Enriching our understanding of Mass

Week #2  Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word

The way we, Christians, tell our story in ritual has a good part to do with the Jewish communities during the time of Jesus. The main point was, and still is, the reading of sacred scripture. Over time the pattern was set to hear two or three readings from scripture, and the last one from one of the Gospels. Accompanying these readings are a sung psalm, silence, sung acclamation, homily, creed and prayers of the faithful. Without care to how each is performed and respected for its place and flow - the entire rite might become a string of words grouped together.

What are the communal ritual actions of the Liturgy of the Word?

Sitting – to listen to the Word proclaimed and to the Homily.

Standing – during the sung gospel acclamation and Gospel – for these are the Words of Jesus

Signing of our Forehead, Lips and Heart – ritualizes that we need to incorporate the words of Jesus into how we think, how we speak and how we love

Bowing – during the Creed as we proclaim his Incarnation.

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Stay tuned for “Faith in Action” Summer Series #4 next week!
What do we sing and why do we sing them?

Responsorial Psalm- is the assembly’s response to the first reading and continues the Jewish tradition of singing the psalms

Gospel Acclamation (alleluia) – is meant to be an acclamation, a “shout” of joy as we prepare to hear the Words of Jesus proclaimed in the Gospel

Creed and Prayers of the Faithful– are usually spoken but sometimes during the Church year we might chant the Creed or sing the response to each Prayer of the Faithful

Where is there silence in the Liturgy of the Word?

Silence– is needed during the Liturgy of the Word after the scriptures are proclaimed, after hearing the homily that challenges us to become more Chrism-like and after each prayer of the faithful

The Liturgy of the Word is an elegant ritual of Words, Silence and Song; which when done well and with purpose, allows us to more fully hear God speaking to us in our midst.

PARISH LIFE

Can you help someone get to heaven?

Offering a Mass for the dead is an ancient Catholic tradition to assist the souls of the faithful departed on their way to heaven. Saint Ambrose wrote, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the House of the Lord.” Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to have Masses said.

Catholic 101: 5 Cool Facts about the Catholic Mass

FACT 3: We say the Creed every Mass.

Christians have shared a creed, or set of beliefs since the earliest days of Christianity. The Nicene Creed was formalized in 325 A.D. It’s a series of “I believe” statements, and is a beautiful, easy to understand representation of Universal Christian teachings. Every single Mass, we stand up together and state our beliefs corporately. That’s a cool moment- publicly affirming your beliefs among others who are affirming the same.

Stay tuned for the next 2 “Cool Facts” about the Catholic Mass!

Registration Forms for Faith Formation and Confirmation

On Line registration for K-5 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry/Confirmation are available on our website: www.santamariaorinda.com

All those interested are encouraged to sign up early to allow us time to properly prepare our program. Please note that after Sept. 7, registration fees will increase. If you have questions please contact Sr. Mary Margaret for 5K-5, at srmmphan@smparish.org, or Megan Arteaga for 6-12, at megan@smparish.org

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic? Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to walk with you on your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them. For further information or to inquire please contact Tony Millette 925.254.2426 x303 tmillette@smparish.org

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,}

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 13**
8am: Intention of the Presider

**Tuesday, August 14**
8am: Intention of the Presider

**Wednesday, August 15**
8am: Parishioners of Santa Maria

**Thursday, August 16**
8am: Intention of the Presider

**Friday, August 17**
8am: Intention of the Presider

**Saturday, August 18**
5pm: Casper “Gabe” Castagnaro (D)

**Sunday, August 19**
8:30: Gloria Vela Hinojosa (D)
10:30: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5:00: Michele Ettari (D)

L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or emailmirnawong@smparish.org
Support Santa Maria during these restful summer months!

As we enjoy the summer and its restful times with family and friends, Santa Maria continues to be open for Mass, events and activities, and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://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!

**Or register online at** [www.santamariaorinda.com/registration](http://www.santamariaorinda.com/registration)

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This bulletin was submitted for publication before collection totals were received. Amounts from this week will be included in next weeks bulletin. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Upcoming Collections:
8/26/2018 Mission Coop

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

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vickie & Bev after the 8:30am Mass
Kathleen Simms after the 10:30am Mass

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