Santa Maria Walks for Life

Walk for Life West Coast was a peaceful demonstration

Over twenty of our parishioners (and a few friends we made along the way!) gathered at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco for the annual Walk for Life West Coast, a peaceful demonstration about the harm of abortion not only to the unborn but also to the women and men affected by it.

Speakers rallied the crowd before the walk speaking of both the scientific and spiritual wrongs of abortion, and culminated with four pregnant mothers’ ultrasounds—listening to the four babies’ heartbeats was definitely a moving highlight for many.

We walked down Market Street from Civic Center all the way to the Embarcadero. Signs and banners for different schools, churches, secular groups, religious orders, and more were like confetti sprinkled among the smiling faces. Some groups had brought guitars, and were singing as they walked. Others brought their rosaries, and you could see and sometimes hear them praying in the middle of Market Street.

Another beautiful aspect of the Walk was seeing how many young people were so enthusiastic to be there, many holding signs proclaiming, “I am the Pro-Life generation.”

To learn more, please visit www.walkforlifewc.com. More event photos are on the back page. To be involved next year, please contact Megan Arteaga at megan@smparish.org.
Rite of Acceptance and Welcome
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass your fellow parishioners, Bill Caldwell and William Martin, will be formerly welcomed into the RCIA process. They have journeyed through the Period of Evangelization and Pre-catechumenate and now will gather to celebrate the first formal step of the RCIA process with the celebration of the Rite of Welcome.

Please include them in your prayers as they begin their formal preparation for the Easter sacraments and a deeper relationship with Jesus and our community of faith.

World Day of the Sick: Cathedral of Christ the Light

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who could use prayers for healing or hope? Are you a healthcare provider or caregiver? Join us!

Mass at the Cathedral
Saturday, February 9
11:00am

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders!

This past Tuesday, our young Catholics celebrated their first Reconciliation. After preparing in class, attending a retreat, and being presented to the parish community, they were finally able to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament.

Ready to celebrate "Second Reconciliation"? A priest is available to hear confessions every Saturday in the Church from 4-4:30pm, or by appointment!

Did you know...

...you can come sit with Christ at any time in the Church? Our doors are open during normal business hours for anyone to drop by for private prayer.

If you're looking for something a little more special, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration and Benediction takes place every Tuesday from noon to 3pm in the Chapel on

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 4
8:00am: Benefactors of Sisters of the Holy Cross Living & Deceased

Tuesday, February 5
8:00am: Michael A. Murphy (D)

Wednesday, February 6
8:00am: Dick Cummings (D)

Thursday, February 7
8:00am: Sandi Blessing (D)

Friday, February 8
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Saturday, February 9
5:00pm: Yau Lin Liu (D)

Sunday, February 10
8:30am: Intention of the Presider
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5:00pm: Intention of the Presider

I=Intentions of [N.]; D=Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org
Your generosity makes this parish “go”!

Thanks to you, we’re able to provide faith formation programs for 101 children and 84 youth and teens, not to mention being able to support two refugee families and provide RCIA and Baptismal preparation classes.

Your consistent donations make it possible for us to continue these vital ministries.

If you’d like to enroll in Faith Direct for regular financial partnership with your parish, 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.

OUTREACH

CYO Participates in Spirit of Giving

This past Christmas, our CYO Basketball teams were offered the opportunity to participate in the Spirit of Giving program through Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. Each team would buy gifts and grocery store gift cards, wrap them, and deliver them in a big bag (just like Santa!) to the CCIH offices in Pleasant Hill.

Check out these photos of one of our CYO teams with their presents, and a few of the thank-you notes we received from the families!

Have more ideas on service and outreach our young people can participate in? Contact Megan Arteaga at megan@smparish.org!

Food Collection

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry
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 www.santamariaorinda.com/registration!

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**For the Sick**  

**For the Deceased**  
Orval Millette, Jack McGuire

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, February 4  
Rosary and Communion Services - Orinda Senior Village - 10:30 am  
Faith Formation - 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm  
Children’s Choir - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, February 5  
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm  
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 6  
Mass - Orinda Care Center - 11:00am  
MSYG - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 7  

Friday, February 8  

Saturday, February 9  
Minister of the Word - 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:00pm

Sunday, February 10  
C2 - 3:00 pm  
C1 - 6:15 pm

**TREASURE**

January 27, 2019  
Plate: $5143.00  
Faith Direct: $3,469.48  
Total: $8,612.48  
Goal: $10,350.00  
Negative: -$1,737.52

**This Week’s Readings**

First Reading:  
Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Psalm  
71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17

Second Reading:  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel:  

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:  
Dave & Joan after the 8:30am Mass  
James & Jackie Bava after the 10:30am Mass