“Keep your head down. We’ll watch your ball.”

Finding theology in the Knights’ golf tournament

There’s something great about the sound of a golf ball when your club contacts it perfectly, and you know it’s sailing off toward the green.

My golf balls rarely make that sound. I warned my team at the start of the September 23rd Knights of Columbus golf tournament that not only had I never played a full 18-hole round of golf, but also it had been over 10 years since I’d even been to the driving range.

However, something that almost instantly made my game better was what teammate Mark Mahoney said somewhere around Hole 3—”Keep your head down. Keep looking at that spot where the ball meets the ground. We’ll watch where it goes for you.” In other words: “You just do the work. Don’t worry about what happens after—we’ll let you know.”

I won’t say this was the miracle cure for my game (truth be told I walloped Mark later with a rogue ball—sorry again!), but it did actually remind me of my faith life. So many times I “do the work” (telling my story, feeding the poor, comforting the afflicted, sharing my joy, offering prayers) and don’t see the results—that is, where the proverbial ball has gone. But I know that God, like my teammates, have seen—and I trust that with God’s help, those efforts will go sailing off to make the world a better place.  ~Megan Arteaga
Candlelight Rosary
correction: 10/16—will
you celebrate with us?

We will be holding our annual
candlelight rosary prayer
service on **Wednesday, October
16 at 7:30pm** in honor of our
Blessed Mother, the patroness
of our parish.

Whether you pray the Rosary
every day or the beaded strands
have always confounded you,
you’re encouraged to join us.
We’ll gather on the plaza of the
church and conclude inside.

Have you read Bishop
Robert Barron?

A couple weeks ago, we
welcomed Chancellor of the
Diocese of Oakland Steve
Wilcox to speak about the local
history and context of the sexual
abuse scandal.

For those who would appreciate
a more in-depth opportunity to
respond or take action, we
encourage you to sign up for a
Faith Sharing Group book
study.

Our text will be “Letter to a
Suffering Church,” by Bishop
Robert Barron. Free copies are
available in the narthex and in
the Parish Office.

*If you or your FSG are
interested, please email
megan@smparish.org to be
added to the list.*

The Guild is welcoming
someone from the
Orinda Historical
Society

The Women’s Guild will be
having their Membership
Luncheon on Wednesday,
October 30 with a speaker
from the Orinda Historical
Society.

Anyone who has attended Mass at
the old chapel on Miner Road or
who has pictures of old Church
activities should join us! Anyone
who’d like to know more about
the history of our parish should
also join!

*Call Judy Eben at 254-7969 or
Lynne Lloyd at 254-6287.*

Pray for our RCIA
candidates!

Our Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults has begun! Please pray
for those discerning, praying, and
pondering their journey to
becoming Catholic.

*Know someone who’d like to*
Word will be Saturday, October 26 at 11am, followed by a reception in the Hall.

Bring a parent, friend, or yourself if you need healing or comfort while suffering from a physical or mental illness and wish to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament.

Are you unsure if you’re in need of this Sacrament, or want to know more about it? Contact Sr. Mary Magdalene at 925-254-2426.

Join us for prayer at Orinda Senior Village!

This Monday, October 7th at 9:30am is our monthly Senior Village Rosary and Communion Service. This allows those who live at the Senior Village to gather for prayer with members of our parish community.

Our monthly Mass at Senior Village will be Monday, October 28—apologies for the confusion in the calendar!

All are welcome to all events.

Are you or a loved one in need of healing?

Our annual Anointing of the Sick with the Liturgy of the

Response to Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas

The Bahamas is reeling from the catastrophic Category 5 Hurricane Dorian of September 1-3. Catholic Relief Services is coordinating with partners on the ground to coordinate transportation, relief supplies, shelter, safe water, and more.

To make a donation, visit www.crs.org. For more information, contact the Diocesan CRS office at mmckimmey@cceb.org or 510-768-3176.

Weekly Food Collection

1st and 2nd weekends: St. Cornelius School, Richmond

- Fruit cups, crackers, granola bars, cereal, Cup-o-Noodles, mac-and-cheese, pantry staples

3rd and 4th weekends: St. Peter Martyr Food Pantry

- Canned meats and fish, cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 7
8:00am: Benefactors of Sisters of Holy Cross Living & Deceased

Tuesday, October 8
8:00am: Karl Rogina (D)

Wednesday, October 9
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Thursday, October 10
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Friday, October 11
8:00am: Henry Wianecki (D)

Saturday, October 12
5:00pm: Intention of the Presider

Sunday, October 13
8:30am: Jeanie Beatson (D)
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5:00pm: John & Maggie Wiegand (D)

I=Intentions of [N.]; D=Deceased

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

The offering of the Mass is “the perfect prayer.” Masses can be said for a living person’s intentions, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

We encourage you to have Masses said for all of your loved ones, or for your own intentions!

TREASURE

September 29, 2019

Plate: $6,775.00
Faith Direct: $1,680.98
TOTAL: $8,455.98
GOAL: $10,350.00
NEGATIVE: -$1,894.04
Maintenance: $1,813.00

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
Megan plops awkwardly on a neighbor table without explanation

Greg downs a whole container of sour cream

Owen enjoys some burnt popcorn

YOU LOSE "WHAT ARE THE ODDS" AT CONFIRMATION