Program registration is coming!

Look out for a discount reward for timely registration!

Have you been looking for a way to connect your family more with our faith? Do you want your kids to have a good foundation for their lives? Do you want them to know God and have a close relationship with Him?

We’ve got programs to help you do all of that!

**K-5 Faith Formation**

We have classes on Monday afternoons for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade! Classes begin in the church to connect with Jesus, then students head to their classrooms for an age-appropriate lesson with their peers.

**Middle School Youth Group**

In Youth Group, we focus on developing a relationship with God and with your friends. Wednesday night meetings can include prayer, games, Bible Study, videos, discussions, skits, and more—even ice skating and bowling!

**High School Confirmation and FIAT**

High Schoolers go through a two-year Confirmation program learning about their faith and their Church, and actively serving their community. After Confirmation, they can join the Faith In Action Team and help their peers!

Would you like more information on these programs and how they can help your family? Contact the Parish Office at 925-254-2426!
Vegetation abatement and a costly replacement

Perhaps you may have noticed some trees and shrubbery missing around the parish property? PG&E has trimmed pine trees along their “right of way” on our property next to the Park and Ride lot to reduce fire danger.

Also, a rather wide swath of greenery is being removed from the main entrance road up the hill behind the Rectory, the church, and the hall to make way for equipment to trench for a new main water line. Our water line has to be replaced as it is leaking and can no longer be repaired.

The cost for this project is substantial (in excess of $100,000)! We do not have sufficient funds in our operations account to cover this cost, so we will have to dip into our reserves.

We depend on your regular weekly contributions to help build up a reserve for these kinds of expenses. Thank you for your generosity!

Guess who’s leading music at the Catechetical Congress Mass?

Are you a catechist who feels like you could use a little formation yourself? Are you someone feeling called to help with Faith Formation or Youth Ministry but “just don’t know enough” or “don’t have the experience” or [insert your excuse here]?

First of all, the Holy Spirit will help you!

Second of all, the Diocesan Catechetical Congress was designed with you in mind!

Join us August 10 for a day of catechist formation with practical tips, new ideas, and a chance to connect with others in your shoes—and Youth Minister Megan Arteaga and her husband Anthony Arteaga will be leading music at the Mass that day!

Visit oakdiocese.org/congress for more info or to register.

Baptismal Process

If you have child that you would like to be baptized over the next two months, the first of two required parent classes will begin at the end of July. Dates of both classes are: July 31st and August 7th—both start at 7pm. Please contact the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 for more information about the baptismal process or if to register.

Weekly Food Collection

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry
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 register at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration