“Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?”

“24 Hours for the Lord” - a Lenten opportunity

All the faithful throughout the Diocese of Oakland are invited to join Pope Francis and Catholics worldwide in spending time with our Lord in Adoration some time in the 24 hours of **March 8-9, 2019, 4pm to 4pm.**

At some point during the 24 hours, we encourage you to visit one of these participating churches to spend an hour reflecting on the year’s theme, taken from Psalm 130:4: “With you is forgiveness.” Priests will also be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you’ve never gone to Adoration before, think of it as quality time with Jesus. Feel free to bring Scripture or a journal, pray the Rosary, listen to the music if it’s playing in the church, and of course—be okay with the silence.

Opening Mass with Bishop Barber will take place Friday at 7:30pm at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont, and Closing Mass will take place Saturday, March 9 at 5:30pm at St. Joan of Arc Church in San Ramon.
Why should I give to the Bishop’s Appeal?

Our faith cares for all our sisters and brothers, regardless of the way in which they worship. The Bishop’s Appeal supports ministries and services provided at the diocesan level—strengthening our faith, our families, and our parish communities.

This weekend you will have heard a bit more about the programs and ministries supported by the Bishop’s Appeal, and why this is such an important annual appeal. Next weekend is our commitment weekend—we ask that you prayerfully consider your donation this year, and please be as generous as you are able!

Sign up for FSGs this week—online!

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups are happening again!

We’ll attend the Parish Mission together, and the following three weeks our groups will explore the Sunday readings with a video series during a trial of a video resource, “FORMED.”

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!

Pray for next weekend’s Mount Hermon Retreat

Next weekend, March 8-10, our Confirmation teens will be spending some quality time with Christ at their retreat, “Sent by the Holy Spirit,” at Mount Hermon. Follow our journey on...
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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**Prayer Intentions**

**For the Sick**  
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Edith Black, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna 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, Jack and Pat McGuire, Rose Mary McPhee, Edward Millpointer, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Patrick Sheehy, Hector Santiago, Peter Sumner  

**For the Deceased**  
Patricia Newman  

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.

**Treasure**

**February 24, 2019**

**Plate:** $5,260.00  
**Faith Direct:** $3,448.98  
**Total:** $8,708.98  
**Goal:** $10,350.00  
**Negative:** -$1,641.02  

**Coming Collections:**

- Bishop’s Appeal

**This Week’s Readings**

**First Reading:**  
Sirach 27: 4-7

**Psalm:**  
92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

**Second Reading:**  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**Gospel:**  

**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Monday, March 4**  
Rosary & Communion Service - Orinda Seniors Village - 10:30 am  
Faith Formation - 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm  
Children’s Choir - 3:30 pm

**Tuesday, March 5**  
Parish Staff Meeting - 10:45 am  
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm  
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 6**  
Ash Wednesday - 8:00 am; 4:00pm & 7:30 pm Mass in Church  
Orinda Care Center - 11:00

**Thursday, March 7**  
Bible Reading & Communion - Orinda Care Center - 11:00 am

**Friday, March 8**  
Confirmation Retreat

**Saturday, March 9**  
Confirmation Retreat  
Minister of the Word - 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 10**  
Confirmation Retreat

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**  
Donna & Angelo after the 8:30am Mass  
James & Jackie Bava after the 10:30am Mass
CONFIRMATION RETREAT

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at Mount Hermon

JOIN US FOR THIS JOINT CONFIRMATION RETREAT WITH ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

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