Celebrating the “unlimited” and merciful love of God

*Fil-Am group draws our parish closer to Jesus, The Divine Mercy with prayers and food*

The message is nothing new, but is a beautiful reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness.

In the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone—especially the greatest sinners. God asks us to call upon His Son, Jesus, the Divine Mercy, always in complete trust.

The Santa Maria Fil-Am Community honored the Divine Mercy with a 9-day novena that commenced on Good Friday, April 19. A special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s of Jesus as The Divine Mercy. This devotion is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish nun who wrote a diary recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy.

Following the novena, the Divine Mercy Mass was celebrated at the 10:30am Mass according to tradition: on the first Sunday after Easter. This year, it was April 28. The Fil-Am Community generously hosted a well-attended and hearty reception after the Mass in the Parish Hall!
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!

If you are interested in helping with the planning of these Masses contact Tili Tasker, Chair of the Children’s Liturgy Team, at tili@comcast.net.

**R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to join with you on your journey! Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them.

For more information or to inquire, please contact Tony Millette 925-254-2426 x303 tmillette@smparish.org.
Knights rep Santa Maria at Vocations Dinner
Santa Maria Knights of Columbus had a strong presence at the annual Bishop's Vocation Dinner on May 4. The event is a diocese-wide KofC event that raised more than $30,000 to help pay expenses for the diocese's seminarians. Bishop Barber expressed appreciation for the support and told the audience that three men will be ordained as priests for the diocese on May 31.

Social Justice is alive!
Social Justice is alive and well at Santa Maria. The Social Justice Roundtable Discussion on April 25 brought together many parishioners interested in Catholic Social Teachings and Santa Maria’s social justice projects for 2019.
Steve Mullin, who has held many positions in the Diocese of Oakland and most recently worked at Catholic Charities as Chief Development Officer, led the discussion and inspired us to move forward with projects that are consistent with Catholic Social Teachings.
Guided by everyone’s input, we found that our parish community is most interested in helping another refugee family, supporting the Winter Nights Program in Orinda and serving food at St. Mary’s Center in Oakland. Many other great ideas were considered and will be evaluated as future projects.
Noting that there’s interest in an Adult Mission Trip, we will look into having a mission trip in the future.
All of the social justice projects will be open to all parishioners. We will keep you informed.
The next Social Justice Committee meeting is Tuesday, July 16 at 4 p.m. If you would like to see the notes from the meeting or have any questions, feel free to contact Gail Gabriel at gail.gabriel@gmail.com or Janet Riley at bjriley@pacbell.net.

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MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, May 13
8:00am: Mother’s Day Novena

Tuesday, May 14
8:00am: Mother’s Day Novena

Wed, May 15
8:00am: Mother’s Day Novena

Thursday, May 16
8:00am: Mother’s Day Novena

Friday, May 17
8:00am: Mother’s Day Novena

Saturday, May 18
5:00pm: Mother’s Day Novena

Sunday, May 19
8:30am: Stephen & Tom O’Brien (D)
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5:00 pm: Mother’s Day Novena

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Learn about the complexities of poverty
Join Catholic Charities of the East Bay’s Transforming Lives Tour on May 14th from Noon to 1 PM.
For more information, contact Stephan Pippen at spippen@cceb.org or 510-768-3133.
To register, please visit http://www.cceb.org/get-involved/transforming-lives-tour/

OUTREACH

Food Collection
1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry
Please put all donations in the bins in the Narthex.
# PASTORAL TEAM

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# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, 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, Noreen Gillham, Carol Hardy, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Kouspus, Rose Mary McPhee, Edward Millpointer, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, 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.

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Upcoming Second Collections: Catholic Charities May 19

# WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

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### Donuts and coffee this weekend are hosted by...
Vickie & Bob after the 8:30am Mass
Hannon-Ruiz after the 10:30am Mass

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Patron Saints & Mother’s Day
by Megan Arteaga
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So for Mother’s Day, I’ll say a prayer to both Mary AND Anne. I encourage you to do the same!

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