A prayer for everyone, anytime

Gathering for the Month of the Holy Rosary

If there were a prayer that could change your life, strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert nations, and win the salvation of souls – would you pray it?

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have said that one certain prayer does all of the above: the rosary. At 7:30pm this Wednesday, October 10, we’ll have the opportunity to gather as a parish community to pray that prayer together in a candlelight prayer service for the month of the rosary.

Whether the rosary is a foundational part of your prayer life or isn’t something that seems to draw you, this event (and the prayer itself!) has something to offer you. Here are two things you should know:

There’s something in saying the rosary for everyone. At last year’s October rosary, parishioners of all ages found something to enjoy – the prayerful candlelit atmosphere, the soothing rhythm of the words, the comfort of praying with others who share your faith are all beautiful.

We can pray the rosary in different ways. Whether you’re focusing on the words of the prayers, reflecting on the Mysteries, or using the words to keep your brain focused while your heart speaks to God, praying the rosary draws you closer to the Lord.

If nothing else, we can learn from the Blessed Mother, through whom this prayer is spoken: the patroness of our parish who is always pointing to Jesus.
What do you think?
We found it a little tough to read the tiny print of our bulletin, so we made it a little bigger. Give your feedback to Mirna in the Parish Office! Email mirnawong@sm parish.org or call 925-254-2426.

On the lookout for a new TV-DVD Combo
We’re working on updating our parish spaces, and as more great Catholic content is continually being produced for the screen, we want to make it easy to utilize it in our programming! Baptismal classes, RCIA, NFP classes, Youth Group, Confirmation, and more already use video content and presentations, and having a TV-DVD combo in our small meeting room and Youth Room would make it so much easier for them to use screen-based content.

To that end, we’re currently seeking the donation of two 40”-50” TVs with a built-in DVD, often advertised as a TV-DVD Combo.

Are you able to donate a TV-DVD combo? Email Megan at megan@smparish.org! And remember – Santa Maria is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and your donations are tax-deductible.

Rosary Prayer Service
On Wednesday evening October 10th there will be a Rosary Prayer Service at 7:30 pm with a light social following in the parish hall. Our Middle School Youth Group will be attending this service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Have you ever felt like you could use some help focusing on Mass once you get to church?
We do, too. So before the 5pm Sunday Youth Masses on Confirmation Sundays, we gather about 10 minutes early for praise and worship music and a brief period of reflection to help us get our minds centered on where we are and Who we’re there for. All are welcome to join us – bring a friend! Our next Youth Mass is Sunday, October 14.

First Children’s Liturgy and Pancake Breakfast
Mark your calendars now for our First Children’s Liturgy of the New Year - Sunday, October 21st at our 10:30am Mass. Following the Mass will be a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Faith Formation Families -- all are welcome!

AROUND THE DIOCESE
Catholics@Work invite you to learn how to spread the word of God
This free program is organized by Catholics at Work (C@W)
with the arrival of autumn, we’d like to invite you to join faith direct, our parish’s electronic giving program.

our to-do lists can get lengthy this season, but our egiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find or checks to write before you go to mass!

visit [website] 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.

2018 Marian Conference
October 12-13

with the theme, “with mary, we say yes to the lord!”, the Oct 12-13 Marian Conference hosted by immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Brentwood has been designed with Mary and the family in mind, having special focus on the role of the parents and the youth in building up the Church beginning with their own homes: the domestic church.

For more information, visit www.ihmbrentwood.com and click the event logo of the Marian Conference, or contact Father Quang Minh Dong or Father John Erick Villa, at 925-634-4154 or 2018Marian Conference@ihmbrentwood.com.

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.

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 [website]!
TREASURE

September 30, 2018
Plate: $5,220.00
Faith Direct: $3,886.85
Total: $9,106.85
Goal: $10,350.00
Deficit: - $1,243.15

Maintenance $1,809.00
Catholic Voice $291.00
World Mission $10,180.00
Faith Formation $140.00

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, Nordeen 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

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, October 8
Columbus Day - Holiday

Tuesday, October 9
Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 10
Guild Bridge Marathon - 9:00 am
Rosary Prayer Service - 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 11
Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 12

Saturday, October 13
Communion Service - 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:00 pm

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm
128:1-2,3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading:
Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel:
Mark 10:2-16