Living as an Easter People with Alleluia as our song

Bringing to life Pope Saint John Paul II’s words as a parish community

Welcome to Santa Maria! We’re glad to have you here with us this Easter. Easter is a time of new life and new beginnings, and at the same time of remembering where (and Who!) we’ve come from—all of which prompts the joyful strains of “Alleluia” to become our song.

Our parishioners try to live out that song throughout the year. Check out the following pages for some of the ways we lovingly attempt to do God’s work, whether with children and youth, young families, working adults, or those in their retirement years!

We hope you’ll join us after Easter to put your faith in action at Santa Maria!

Dear Lord, may our hearts and minds be nourished by your sustaining love; May our words and actions be guided by your ever-present grace; That all who seek to know you encounter you here; That all who seek to serve you be welcomed to the vineyard; That all who seek to love you know that they are loved; That all who seek to find or return to their faith may here be warmly welcomed home. Amen.
Last month, our parish invited Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR, to lead our parish in what’s called a “Parish Mission” - a series of days with talks, Masses, and prayer led by an outside speaker designed to help us grow in our faith and be inspired as Catholics.

Many parishioners brought their friends and family to the sessions and Masses to hear Fr. Stan speak in his unique and energetic way about what it means to live a “Life on Fire” for the Lord, quoting saints, Popes, and popular figures.

Various ministry groups and programs hosted lunch and evening receptions, welcoming attendees as Jesus did: with food!

It wasn’t just for the adults—Youth Ministry participants Emily Bakshi, Katie Bakonyvari, Jack Pieper, and Hunter and Liam Tierney even came multiple nights!

*We hope you can join us for the next Parish Mission we offer!*
Last year, we had over 50 new families register at Santa Maria! Our Pastoral Team took the opportunity to welcome them at our first (of many!) New Parishioner Welcome Reception.

In a casual atmosphere and a come-when-you-can time frame, our newer parishioners were able to make connections with established ones and parish staff, ask questions about ministries and programs, and share some good laughs together.

Is hospitality “your thing”? Contact Tony Millette at tmillette@smparish.org if you’re interested in a welcoming committee for our newer community members!

Feast of Santo Niño, and in the coming week will also be leading a novena for Divine Mercy Sunday, as well as a reception after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, April 28.

Interested in the Fil-Am Group? Contact Rose Encarnacion at marosecencarnacion@yahoo.com.

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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**TREASURE**

April 7, 2019

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Edith Black, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Mike Buzzell, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Norcen Gillham, Carol Hardy, 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, Jim Ryan, Patrick Sheehy, Nancy Tierney

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, April 22
Tuesday, April 23
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm
Adult Choir - 7:00 pm
R.C.I. A - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 24
Bible Reading/Communion - OCC - 11:00 am
MSYG - 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 25
Parent Bible Study - 11:00 am
Social Justice Meeting - 6:30-9:00 Hall

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27
Morning Prayer - 8:00 am

Sunday, April 28
C2 - 3:00 pm
Youth Mass - 5:00 pm
C1 - 6:15 pm

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
No Donuts this weekend!  
See you next week!

**This Week’s Readings**

First Reading:  
Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm  
118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading:  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel:  
Our “Faith in Action Team” of Youth Ministry teens hosted a summer leadership retreat with other local Catholic teens.

The Santa Maria Fil-Am Community forms and hosts socials and communal faith events like a Christmas potluck (above) and the Feast of Santo Niño in January.

The Church gets improvements of new, expanded confessionals and refinished doors, among other things.

There were two liturgies with the Anointing of the Sick where we prayed over and anointed those who needed prayers of healing.

A group of Knights, Sisters, youth, and families attended the annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco.

Young families joined us on our Good Friday Way of the Cross through Orinda to Orinda Senior Village and back for the liturgy.