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 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.
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.

We don’t want “leaders,” we want YOU. This year’s Confirmation program is trying something new—check 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.
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