Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May

Faith Formation honors the Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven, in annual May Crowning

“Mother of God,” a child solemnly read out from the ambo, followed by her peers in the congregation responding, “Pray for us.” “Queen of Heaven,” “Pray for us.” “Mary Most Pure,” “Pray for us.”

Among the wiggling, fidgeting, chatting, and flower-swinging of our K-5th graders this past Monday, a few catechetical gems were shared about the Blessed Mother, patroness of our parish. Faith Formation Director Sr. Mary Margaret Phan, LHC, enlisted the help of her catechists to settle the students down enough to listen, learn, and pray to God honoring Mary.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke was followed by a quick discussion about the relationships between Mary and Elizabeth (cousins, they knew), and Jesus and John the Baptist (second cousins, one third grader deduced). A litany of various titles of Mary was followed by the classic Our Father and Hail Mary. Traditional Marian hymns like Immaculate Mary and Bring Flowers of the Rarest were played through the church as flowers were brought up and placed in vases before the statue of Mary.

How do you honor Mary in your family? Visit us on Facebook and share your traditions!
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!

Registered parishioners recently received information in the mail about the Bishops Appeal. If you have not already responded, please do so! We have a long tradition of reaching our Appeal goal and want to maintain that wonderful tradition!

Thank you to all who have already responded and many thanks to Mark Roberts who gave a great talk on the Appeal several weeks ago!

God’s Grace—Your Hands
Thanks to everyone who contributed to Catholic Charities Annual Appeal this past weekend! Your generosity helps bring God’s grace to children, young people, and families facing crisis, trauma, violence.

If you were unable to give earlier and would still like to donate, please send donations to: 433 Jefferson St., Oakland, 94607.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Tuesdays after May 28th.

We will begin Adoration again on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Can you help someone get to heaven?
Offering a Mass for the dead is an ancient Catholic tradition to assist the souls of the faithful departed on their way to heaven. Saint Ambrose wrote, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the House of the Lord.” Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for 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.

Come to the water!

Baptismal Preparation process for this cycle begin on the last Wednesday of this month!

Join us for classes the evenings of May 29 and June 5, and celebrate the Rite of Welcome at Mass on June 1.

Refresh your marriage!

Married Couples: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!


For more information visit: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or by phone at 925-849-5466.

Prayer, Praise, and Inspiration

Join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speakers Deacon Steve and Mary Anne Greco! Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women, invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 9:30 -12:30 at the Crowne Plaza in Concord.

Men are always welcome to attend! Tickets are $33/$40 after June 15th. For more information visit magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek

Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

Spreading the Good News of the Resurrection

The Lord is risen! As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish’s many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting us with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and securely enroll using our parish code CA891—or find a paper form in the Parish Office.

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.
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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 Koupus, Rose Mary McPhee, Edward Millpointer, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Patrick Sheehy

*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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**Treasure**

**May 19, 2019**

Plate: $4,643.10  
Faith Direct: $3,738.10  
**Total:** $8,381.50  
**Goal:** $10,350.00  
**Negative** -$ 1,968.50

Catholic Charities: $2,850.00  
Upcoming: Catholic Communications

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**This Week’s Readings**


Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Monday, May 27**
Office Closed - Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 28**
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm  
R.C.I. A - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 29**
Bible Reading & Communion- Orinda Care Center 11:00 am

**Thursday, May 30**

**Friday, June 1**

**Saturday, June 2**
Minister of the Word - 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm

**Sunday, June 3**

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**Donuts and coffee this weekend are hosted by...**

Barbara & Jim after the 8:30am Mass  
Maria Alvarez after the 10:30am Mass
NEXT TEAM MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
5:30-6:30PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM
BRING YOUR SIGNED PERMISSION SLIPS!