A "long journey" with the Order of Malta

Thousands participate in prayer, penance, and procession on Lourdes pilgrimage

After 13 long hours cramped in a plane, one might be surprised to hear the injunction that "the shortest portion of the journey has just taken place on our air flight"—the point being that for most of us, geographical distance (changing locations) is really not the longest journey. The longer journey is, rather, the journey involved in the changing of hearts.

That’s what Lourdes is all about. That’s what Mary asked of Bernadette when she appeared to her in a grotto in the little village of Lourdes 160 years ago.

Every year over the first weekend of May, the Sovereign Order of Malta come by the thousands, together with the sick (who are called our “beloved malades”) to take that “longer journey” to change hearts.

Hearts can be changed by paying attention to the basic message of Our Lady to Saint Bernadette—prayer, penance, and procession. We are more familiar with the first two, but why processions? Perhaps the moving from one geographical location to another is a metaphor for each of us to make that “longer journey,” the journey of the heart, the journey to change and soften our heart so that we are more responsive to God’s initiatives in our lives.

It is one thing to be “in the right place at the right time.” It is quite another to have the right attitude and the right disposition of heart.

The first depends on chance. The second depends on us.

~Father George Mockel, Pastor; See back page for more photos

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

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
The Sacrament of Confirmation WILL BE CELEBRATED
Sunday, June 10
AT THE
5:00pm Mass
FOR THIRTY-EIGHT
OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.
KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY CONTINUE IN THIS FINAL WEEK OF PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT.

An outpouring of the Holy Spirit: the Sacrament of Confirmation is next Sunday!

Next Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass, 38 teenagers will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have taken the past two academic years to spiritually prepare, learn about the Sacrament, grow more familiar with Church teachings and traditions, and grow closer together. They have attended classes, done service and volunteer work, gone on retreat weekends, ministered at Youth Masses, celebrated Reconciliation, spent time with Jesus in Adoration, and prayed.

In this final week before they receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, please pray that these young Catholics make the time to discern the Lord’s call for them, are blessed with opportunities to witness to their faith, and that they live out 1 Peter 3:15-16. (Did you just go look that passage up? It’s a good one, isn’t it?)

The Confirmation Preparation Program at Santa Maria is a two-year program for High Schoolers. If you will be a High School student this coming academic year and are interested in beginning the process this September, please visit the Teen Confirmation page of our parish website for more information.

Why the Church?

Have you been worshipping with us, but have never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?

Have you joined us from a different faith background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If the answer to any of the above questions is “yes,” we would love to walk with you on your journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults!

If you know anyone who would answer “yes” to any of those questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them.

For more information on RCIA or to inquire about beginning, please contact Tony Millette at 925-234-2426 x 303 or by email at tmlittle@sm parish.org.

The Mystery of the Church is not a mere object of theological knowledge; it is something to be lived...

F. D. M. Wotus

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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Would you like to work with children and babies?

The Bay Area Crisis Nursery (BACN) in Concord is looking for volunteers interested in spending three hours per week helping out with the children in their care, ages newborn to 5 years.

The primary responsibility of these volunteers is to provide comfort, kindness, joy, fun, love, and attention to the children who are temporarily away from their families and in BACN’s care—activities range from bottle-feeding with babies to story-time or arts and crafts with the older children.

BACN provides support to families who are in crisis or under stress, working to prevent abuse and neglect of children and serving families with parents who care, but who can’t cope with overwhelming, stressful life emergencies.

If you would like to schedule a tour of the nursery or to discuss this opportunity further, please contact BACN’s Volunteer Coordinator at 925-685-6633 or by email at volunteer@bayareacrisismaternity.org.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay extends its thanks

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB) would like to extend its thanks for your support of their Annual May Appeal.

They wrote, “Our partnership with you enables Catholic Charities to work with youth, children, and families to promote self-sufficiency, strengthen families, and pursue safety and justice in our community. Through God’s grace and your support, ‘All things are possible!’”

If you did not have the opportunity to donate to the Second Collection for CCEB last month, please visit www.cceb.org/get-involved/donate/...

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Want a vacation from your marriage?

Don’t take a vacation—make a retreat! Come for a weekend away and learn a technique of loving communication that you can use the rest of your lives—in your relationships with each other and with God.

Sign up today to attend the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on September 7-9, 2018!

For more information or to sign up, contact Mike and Jeannie at 925-672-2016 or Joe and Sue at 925-680-7767, or visit the website at www.oaklandwme.org.

You’ll be away for summer vacations—but we won’t!

Support Santa Maria with Faith Direct while you’re away this summer

After graduations and promotions (and, yes, Confirmations!) things get a little quieter around here as parishioners leave for vacations—but our parish still needs your support!

Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach Santa Maria when you cannot, and our ministries can continue.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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

Name

Address

Phone  Email
**Pastoral Team**

- Reverend George Mockel
  Pastor
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- Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen
  Priest in Residence

- Reverend Michael Amabiso, OP
  Sacramental Assistance

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  Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12), Digital Communications, and CYO Parish Liaison
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- Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC
  Bookkeeper
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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Harlon Berg, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Norcen 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

*For the Deceased*

**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, June 4**
Staff Meeting
(10:00 AM, Parish Office)

**Tuesday, June 5**
Election Precinct-Conference Room

**Wednesday, June 6**
Concert - WomenSing
(5:30 PM-Parish Hall)

**Saturday, June 9**
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)
Confirmation/Sponsor Retreat & Dinner
(7:30 PM Parish Hall)

**Sunday, June 10**
Sacrament of Confirmation
(5:00 PM Mass)

**Treasure**

*May 27, 2018 Actual*

- Plate: $4,732.00
- Faith Direct: $3,525.60
- Total: $8,257.60
- Goal: $10,350.00
- Deficit: ($2092.40)

**Upcoming Collections:**

- 07/01/18 Faith Formation
- 07/08/18 Holy Father-Peters Pence

*Please note—Faith Direct is our new Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, program. The amount listed here each week is the average of that months' projected giving. For more information or to enroll, see page 3.*

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

Joan O'Brien after the 8:30am Mass
Donna & Doug Meyer family after the 10:30am Mass

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

We are in need of four more Eucharistic Ministers at the Saturday, 5:00pm Mass.

If you attend this Mass regularly and are interested, please contact Tony Millette at tnillette@smparish.org.

**This Week's Readings**

*First Reading:
  Exodus 24:3-8*

*Psalm:
  Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18*

*Second Reading:
  Hebrews 9:11-15*

*Gospel:
  Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*
Hundreds of young people dancing to honor the Blessed Mother

Many volunteers make this possible

Thousands of candles always burn for pilgrims' intentions

Abp. Allen Vigneron (former Bishop of Oakland) celebrated Mass in the Grotto of Lourdes

The "beloved malades" were offered the opportunity to have their feet washed