

A Thursday morning FSG meets outside to read Scripture, watch a relevant video resource, discuss, and pray together



# Church of Santa Maria

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 18, 2019*



## Faith Formation isn't just for kids and teens.

*Adult formation opportunities are here for you, too.*

Hopefully you've seen the emails, announcements, and bulletin articles about K-12 programming starting again (parents and grandparents, register your elementary-, middle-, and high-school students at [tinyurl.com/SMFormation2019](http://tinyurl.com/SMFormation2019) now!). We didn't want "the grown-ups" to feel left out, so here's some information about programming for you adults as well:

### **Faith Sharing Groups (Bible Studies)**

Do you catch yourself tuning out for the Sunday readings? Do you wish your faith felt more relevant to your life? Are you looking for a Christ-centered community? Check out our Faith Sharing Groups, or FSGs, which most often center around the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings and what they mean in our own lives.

*Contact the Parish Office for info on active FSGs to join!*

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Have you been searching for meaning in your life? Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community? Come and join this discovery of who God is and who we are as Church and people of faith.

*Contact Tony Millette at 254-2426 x303.*

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Sick: 925-695-7677

[www.SantaMariaOrinda.com](http://www.SantaMariaOrinda.com)

### **Parish Office Hours**

Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm

### **Mass and Liturgy Schedule**

Daily Mass

8:00am (Chapel)

Eucharistic Adoration

Noon-3:00pm Tues from

Sept through May (Chapel

Reconciliation

4:00pm Sat (Church)

Sunday Masses

5:00pm Sat Vigil (Church)

8:30am; 10:30am; 5:00pm

Sunday (Church)

Holy Days

8:00am and 7:30pm (Church)

Baptisms: Call the Parish  
Office

Marriage: Call the Parish  
Office

## PARISH LIFE

### Important note from the Finance Council and Father George

Your Finance Council continuously monitors the overall status of Santa Maria's financial status, including weekly collections. We have noticed a significant decline in these collections.

Starting in mid-June, our weekly collections have declined 22%. This does not seem to be a summer-related problem.

As you can imagine, such a steep decline in our weekly collections will have a significant negative impact on our financials if it continues.

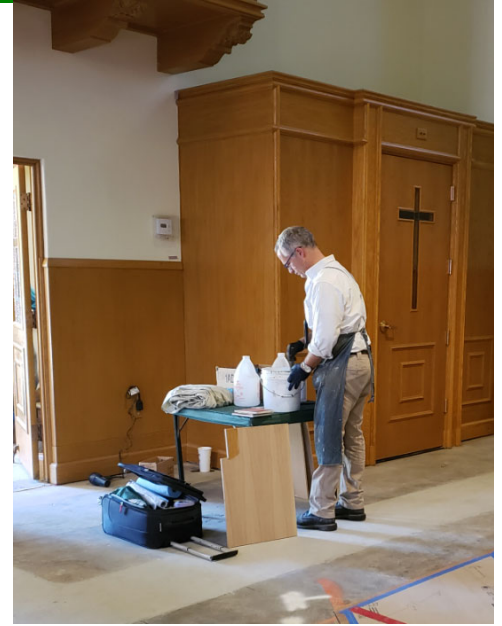
If you are using our Faith Direct automatic payment system we ask that you check your credit card or bank account to make sure that payments are still being made (note: if your credit card number has changed recently, please call Mirna Wong in the Parish Office to give her your new card number).

If you put cash, checks, or envelopes in the baskets at Mass, we ask that you continue to give on a regular basis. Please consider automating these donations by using our Faith Direct system.

## RESTORE AND RENEW: PHASE 4



Jim finely tunes the placement of some of the motifs on the Baptismal font. Architectural renderings can't take into account the fineness of some of these details.



Michael is a true artist, mixing stains and varnishes matching the existing wainscoting color of the church to apply to the new font

## FAITH FORMATION

### Get to know Jesus!

Do you know any K-12th graders who could use a little Jesus in their lives?

Register now for K-5 Faith Formation, First Eucharist, Middle School Youth Group, High School Confirmation or our Faith In Action teams

**Register students before August 25 to save \$25 per kid: [tinyurl.com/SMFormation2019](http://tinyurl.com/SMFormation2019)**

### Explore life's biggest questions this fall.

We need unqualified, curious, slightly uncomfortable, really human people of any age to help Megan host about 20 people twice a month—dinner included—at the parish.

**We don't want "leaders," we want YOU.** This year's Confirmation program is trying something new—check [outalpha.org/alpha-youth-series](http://outalpha.org/alpha-youth-series) to see what we're talking about.

### We're moving—back!

Mark your calendars—restoration has been taking place in our Restore and Renew campaign at a great rate, and we're scheduled to transition our worship back into the new church on Labor Day Weekend!

### Do you use the website?

News articles, announcements, photos, and more are regularly updated. Check out our homepage for a reflection by Archbishop Chaput on the recent (and not so recent) gun violence in our nation.

## PASTORAL TEAM

### Reverend George Mockel

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### Reverend Jude Pooppa

Priest in Residence

### Reverend Michael Amabisco, OP

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### Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### *For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoab 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, Paul  
Guess, Carol Hardy, Doris Hale,  
Florentino Ibabao, Brian Kelly,  
Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jim  
Kennedy, Dorothy Kennedy, Jerry  
Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol  
Koupus, Judy Lazarus, Rose Mary  
McPhee, Robert Nick, Arsi  
Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Ben Richey, Patrick Sheehy,

*Would you like to add yourself or  
someone else to the prayer list?  
Please contact Mirna in the Parish*

## TREASURE

### August 11, 2019

Plate: \$ 3,963.00

Faith Direct: \$ 3,762.10

**TOTAL: \$ 7,725.10**

**GOAL: \$10,350.00**

**NEGATIVE: - \$2,624.90**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, August 19

8:00am: Intention of the Presider

### Tuesday, August 20

8:00am: Ana Govednik Rogan (D)

### Wednesday, August 21

8:00am: Increase of Priesthood &  
Religious Vocations

### Thursday, August 22

8:00am: Angela Gracias (D)

### Friday, August 23

8:00am: Intention of the Presider

### Saturday, August 24

5:00pm: Intention of the Presider

### Sunday, August 25

8:30am: Intention of the Presider

10:30am: Parishioners of Santa  
Maria

5:00pm: Intention of the Presider

*I=Intentions of ([N.]);*

*D=Deceased*

*To request a Mass Intention,  
please contact Mirna in the Parish  
Office.*

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

**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](http://www.santamariaorinda.com/registration)**