The Glory of God is the human person fully alive

Reflecting on the R.C.I.A. process

“For by the innermost nature man is a social being; And if he does not enter into relations with others he can neither live nor develop his gifts.” (Church in the Modern World, no.12)

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is all about entering into relations as it is a communal process for formal initiation of new members into the Catholic Church. It is a process of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation with specific liturgical rites for seekers and inquirers. It is a journey that proceeds through steps leading to the formal welcome into the community of believers through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday). People journeying through the RCIA process need sponsors and communal support to help them grow in faith. The RCIA team help guide, support and instruct those discerning whether to become members of our Catholic community. Journeying with RCIA members is an enriching experience full of amazing stories, conversion experiences and a deeper appreciation of our Catholic faith.

The RCIA process is all about life. It recognizes that, by way of simple human experiences, we are continually journeying through the stages of being welcomed, formed, transformed and then sent forth to live — to be the Glory of God, which is a human person fully alive.

If you know of someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, please contact Tony Millette – tmillette@smparish.org or Margaret Govednik - mwgovednik@comcast.net. Initial inquiry sessions begin this October.
Father Daniel is back—and is leading another parish series!

We welcome back Father Daniel Pereira for the month of September! Father Daniel visits us every year from Goa, India, and will again be celebrating Masses with us, spending time around the parish, and leading a two-week series on Monday evenings, the first on Gaudete et Exsultate and the second on Amoris Laetitia.

We will be gathering at 7:30pm in the Parish Library.

For more details, visit our parish website at www.santamariaorinda.com.

Prayer for victims and reform: September 14

At the request of Bishop Barber, we will be joining with the rest of the Diocese in offering a time to "pray for the victims of abuse and scandal, and for the reform of the Church" on Friday, September 14 in the Chapel after the 8am Mass. All are welcome!

Santa Maria Children’s Choir

The Santa Maria Children’s Choir is open to all children in 1st–5th grades. The children gather to rehearse 30 minutes on Monday from 3:30p – 4p in Room #1 of the school. The choir will begin practicing on October 1st with our First Children’s Mass on the 21st of October. This is a great way for the children to learn about our weekly communal worship, their rightful role as ministers in this worship and - it nurtures deeper appreciation for the Eucharist.

For further information please contact Tony Millette at 254-2426 x303 or tmillette@smparish.org.

Rooting, Uprooting, & Replanting: The Filipino Experience of Moving from Home (Philippines) to Home (Oakland Diocese, Bay Area)

Keep an eye out for updates on Santa Maria’s events for the 500th anniversary of evangelization to the Philippines!

Interested in helping out? Contact Deacon Rey Encarnacion at dcnrey@smparish.org.

Play golf, help kids in crisis

The Orinda Knights of Columbus’ Charity Golf Tournament is Monday, September 24

Join the Santa Maria Knights of Columbus for an afternoon of fun at their 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24 at the Moraga Country Club! All proceeds benefit the Bay Area Crisis Nursery, which provides free service for families in crisis.

For more details or to register, visit www.kocannualcharitygolftournament.com.

The Knights of Columbus of Santa Maria Council #16453 is a 501(c)8, non-profit organization, tax ID 81-3255973.

Formation Ministry Programs begin in two weeks!

Our K-12th Grade formation ministry programs (Faith Formation, Youth Group, and Confirmation) will be starting the week of September 23. It’s not to late to register—there’s a link on our website homepage!

YM Leadership - mark your calendars for the Faith In Action Team retreat!

High Schoolers and Adults - if you’re feeling like God’s calling you even a tiny bit to join FIAT this year, Youth Ministry’s “faith in action” leadership team, you should be at this retreat: Sept 16, 10am-6pm in the Youth Room and Parish Hall!

We’ll be joined by the awesome

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MASS INTENTIONS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday, September 10</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8am: Deceased Sisters of the Holy Cross</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tuesday, September 11</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8am: (I) Angela Gracias</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wednesday, September 12</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8am: Clif Mayne (D)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Thursday, September 13</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8am: Angelo Pereira (D)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Friday, September 14</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8am: Intention of the Presider</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Saturday, September 15</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5pm: Eugene Gaisser (D)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Sunday, September 16</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8:30: Yau Lin Liu (D0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:30: (I) Rebecca Olson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:00: Parishioners of Santa Maria</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org.
leadership teams from St. Charles Borromeo and St. Michael for a day full of spiritual growth, discovery of your gifts and talents and how to use them, practical tips like how to lead small group discussions, and reflection on your relationship with God and how to tell that story – and it’s all here at Santa Maria!

If you or someone you know is interested in working with our young Catholics, email Megan at megan@smparish.org or call the Parish Office at 925-254-2426.

Catechist Blessing: Sunday, September 23

Please keep our catechists in your prayers as they prepare for the Faith Formation year! We will be celebrating a blessing of the catechists at the 10:30am Mass Sunday, September 23.

Are you interested in joining the K-5 Faith Formation ministry team as a catechist or classroom aide? Email Sr. Mary Margaret at srmmphan@smparish.org!

Save the date for Confirmation Parent Orientation

If you will have a family member in our Confirmation program, one parent will need to attend ONE of our Confirmation Parent Orientation sessions with Megan Arteaga, our Confirmation Coordinator, and Father George Mockel, our pastor!

Mark your calendars for one of these two options:
- Sunday, September 23 from 6-7:30pm in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, September 25 from 7:30-9pm in the Conference Room

Only one parent needs to attend this mandatory orientation. Teens can stay home and relax.

Questions? Email Megan Arteaga at megan@smparish.org.

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.

Back to school—back to “normal”!

Now that school is back in session and our “normal” schedules and rituals are coming back in place, we’d like to ask you to think about how you can support our parish more easily.

Making your gifts through Faith Direct helps us plan for the year – and helps you since you won’t need to remember your checkbook when you come to Mass!

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. Registration information is essential for responding to request to be sponsors/godparents and other ministries.

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!

Name

Address

Phone   Email
TREASURE

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, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Bob Singer, Nancy Thumness

PRAYER INTENTIONS

September 9, 2018
Plate: $5,339.55
Faith Direct: $3,469.48
Total: $8,809.03
Goal: $10,350.00
Deficit: -$1,540.97

Mission Co-op $525.00
Faith Formation: $1,841.00
Diocesan Priest Retire: $1,280.00
Maintenance: $445.00

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vickie & Bev after the 8:30am Mass
No Donuts after the 10:30am Mass

There will be no donuts after the 10:30am Mass Sunday, September 9 due to the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Potluck BBQ Kickoff lunch. Thank you for understanding!

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, September 10
Tuesday, September 11
Wednesday, September 12
Ladies Guild Bridge Marathon
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Conf Room
Thursday, September 13
Friday, September 14
Saturday, September 15
Quinn/Durbin Wedding
8:00 am Communion Service (Chapel)
4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)

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.

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Second Reading:
James 2:1-5
Gospel:
Mark 7:31-37
Church of Santa Maria

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Potluck BBQ

SEPT 9TH, 2018 | BRING A SIDE OR DRINK!
11:30AM-1:30PM BY THE HALL AFTER MASS

please rsvp to tmgonzo2@comcast.net