Every family needs a father. The first need is this: that a father be present in a family. That he be close to his wife, sharing everything—joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow—when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step, and when they find their path again: a father who is always present.

The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called, “the good Father” (cf. Mk10:18).

Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray, and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity, and mercy. A good father knows how to wait, and he knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself… .

[All of this is, of course, not easy, so Fathers need God.] Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage and give up.

The Church, our Mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith through their goodness, justice, and protection.

—Excerpted from a catechesis on the family at a general assembly on February 4, 2015
Update from Father George on Summer Parish Projects

We have three major projects planned and budgeted for this summer. Two have been completed. You may have noticed the scaffolding erected around both the Rectory and Convent buildings. The exterior of the Rectory was painted last month. It looks very nice. The color matches the Church. We just completed installing new gutters and replacing some of the down spouts on the Convent. The remaining project is the painting of the interior of the Church. No major change in color is contemplated, however we may do a little ‘highlighting” of the area around the window above the choir loft and the baldacchino above the tabernacle and the statue of Mary. Your regular financial contributions make these other maintenance projects possible.

Daily 8:00am Mass Moving in July

Between Friday July 6 and Friday July 13 the Holy Cross Sisters will hold their annual retreat in the Chapel. The 8:00am Mass will be held in the Church. Keep the Sisters in your prayers during their retreat!

How can I support our teens who were just Confirmed?

You can continue to encourage our teens to continue to live their faith more fully and more deeply after Confirmation weekend by:

- Actively welcoming young people at Mass by introducing yourself and saying hi;
- Asking young people you see if they’ve celebrated Confirmation, and if so, what it meant for them;
- Encouraging prayer by chatting about their prayer life or their Patron Saints (they’ve gotten these questions from the leadership team already!);
- Smiling, singing, andresponding loudly during Mass—you might be surprised by the power of example!

Looking for a deeper way to become involved in the faith journeys of our young people? Consider joining the Faith In Action Team (FIAT), the Youth Ministry leadership program! Contact Megan at 925-254-2426 x308 or at megan@smparish.org for more information.

What are your thoughts on a new Parish Directory?

We’re thinking of creating a new Parish Photo Directory, because the last one is almost ten years old.

Share your thoughts with us by filling out a brief three-question survey. Just click the link on the homepage of our parish website, or type into your browser: www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGXJFGN

If you are interested in joining a committee for a Photo Directory, please contact Herb Tasker at htasker@masonmac.com.

A Journey in Faith

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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, June 18**
8am: Father’s Day Novena

**Tuesday, June 19**
8am: Father’s Day Novena

**Wednesday, June 20**
8am: Father’s Day Novena

**Thursday, June 21**
8am: Father’s Day Novena

**Friday, June 22**
8am: Father’s Day Novena

**Saturday, June 23**
5pm: Father’s Day Novena

**Sunday, June 24**
8:30am: Father’s Day Novena
10:30am: Joseph Cachopo
5pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

* L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office at x301 or at mirnawong@smparish.com
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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Have you heard of Mental Health First Aid Training?

Are you a parent or caregiver of a teen? Do you work with youth or teens? If so, you’re invited to the next Youth Mental Health First Aid course, coordinated by Catholic Charities of the East Bay, empowering adults to respond compassionately and directly when a youth experiences a mental health or spiritual crisis.

For more information or to see upcoming training dates, visit bit.ly/CCEB-MHFA

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!

Or register online at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration!

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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.

For more information on RCIA or to inquire about beginning, please contact Tony Millette at 925-254-2426 x303 or by email at tmillette@smparish.org.

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**June 10, 2018 Actual**

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**Faith Formation: $180.00**

**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:**

- Dave after the 8:30am Mass
- Kathleen Simms after the 10:30am Mass

*Thank you for your generosity!*
Congratulations, Confrirmandi!