“November-ing” as a parish

Remembering those who have gone before us

All Saints Day honors the “holy men and women of every time and place” who rejoice in God’s presence: figures like Francis and Mother Theresa, as well as lesser known saints, or our own family members and friends who lived the faith to the full. All Saints Day is a day to celebrate them.

All Souls Day allows us to commemorate and pray for our deceased loved ones. Praying for the deceased reaches deep into our human history and has been a custom from the earliest days of the Church. It is our belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead.

As a parish we offer several ways for you to remember and pray for your deceased loved ones during this month of November: you are invited to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in our parish Book of the Names of the Dead; you might choose to add their names to the All Souls Day Novena of Masses; or, you could bring a picture of them and place it in our parish Shrine of Remembrance, or altarcito, which will be located in the side niche of the church starting next weekend.

The All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated on November 2nd at 7:30pm. Your presence and prayer at this Mass for your deceased loved ones will also be appreciated by the families who have buried a loved one from our parish this past year and who have been invited to attend this Mass.

As we rejoice with the saints and commemorate the dead try to do so for the entire month of November and not just these two days. How could you incorporate some of these ideas in your home during this month of November-ing?
Refresh yourself at the Women’s Guild Fall Morning of Reflection

The Santa Maria guild invites you to a Fall Morning of Reflection on Thursday, November 15th beginning at 9:30 in the Convent. Give yourself this quiet time before the busy holiday season begins. The morning will conclude with Liturgy and a light lunch. Please sign the poster in the narthex.

Keep your eyes peeled for email scams

An email scam is being reported around the country. Typically, the victim receives an email that appears to be from a priest or other church personnel known to the victim, requesting gift cards (often iTunes) or cash. Any email requesting funds should be carefully vetted—first by reviewing the actual email address being used, not just the name it appears to be sent from. Always verify any request for funds with a phone call to the supposed requestor.

Mass Intentions

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Location Change—from Chapel to Church

On Saturday, November 17, the 8:00am Communion Service will be held in the Church (instead of the chapel). We welcome the Knights of Columbus, who will be gathering on that date—and whose numbers mean we won’t fit in the chapel as usual!

No Middle School Youth Group this Wednesday!

Due to the Halloween holiday, we won’t have any Youth Group this Wednesday, October 31. Enjoy your Trick-or-Treating, spend the time outside safely, and we’ll see you for the 7:30pm All Saint’s Day Mass the next day! (Remember—it’s a Holy Day of Obligation, so you need to go to Mass.)

Are you good with little kids?

Teens needed! A few times a month, volunteers from our parish tutor the Klaw Reh family in the English language. This family fled Burma and have just marked an important part of their journey—a few weeks ago, they received their Green Cards!

The tutors would appreciate having people to babysit the younger kids while they’re working with the parents and family to shop for, buy their presents, wrap them, and deliver them by the December due date. Details and sign-ups can be found at bit.ly/2R7ZSgJ
older siblings.

Interested in helping out? Contact Theresa Gonzales at tmgonzo2@comcast.net!

Volunteers must organize their own transportation. This is not a Santa Maria parish event.

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**OUTREACH**

**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. 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!

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**Celebrate the Vietnamese Martyrs**

Bishop Michael Barber will be joined by Bishop Emeritus John Cummins at the 30th Anniversary of the canonization of the Vietnamese martyrs on November 18 at 11am at St. Anthony Church in Oakland. Mass will be followed by a reception.

Come celebrate and learn about this important part of our Catholic heritage, and our Vietnamese community!

For more information, contact Sr. Rosaline Nguyen, LHC, at rnguyen@oakdiocese.org.

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**One less thing to remember each Sunday**

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 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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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen 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

For the Deceased
Harlon Berg and Nancy Thummess

Would you like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list? Please contact Mirna in the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 or mirnawong@smparish.org.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, October 29
Faith Formation - 2:30 & 4:00
Children’s Choir - 3:30pm – 4:00pm

Tuesday, October 30
Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 31
MSYG - 7:00 pm - Cancelled for Halloween

Thursday, November 1
All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation - 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Mass in Church
Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 2
No 8:00 am MASS
All Souls Day - Mass 7:30pm in the Church

Saturday, November 3
Communion Service - 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm

Sunday, November 4
Confirmation 2 - 3:00 pm
Youth Mass Rehearsal - 4:00 pm
Youth Mass - 5:00 pm
Confirmation 1 - 6:15 pm

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm
126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading:
Hebrews: 5:1-6
Gospel:
Mark 10:46-52

TREASURE

October 21, 2018

Plate: $ 4,290.00
Faith Direct: $ 3,886.85
Total: $ 8,176.85
Goal: $ 10,350.00
Deficit: - $ 2,173.15

World Mission: $1,639.00
Capital Expenditures: $100.00
Voice for Missions: $25.00

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:

Barbara & Jim after the 8:30am Mass;
Del Santo Family after the 10:30am Mass
After polling MSYG families, we can safely inform you that MSYG on Halloween has been cancelled.

Go trick or treat safely, and we’ll see you Thursday night for the 7:30pm Mass for All Saint’s Day instead.

It’s a holy day of obligation.