Doing God’s work at church camp

Siblings connect with their faith working with kids

Kate Gross (10th grade Miramonte) and Ryan Gross (8th grade OIS) volunteered as counselors at a summer camp at First Covenant Church in Oakland this summer. Both Kate & Ryan attended the camp as campers from Kindergarten through 5th grade, until they were eligible to become counselors. Then they attended a week of orientation where they learned how to help the campers with Bible studies, discovery centers (like movie-making, sports, Legos, and cooking) and skits/songs before ministering as counselors.

Kate (in her 4th year as counselor) said, “The daily Bible application themes helped me connect with God in a deeper way. We talked about humility, rejection, underdogs, friendship and trust, and each day we found examples of God’s work in each of the themes. I also felt like my connection with Michael was an example of putting my faith to work as he had some disabilities which the other campers didn’t understand, and I had to help them accept him and love him the way Jesus would.”

Ryan (in his 2nd year as counselor) really enjoyed the Bible application about turning Rejection into Acceptance. “We created Acceptance Boxes for homeless people – including water, granola bars, fruit strips, crackers, and mints. We’ll carry them in our cars and hand them out when we see someone struggling. It reminded me of how Jesus was accepting of all types of people.”

Kate and Ryan feel very lucky to have the chance to volunteer as counselors and leaders, and to make a difference in camper’s lives by putting their faith to work.
Enriching our understanding of Mass, Week #3

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

The second ritual part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist when the bread and wine are consecrated, broken and then the distribution of Holy Communion takes place. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Mass - as Mass is the source and summit of our week. The Eucharist is our praise and our thanks to God. This prayer has at its origin the table prayers required at every Jewish meal but now with associations to Jesus.

**What are the communal ritual actions of the Liturgy of the Eucharist?**

There are many ritual actions done by the assembly during this part of the Mass: sitting, standing, kneeling, shaking hands, bowing, receiving communion.

We **SIT** at the beginning of this part of the Mass as the altar is prepared and the bread and wine are presented. We then **STAND** as we join in the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. After singing the Holy, Holy the assembly kneels through the singing of the Great Amen. We then **STAND** to proclaim together the Lord’ Prayer and remain standing until after communion when we **SIT** for quiet prayer. And then we are on our feet again for the Prayer After Communion. That’s just our communal liturgical posture - here are the gestures during this part of the Mass.

We **extend our hands** as we join in exchanging the Sign of Peace. Our **hands are extended again** as we create a “table” for the Body of Christ to be placed on our hands or as we receive the chalice with the Blood of Christ. And, before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ we make a slight **BOW** showing our reverence to the presence of Christ in each.

**What do we sing and why do we sing them?**

**Sung Eucharistic Acclamations** - Holy, When We Eat... & Amen—are crucial to the experience of the assembly during the Eucharistic Prayer, as they are our shouts of praise and thanks as we affirm what we believe during this prayer - which is the center of the entire celebration.

**Lamb of God** – is sung while the consecrated bread is broken and separated into the communion bowls.

**Communion Song** – should foster a sense of unity. It should be simple and not demand great effort as to facilitate the assembly singing while walking in procession to receive communion.

**Where is there silence in the Liturgy of the Word?**

**Silence**– is observed after all have received communion and are seated. From that great silence and stillness the presider invites all to stand as we conclude the Liturgy of the Eucharist with the Prayer After Communion.

**Catholic 101: 5 Cool Facts about the Catholic Mass**

**FACT 4: Mass is offered every day.**

Anyone looking to attend Mass can find one any day of the week, often offered at different times in different parishes. An interesting thing about this is if you think about time zones, and that daily Mass has been a global practice since the days of the Early Church, there is pretty much a Mass being offered somewhere continually on Earth at all times... and has been for... well a really long time!

Stay tuned for the next “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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@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.

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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.

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**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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**Who doesn't like a potluck BBQ?**

Join us for our second annual Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Potluck BBQ Kickoff! Last year we gathered for a 5pm Sunday Mass, then migrated onto the plaza in front of the Hall for a social with delicious barbecued meats and plenty of side dish options – all provided by FF/YM families!

If you're interested in helping out, please email Theresa Gonzales at tmgonzo2@comcast.net! Thanks for your generosity with your time!

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**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 at 925-254-2426 x303 or by email at tmillette@smparish.org.
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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, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Norcen Gillham, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Bob Singer, Nancy Thumness

**TREASURE**

**August 5, 2018**

- Plate: $4,977.58
- Faith Direct: $3,525.60
- Total: $8,503.18
- Goal: $10,350.00
- Deficit: -$ 1,846.82

**August 12, 2018**

- Plate: $5,578.00
- Faith Direct: $3,525.60
- Total: $9,103.60
- Goal: $10,350.00
- Deficit: -$ 1,246.40

**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**Monday, August 20**

**Tuesday, August 21**

**Wednesday, August 22**

**Thursday, August 23**

**Friday, August 24**

**Saturday, August 25**

- 8:00 am Communion Service (Chapel)
- 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation- (Church)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- Sept 9—Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Potluck Barbeque Kickoff
- Sept 16—Youth Leadership Ministry Retreat
- Sept 24—Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament

**This Week’s Readings**

**First Reading:**
- Proverbs 9:1-6

**Second Reading:**
- Ephesians 5:15-20

**Gospel:**
- John 6:51-58

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.
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