Serving with the Works of Mercy

Our parishioners answer our Bishop’s call to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

But, “What are the Works of Mercy?” you ask!

Simply put, they are actions we can perform that extend God’s compassion and mercy in very real ways to those around us. They’re all found in the teachings of Jesus, and give us a model for how we can be more Christ-like:

**Corporal Works of Mercy**
- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Shelter the Homeless
- Visit the Sick
- Visit the Prisoners
- Bury the Dead
- Give Alms to the Poor

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**
- Counsel the Doubtful
- Instruct the Ignorant
- Admonish the Sinner
- Comfort the Sorrowful
- Forgive Injuries
- Bear Wrongs Patiently
- Pray for the Living and the Dead

Bishop Barber has asked our Diocese to focus on practicing these Works of Mercy, and we are glad to say we’re off to a great start! We have opportunities coming up (both ongoing and one-time events) to practice some of these Works of Mercy.

Each opportunity in this bulletin will be marked with this symbol, and will explain which Works of Mercy it addresses.
ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints Day (Nov 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation, and allows us to remember and celebrate those who have gone before us in faith—and who we trust live now forever in God’s heavenly love. It’s an opportunity to recommit ourselves to living holy lives, imitating the Saints who have gone before us.

All Souls Day (Nov 2) is the day we pray for all the faithful departed, our sisters and brothers with whom we are united in faith by Baptism. Join us for Mass at 8:00am in the church, and bring your family and friends!

Envelopes for the All Souls Day Novena are available in the narthex. Please list the names of your beloved dead to be included in the 9 days of Masses.

PARISH LIFE

Sign up for a Bishop Robert Barron book study!

Comfort the Sorrowful
Instruct the Ignorant
Come pick up a free copy of “Letter to a Suffering Church,” by Bishop Robert Barron. Copies are available in the Parish Office or in the Church Narthex.

We’ll be beginning a book study on the text—sign up by emailing the Parish Office by Oct 30!

Guild Lunch Wednesday
The Santa Maria Guild’s Membership Luncheon will be at 11:00am this Wednesday, October 30th in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a lovely lunch prepared by the Guild Board and find out lots of interesting bits of Orinda History. Please sign up on the Poster in the Narthex.

12 Days of Christmas
It’s here! Ticket sales begin next weekend for our annual parish Christmas party set for Friday, December 6!

Would you come to share your story?
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Pray for the Living
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We’re serving pancakes!
Mark your calendars now for our first Children’s Liturgy of the new Faith Formation year—Sunday, November 3rd at our 10:30am Mass! Hear our Children’s Choir sing, and worship with the children.

FAITH FORMATION

Baptismal Classes Begin
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 soon. Dates of both classes are: November 6th and 13th—both start at 7pm.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information about the baptismal process or if you would like to register.

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Following the Mass will be a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Faith Formation Families.

Social Justice and Youth Ministry are teaming up for a Saturday of Service, bringing Blessing Bags to the streets of San Francisco. Details to come!

**PASTORAL CARE**

**Share the presence of the Lord with the sick**

*Visit the Sick*  
*Comfort the Sorrowful*  
*Pray for the Living and the Dead*

Our Parish Pastoral Care Ministry is made up of parishioners who share their love of God and others by visiting those who are sick or homebound. Team members bring the Eucharist to those unable to join us for Sunday Mass; others gather at the Orinda Care Center and Orinda Senior Village for Mass and Scripture during the week; and others help plan and execute the reception which follows our twice-a-year celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

If you would like to be part of this team, please contact Sister Magdalene at 925-254-2426 or sistermn@smparish.org.

**COMMUNITY & OUTREACH**

**Save the Date: Nov 16**

*Feed the Hungry*  
*Give Drink to the Thirsty*  
*Comfort the Sorrowful*

It’s not too late—

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We would love to have a response from everyone, as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report.

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

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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 requests to be sponsors/godparents and other ministries.

Please register at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration

TREASURE

October 20, 2019
Plate: $ 6,993.00
Faith Direct: $ 4,102.00
TOTAL: $ 11,095.00
GOAL: $ 10,350.00
Positive: $745.00
World Mission Sunday: $10,305.50

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

For the Sick
Liduvina Acosta, Sonny Acosta, Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Mike Buzzell, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Grace Parent DeBoodt, Rich Delany, Lorna Elliott, Anne Emery, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Paul Guess, Doris Hale, Florentino Ibabao, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jim Kennedy, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Judy Lazarus, Jim Marchetti, Rose Mary McPhee, Robert Nick, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Ben Richey, Patrick Sheehy, Faye Young

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 at mirnawong@smparish.org.

Monday, October 28
8:00am: Bill Veale (D)
Tuesday, October 29
8:00am: Intention of the Presider
Wednesday, October 30
8:00am: Intention of the Presider
Thursday, October 31
8:00am: Dorothy Kennedy (D)
Friday, November 1
8:00am: Parishioners of Santa Maria 7:30pm: Intention of the Presider
Saturday, November 2
5:00pm: All Souls Novena
Sunday, November 3
8:30am: All Souls Novena 10:30am: Jack Bevis (D) 5:00pm: Susana G. Abinsay (D)

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!
CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

- NOVEMBER 9-10, 2019 -

at Mount Hermon

JOIN US FOR THIS JOINT CONFIRMATION RETREAT WITH ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

PERMISSION SLIP IS ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE
SIGN UP AT TINYURL.COM/MOUNTHERMON2019