The fight against indifference: burning with “the right kind of fire”

Fr. Stan Fortuna lit a spark at our Parish Mission

“You know that, that there are two kinds of fire, right? You’ll just have to come to the rest of the Mission to find out what I’m talking about, how to burn with the right kind of fire!” Father Stan Fortuna said in a conspiratorial voice, leaning into the mic at the weekend Masses.

Morning and evening sessions were well attended, and there were many moments that “Ignited a Spark”—including quotes from various Popes, Scripture, and saints both ancient and modern; improvisational sung prayer; impassioned pleas to care—and plenty more.

The challenge, of course, is to “Keep the Fire Burning”—stated explicitly in the theme of the final day of Father Stan’s time with us.

Our Parish Mission has really just begun—to live a Life on Fire for Jesus Christ, and to build His Church and His Kingdom here on earth, prospering the work of our hands and our hearts for the Lord.

Indifference and mediocre efforts won’t get us there—we’ll need to “Blaze a Trail” with our lives and keep moving forward toward God.

What will you do to start a fire in your own life? your family life? your work life? your personal life? your faith life?

Where is the Lord calling you to live a Life on Fire?
Are you in need of renewal this Lent?

The Women’s Guild is hosting their annual Morning of Renewal on Friday, March 29 at 9:30am in the Convent Chapel. All are welcome to join!

Father Bart Hutcherson, OP, the “Pilgrim Preacher,” will be presenting. Scripture and Christian history are his passions, and his ministerial focus has been on creating a Church hospitable to young Catholics and encouraging the gifts that they are and bring to the Church. Since July 2018 he’s been a member of Western Dominican Preaching, a team of itinerant preachers.

The morning will begin with the presentation and will end with a liturgy and a light lunch.

Is God calling you to help our littlest ones?

Even though it’s just March, we’ve begun to plan for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation year! If you have been feeling called to offer your talents as a catechist for K-5th grade Faith formation, please contact Sr. Mary Margaret at srmmphan@smparish.org or 925-254-2426 x306.

Sign up online for your directory photoshoot!

There’s a link on the homepage of our website for you and your family to sign up for a session of professional photography by LifeTouch for our brand new,

SIGN UP NOW!
Be a part of our new directory

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25
8:00 am: Intention of the Presider

Tuesday, March 26
8:00am: Molly & Charles Clark (D)

Wednesday, March 27
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Thursday, March 28
8:00am: James G. Walsh (D)
Friday, March 29
8:00am: Intention of the Presider
Saturday, March 30
5:00pm: Jack McGuire (D)

Sunday, March 31
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Eleanor Edmund (D)
5:00pm: Alan Holloway (D)

I=Intentions of [N.]; D=Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 10; 7:30pm

The best way to prepare for Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of the Lord is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ. Acknowledge and be forgiven for what’s holding you back from living a life in Christ in Confession. You may also join us any Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm in the church for Confession.

Abstaining on Fridays

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat (beef, veal, pork, and poultry) on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
updated Parish Photo Directory! Photography dates are April 30-May 4, and all sessions will take place here at Santa Maria.

Visit our website today to sign up for the best time for you!

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3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry

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**Fast. Pray. Give up envelopes!**

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**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Are you a Catholic professional?**

The Catholic Alumni Club members and guests (that’s you!) will be gathering at Primavera Ristorante in San Ramon at 5:30pm Saturday, March 30 to enjoy dinner and a fun time. The club was started as a means for Catholic single professionals to meet.

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- **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 Rey Encarnacion**  
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- **Deacon James Pearce**  
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- **Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC**  
  Bookkeeper  
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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, Carol Hardy, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koups, Rose Mary McPhee, Edward Millpointer, Arsi Orihuela, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Jim Ryan, 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

**March 17, 2019**

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*Estimate, not actual amount

## Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:

Dave & Joan after the 8:30am Mass  
Shindle Family after the 10:30am Mass

## Week-at-a-Glance

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| Monday, March 25 | Faith Formation: 2:30pm and 4:00 pm  
Children’s Choir— 3:30 pm |
| Tuesday, March 26 | Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm  
R.I.C.A - 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, March 27 | Bible Reading/Communion - OCC - 11:00 am  
MSYG - 7:00 pm  
Baptismal Class - 7:00 pm  
FSG - 7:00 pm |
| Thursday, March 28 |  
Friday, March 29 |  
Ladies Guild - Lenten Morning of Renewal in Chapel - 9:30 am  
Lenten Supper - 6:45 pm  
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm  
Saturday, March 30 | Minister of the Word - 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm |
| Sunday, March 31 |  
The next C1/C2 classes are April 14.  
This Week’s Readings

First Reading:  
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Psalm  
103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

Second Reading:  
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel:  
For more photos and quotes taken from the Life on Fire sessions, visit our parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/santamariaorinda