Former Santa Maria School Principal celebrates 75th Jubilee

Do you remember Sister Claire Latham, CSJ?

"My life is guided by giving my best. Whether as teacher, leader or supervisor, I tried to inspire all to do the same. I have been blessed with a loving and supportive family. I cherish my faith and foster a love that binds us to one another," says Sister Claire Latham, CSJ, one of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet since 1943. "My vocation fills me with gratitude. What a blessing it is to be called to God's service for so many years."

If you’ve ever noticed the plaque and portrait in the Santa Maria Library, this is that same Sister Claire! For almost two decades, Sister Claire taught and served as Principal at a few different Bay Area schools—including Santa Maria School! After the school closed, she served as director of Religious Education as well.

Next month, Sister Claire will celebrate 75 years of religious life! We encourage you to send your memories and prayers to Sister Claire on the occasion of her 75th Jubilee.

For more information or if you may have a vocation, visit www.csjla.org.

Notes can be mailed to:
Sr. Claire Latham, CSJ
C/O Carondelet Center
11999 Chalon Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049
Bring your family to the Children’s Mass and Pancake Breakfast!

Please join us on March 3rd at 10:30 am Mass for a Children’s Liturgy. Afterwards, please come to the parish hall for a Faith Formation sponsored “Fat Tuesday” pancake breakfast!

FSGs will be starting again—check out our new video-based format!

Faith Sharing groups will be taking place soon during Lent for 5 weeks. This year, we’ll be starting by attending the Parish Mission together the week of March 17, and the following three weeks our groups will explore the Sunday readings with a video series during a trial of a video resource, “FORMED” (check out www.formed.org for more info!).

FSGs will conclude by attending the Triduum and Easter liturgies the week of April 14.

Interested in joining or starting a small Faith Sharing Group with your friends or family this year? Contact Tony at tmillette@smparish.org to get the info!

Teens—join us on the Mount Hermon retreat!

If you’ve received the Sacrament of Confirmation, consider joining us as a teen leader on our March 8-10 Confirmation Retreat at Mount Hermon! We need teens to walk with their peers in small group discussions, great games, reflecting on their faith, leading our activities, and sharing parts of their faith story.

Parents—we need adult chaperones, too, especially dads and men 21+!

If you or a friend is interested, contact Megan at megan@smparish.org or on Instagram @smyouthmin!

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring your palms from last year to the church by Saturday, March 2nd. You may leave them in the Narthex. These palms will be used on Ash Wednesday. Thanks for your help!

Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI

Please join us for a morning of praise, prayer, and inspiration from our speaker Barbara Nicolosi Harrington!

Barbara has been in Hollywood working as a writer, producer, story consultant and production company executive for over 20 years! Some of her projects around the diocese

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To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org
What do you do after you ignite a Life on Fire?

Starting a fire is hard enough—but once you’ve got the spark lit, you’ve got to Fan the Flames!

Monday, March 18 of our Parish Mission with Father Stan Fortuna, CFR will inspire us to Fan the Flames of our faith:
10:00am Morning Mass and Session
7:30pm Women’s Session
Join us for a spiritual ladies’ night out. Men’s session is Tues!

Join us March 16-20 for a week of powerful, inspirational sessions and Masses sure to set your “Life on Fire”!

Martyr Church Pantry
All items can be put in the barrel in the Narthex.

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.

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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Include The Passion of the Christ, Joan of Arcadia, and Saving Grace. She is the founder of ACT ONE, a non-profit educational program to help Christians enter careers in the entertainment industry.

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TREASURE

February 17, 2019

Plate: $3,524.20
Faith Direct: $3,930.60
Total: $7,454.80
Goal: $10,350.00
Negative: -$2,895.20

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Reverend George Mockel
Pastor
gmockel@smparish.org

Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen
Priest in Residence

Reverend Michael Amabisco,
OP
Sacramental Assistance

Reverend Christopher Fadok,
OP
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Deacon James Pearce
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Mirna Wong
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Pastoral Care of the Sick
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Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC
Bookkeeper
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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

For the Sick

For the Deceased
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Would you like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list?
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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

Monday, February 25
Orinda Senior Village Mass - 9:30 am
Faith Formation - 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm
Children’s Choir - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, February 26
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 27
Bible Reading & Communion - Orinda Care Center - 11:00am
MSYG - 7:00 pm
Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 28
New Parishioner Reception - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 1
Minister of the Word - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:00pm

Sunday, March 3
C2 - 3:00 pm
Youth Mass Rehearsal - 4:00 pm
Youth Mass - 5:00 pm
C1 - 6:15 pm

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalm
103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel:

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Barbara & Jim after the 8:30am Mass
Redford Family after the 10:30am Mass

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Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministries!

We’re so grateful for the generous merchants, businesses, and friends who contributed to the 2019 Parish Crab Feed!
(An * indicates a repeat donor – thank you for your continued support!)

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Europa Restaurant (Orinda)*
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McDonnell Nursery*
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Orinda Frame Store*
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