to the chapel in the convent on Tuesdays from Noon to 3:00pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be solemnly exposed for personal adoration and prayer. This spiritual opportunity is offered to acknowledge our belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and to bring our personal praise and needs before Him. Take a moment on Tuesdays to make a visit.

Mother’s Day Novena

Mother’s Day Cards may be obtained in the narthex of the church this weekend. Remembrance envelopes may be deposited in the collection or returned to the parish office.

The Mother’s Day Novena will be from Sunday, May 13 through Monday, May 21st. The remembrance envelopes will be placed on the altar during morning Mass and next to the tabernacle in the church on the weekend during the Novena.

What a prayerful way to remember your mother.

Pentecost

On May 18 and 19 we ask that you wear red, orange or yellow to Mass that weekend to celebrate PENTECOST the birthday of the Church.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 30
8am: Special Intention

Tuesday, May 1
8am: Rick Tomasco (d)

Wednesday, May 2
8am: Int: John Wheeler

Thursday, May 3
8am: Yau Lin Liu (d)

Friday, May 4
8am: Stephen O’Brien (d)

Saturday, May 5
5pm (Vigil): Clif Mayne (d)

Sunday, May 6
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Yau Lin Liu (d)
5pm: Joyce Duffy (d)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lutzino@smparish.org.
“Catholic at work” Really?

What does it really mean to be a “Catholic at work”? That question will be addressed by Father Patrick Foley at the Catholics@Work breakfast on Tuesday, May 8.

Since 1995, Fr. Foley’s primary ministry has been directing retreats, preaching parish missions, and leading days of prayer and similar events across the country. He describes himself, with typical Irish humor, as “an itinerant papist preacher” - one immersed in the critical ministry of helping people discover how God is present and at work in every person’s life.

His specific concern for us is to help us see how we can work with God precisely in our everyday occupations - how we can faithfully live the Gospel in our business and personal lives. Catholics@Work programs take place at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville at 7:00am, preceded by Mass at 6:30am, ending at 8:15pm. All are welcome. Sign up at Catholics@Work.org. Price is $20 for members or $30 for non-members. Catholic@Work is an authorized ministry of the Oakland Diocese.

150th Anniversary

Holy Names Sisters will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of their arrival in California with the opening event on May 10, 2018 at St. Theresa Parish Event Center. The reception and a short program will be from 4:30 - 6:30pm. All are welcome. Please RSVP to www.snjimea150.org.

“The Transformative Power of Surrender,”

Presented by Colette Lafia, will be offered May 1, 10am to 3pm, at The School of Applied Theology, St. Albert’s Priory, 5890 Birch Ct., Oakland. Opening our heart to the path of surrender is foundational to the spiritual journey. How can the practice and grace of surrender transform us? Participants will learn to look intimately at their lives as the greatest teacher of this oftentimes misunderstood spiritual principle through engaging in prayer, art, and contemplative listening. Participants will leave this workshop with confidence that walking the path of surrender—living in acceptance and trust—will deepen their spiritual lives and bring more peace. Cost is $95, which includes lunch. Register at http://www.satgtu.org/course-offerings/ or call 510-652-1651. Continuing Education Units are available.

Have you signed up for Faith Direct?

Support Santa Maria with Secure Online Giving!

We’ve upgraded to a more streamlined online provider for our eGiving needs through Faith Direct!

Now you can make contributions to our parish directly and securely from your checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card, just as you may already do with some of your bills and donations.

No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way to Mass!

You can enroll securely by visiting www.faithdirect.net and using our parish code CA891—or find a paper enrollment form in the Parish Office if you’d prefer to enroll by mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office by phone at 925-254-2426 x308 or by email at megan@smsparish.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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Phone

Email
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Priest in Residence

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**Prayer Intentions**

For the Sick

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Harlon Berg, Mike Buzzell,  
Maria Carmen, Deolores 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, Kevin Madsen, Rose Mary  
McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,  
and John Wheeler

For the Deceased

**Week-At-A-Glance**

Monday, April 30  
Fait: Formation Class  
(2:30pm, School/Parish Hall)  
Children's Choir  
(3:30pm, Room #1)  
Fait: Formation Class  
(4:00pm, School/Parish Hall)

Wednesday, May 2  
Youth Group  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Saturday, May 5  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, May 6  
C2 Session  
(3:00pm, Youth Room)  
C1 Session  
(5:00pm, Youth Room)

**Treasure**

April 22, 2018 Actual  

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*April 15, 2018 disbursement

**Upcoming Collections:**

05/06/18  Faith Formation  
05/13/18  Catholic Communications

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

Bob & Bobbie Semar after the 8:30am Mass  
Lisa de Paschalis after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

**Reflecting on the Gospel**

Liturgy of the Hours:  
Week 1 of the Psalter  

The image in today’s gospel can be understood in a number of ways. Jesus says that the branches that do bear fruit are pruned to bear more. For the vine grower, merely producing fruit is not enough. Each branch can produce more. And thus Jesus reminds us of the vine grower’s role. The vine grower prunes branches to produce fruit, and cuts away those that do not produce any fruit. We are the branches, fully aware that we cannot produce fruit on our own. We must remain attached to the vine.

-Living Liturgy™,  
Fifth Sunday of Easter 2018
Queen of the Angels,
Queen of the May

Start cultivating your flowers!

All are welcome to join us for the May Crowning on Monday, May 7 at either 2:30pm or 4:00pm in the Church.

Bring flowers or greenery to crown the Blessed Mother Queen of Heaven.