Church of Santa Maria
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018

Living a stewardship way of life

Much more than a weekend’s worth of sign-ups and volunteer requests

As we invite you to consider signing up for parish ministries this weekend, we’d like to take a moment to remind you of the bigger picture – what stewardship actually means.

At its simplest, living a stewardship way of life starts with the awareness that everything – everything! – is a gift and blessing from God. Our job and our mission is to manage and use wisely and responsibly what God has placed in our care.

There is stewardship of time – what do you make time for? The same 3 hours spent binge-watching your favorite TV show could be used to pray or volunteer in some way that blesses others!

There’s also stewardship of our abilities and talents – hundreds of you are already “putting your gifts at the service of one another” (1 Peter 4:10), but many may be sitting on their talents and not using them to bless others.

What’s one small thing you can start doing to share your abilities and talents?

Living a stewardship way of life makes us pleasing to God, blesses others, and brings us true happiness. What more could you ask for?
Disciples as stewards – sign up this weekend!

This weekend (November 10-11) we’ll be having our annual Stewardship Sign-Ups, inviting everyone to begin or re-commit to ministry here at Santa Maria.

Take some time before next weekend to pray about what you have to offer to God through ministry at your parish!

Santa Maria Annual Christmas Party!!

Come and kick-off the holiday season with your parish community. Friday, December 7 - 6:30pm to 10pm - $50.00 per person

Tickets will include appetizers, drinks, dinner, dancing and dessert! Ticket sales will be offered after all masses starting this weekend. Don’t miss this great party!

Fil-Am group gathers Thursday

The Diocese has just begun a 4-year commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Catholicism to the Philippines.

If you’d like to join, please contact Deacon Rey at dcnrey@smparish.org.

Timely Advice

Take time to work,
It is the price of success.

Take time to think,
It is the source of power,

Take time to play,
It is the secret of youth.

Take time to read,
It is the fountain of wisdom

Take time to look around,
It is the short cut to unselfishness.

Take time to laugh,
It is the music of the soul.

Take time to dream,
It is the highway to the stars.

Take time to be friendly,
It is the road to happiness.

Take time to pray,
It is the way to heaven.

Anon.

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 up on the poster in the narthex.

It’s time to sign your CYO team up for Spirit of Giving!

CYO Basketball teams—get into the spirit of the Christmas season! Yes, we know it’s November, but signing up now gives your team time to get your family to shop for, buy their presents, wrap them, and deliver them by the December due date.

Details and sign-ups can be

 MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 12
8:00am: Ernest Golez (D)

Tuesday, November 13
8:00am: Aurora Guzman (D)

Wednesday, November 14
8:00am: Deceased Sister of the Holy Cross

Thursday, November 15
8:00am: (I) Donna Guglielmo

Friday, November 16
8:00am: Margaret Wiegand (D)

Saturday, November 17
5:00pm: (I) Karen Mankowski

Sunday, November 18
8:30am: Joe Villard (D)
10:30am: Linda Aime (D)
5:00pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org
found at bit.ly/2R7ZSgJ

Pastoral Care Ministry

Communion Service location change

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!

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](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.

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](http://www.santamariaorinda.com/registration)!
**PASTORAL TEAM**

Reverend George Mockel  
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Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen  
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Sister Mary Magdalene Nguyen, LHC  
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Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC  
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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, Edward Millpointer, 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.

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**Monday, November 12**  
Veterans Day - Holiday  
No Faith Formation  
No Children’s Choir  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, November 13**  
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12:00 - 3:00 pm  
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, November 14**  
Ladies Guild Bridge Marathon - 9:00am  
Bible Reading & Communion Service - Orinda Care Center 11:00 am  
MYSRG - 7:00 pm

**Thursday, November 15**  
Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

**Friday, November 16**  
Stewardship Appreciation Dinner - 7:00pm

**Saturday, November 17**  
Communion Service - 8:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:00pm

**Sunday, November 18**  
Confirmation 2 - 3:00 pm  
Confirmation 1 - 6:15 pm

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**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**  
Vickie & Bev after the 8:30am Mass; Jackie & James Bava after the 10:30am Mass

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**TREASURE**

**November 4, 2018**

Plate: $ 7,505.30  
Faith Direct: $ 3,859.35  
Total: $ 11,364.65  
Goal: $ 10,350.00  
Faith Formation: $ 1,168.30  
All Saints Day: $ 927.00  
All Souls Day: $1,167.00

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**This Week’s Readings**

First Reading:  
1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm  
146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Second Reading:  
Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel:  
Mark 12:38-44
SANTA MARIA YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

**BOWLING SOCIAL**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
ALL CONFIRMATION/FIAT TEENS AND FRIENDS WELCOME
CLAYTON VALLEY BOWL | NOON-2:00PM
RSVP BY 11/15 TO MEGAN@SMPARISH.ORG