Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope

An invitation to join in the Crowning of Mary

Many of you may remember gathering at the end of your Catechism, CCD, or Catholic School year (some time during the month of May) to crown Mary with flowers brought from the garden (or picked up at the store on the way) and song. Maybe even one year you were the lucky one who got to climb the stepladder and put the flower crown on Mary!

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. The practice eventually spread to the whole Church. Pope Paul VI encouraged all the faithful to offer to Mary “an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration” during the month of May – and aren’t flowers a beautiful representation of that loving homage?

In order to develop in our young Catholics a sense of devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, the Faith Formation Program annually celebrates the month of May with the May Crowning and praying the Rosary to express our love and dedication to Mary. If each family could do something at home to show devotion to Mary, that would be wonderful as well!

If you have fond memories of the May Crowning (or have never participated before), please join us at either 2:30pm or 4:00pm in the church to honor our Blessed Mother, and the namesake of our parish—and don’t forget to bring beautiful flowers!
PARISH LIFE

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.

Baptismal Process

If you have a child that you would like to have baptized over the next two months, the required parent classes will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00pm in the conference room of the school. The second class will be held June 6th at 7:00pm in the conference room of the school. Please contact the parish office, (925) 254-2426 for more information or if you would like to register.

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.

Ascension & Pentecost

The Feast of the Ascension of Christ on May 10th will be transferred to Sunday, May 13th this year. May 10th is not a Holyday of obligation.

On Pentecost, 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.

FOOD DRIVE

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, May 7
8am: Mary Arnold (d)

Tuesday, May 8
8am: Marian Mitchell (d)

Wednesday, May 9
8am: Int: Lizabeth Hedrick

Thursday, May 10
8am: Rick Tomasco (d)

Friday, May 11
8am: Richard Lande (d)

Saturday, May 12
5pm (Vigil): Parishioners of Santa Maria

Sunday, May 13
8:30am: Don Harris (d)
10:33am: Mother's Day Novena
5pm: Beverly Harris (d)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzwino@sm Parish.org.
Catholic Charities of the East Bay

We are called by Pope Francis "to go the margins" and help our brothers and sisters, near and far. Every year, we are invited by our Church's charitable arm, Catholic Charities of the East Bay, to "make all things possible" for those on the margins. Please give generously to this appeal on May 19th and 20th. For more information, contact Stephan Pippen, Development Manager at spippen@cecb.org or (510) 508-1063.

The Sunday Collection

At our 5pm vigil, 10:30am and 5pm Sunday liturgies the collection baskets are passed through the pews. We ask the ushers to bring the baskets to the front and the middle pews to begin the collection. Then the assembly facilitates the collection by placing their financial gift in the basket and then passing the basket one to another. This may require that you stand and hand it to the person down the pew or behind you. Ushers, it is not necessary to take the baskets at the end of each pew and then hand it on. Simply start the collection and then move to the position where you collect the baskets and bring them to the rear of the church. If there are two collections both baskets are passed simultaneously.

Senior Around Town (SAT)

The Senior Around Town Program provides free, door to door non-emergency transportation for Orinda senior residents to medical appointments and errands around town. Rides are provided by Orinda resident volunteers using the volunteer's own vehicle. If you are interested in becoming a rider or driver please contact the program at 925-402-4506, or email: SAT@OrindaAssociation.org.

San Damiano Retreat Center

Mother's Day Mass and Brunch will be offered on May 13 at the retreat center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville. The 10:00am Mass is followed by brunch. Tickets are $40 for adults, $15 for children under the age of 13. To register please go to www.sandamiano.org or call 925.837.9141 x315.

Healing the Mind, Body and Soul

Will be held May 26 from 10:30am to 1:30pm at St. Columba Parish Hall, 6401 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland. A short video, panel discussion, resources and opportunities for confidential group sharing, mindfulness guided meditation, a demonstration on healthy eating and cooking and an art gallery are all part of the day. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge but a reservation is appreciated; please call 510.917.9697.

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@smeparish.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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**Pastoral Team**

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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, 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, Kevin Madsen, Rose Mary  
McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,  
and John Wheeler

*For the Deceased*

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**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, May 7**

*May Crowning of Mary*

Faith Formation Class  
(2:30pm, School/Parish Hall)

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

Faith Formation Class  
(4:00pm, School/Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, May 9**

Youth Group  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

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

**Thursday, May 10**

Adult Choir Rehearsal  
(7:00pm, Church)

**Saturday, May 12**

Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, May 13**

*Mother's Day*

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**Treasure**

April 29, 2018 Actual

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*April 15, 2018 disbursement

**Upcoming Collections:**

05/13/18 Catholic Communications

05/20/18 Catholic Charities

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

Susanna & Frank MacDonald after the 8:30am Mass

Jim and Jackie Bava after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

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**Reflecting on the Gospel**

Liturgy of the Hours:  
Week II of the Psalter

Jesus gives us a command in today’s gospel that supersedes all others:  
"love one another." How much easier would it be to maintain a  
checklist, such as, going to church, celebrating the sacraments, and  
fasting on certain days. But the command to love knows no bounds,  
and thus Jesus invites us to an adult spirituality. Love is based on a  
personal relationship that is not transactional but self-giving. As  
Jesus says in the gospel, his love for his friends reaches the point of laying  
down his life for them.

-Living Liturgy™,  
Sixth Sunday of Easter 2018
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LIVE AT CHEER CHURCH
THIS WEDNESDAY

BRING NERF GUNS BY WEDNESDAY TO MEGAN IN THE PARISH OFFICE FOR LOOT!

CHEER CHURCH