Church of Santa Maria
Epiphany of the Lord
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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
Santa Maria’s annual “Year in Review” Edition

Each year for the last Sunday of December and the first Sunday of January, we publish our “Year in Review” edition of the bulletin. We take the opportunity to look back at the growth, challenges, events, Sacraments, interactions, and everything else that gives a parish life.

We hope you enjoy taking this look back with us at what some of our staff and ministers thought were the highlights of 2019 for them—feel free to share anything you think we missed! We’d love to hear about your 2019 highlights, too!

Sincerely,

Your favorite bulletin editors (Mirna and Megan)

Phase 4 of Restore and Renew was successful

Over the summer, new floors were installed (twice!), the pews were refinished and reinstalled, a permanent custom-made Baptismal Font was built and its details painstakingly perfected, and along with a coat of paint, some architectural features were highlighted. All of this involved levels of artistry and craft management that are truly admirable, and we are grateful for the work that was done that will bless generations to come.

His Heart, Our Hands

While we were grateful for the generous designated donations made specifically for the Restore and Renew project, we were simultaneously struggling to meet our goal for the Sunday plate on a regular basis. These funds cover the comparatively "boring" things like bills, salaries, insurance, and taxes.

We pled our case to you, our parishioners, and received an outpouring of “sacrificial giving” in the form of new, increased, or continued financial giving. The full summary report will be out soon for you to peruse!

Faith Formation shares a Christmas pageant and carols

A Christmas Celebration

“My heart was so full of joy as I watched all the children in the Christmas pageant learning about and celebrating the birth of Jesus! My daughters loved singing some of their favorite Christmas holiday songs with friends!” shared Jami Martini, a FF parent.

On the last Faith Formation class of the 2019 calendar year, the two class sessions shared a pageant and carols. They wish you and your family a Christmas season filled with Jesus’ wonderful gifts of love, peace, and joy!

To get involved in Faith Formation, please contact Sr. Mary Margaret Phan at 925-254-2426 x306.

Seeking God’s presence, healing, and peace

Looking back over the past year, we had two special occasions dedicated to the prayer and anointing rituals for our parishioners and patience, with approximately 50 people
If you need pastoral services, or if you feel called to serve and would be interested in helping, please contact Sr. Mary Magdalene Nguyen at 925-254-2426 x309.

Parishioner Mari Kay Breazeale leads a Bible Reading at the Orinda Care Center

attending. Our Prayer Intentions list included more than 40 patients, and every Monday through Friday, parishioners visit the elderly, the sick, and the homebound in Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek. We also serve at the Orinda Care Center and Orinda Senior Village, where Mass was celebrated, and Bible Readings, Communion Services, and the Rosary were conducted.

Parishioners young and old gather to hear the music and message about being on fire for Christ

Social Justice teamed up with Youth Ministry for a Blessing Bags Saturday of Service

Social Justice Acts

Social Justice was a flurry of activity in 2019, resulting in a new “Social Justice Announcements” webpage on our Parish Website so parishioners could keep up. Check it out and see what interests you for 2020!

Commutation Service is celebrated at Orinda Senior Village

We care for one another as we seek God’s presence, healing, and peace. Pastoral Care Ministry at Santa Maria provides both spiritual and practical support through programs that serve the sick, the homebound, the elderly, and anyone in need.

Faith Sharing Groups are still going strong

There are “FSG”s still meeting after their kick-off a few years ago. Each has a different flavor (more academic, more spiritual, more real-life-centered, etc.) and each seems to be contributing to the formation and well-being of their participants. It’s great to see so many of our parishioners continuing to dive into the Word of God with their friends!

Walk for Life West Coast

Walk for Life gaining longevity for Santa Maria

For over 5 years now parishioners have attended the Walk for Life West Coast on the last Saturday in January. Over
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.

For the Sick
Liduvina Acosta, Sonny Acosta, Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Fred Chavaria, 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, Arsie Orihuela, 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.

Due to early print deadline of this bulletin the collection for Dec 29 will be included on January 12

TREASURE

December 22, 2019
Plate: $4,597.00
Faith Direct: $3,873.98
Total: $8,470.98
Goal: $10,350.00
Negative: $1,879.02

Monday, January 6
8:00am: Louise Govednik Rogina (D)

Tuesday, January 7
8:00am: Karl Rogina (D)

Wednesday, January 8
8:00am: Ana Govednik Rogina (D)

Thursday, January 9
8:00am: Cay Tool (D)

Friday, January 10
8:00am: John Rogina (D)

Saturday, January 11
5:00pm: Imelda Jovel

Sunday, January 12
8:30am: Joe Villard
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5:00pm: Anthony Bradley

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!

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!
the years a loyal group has formed to attend part of the rally and to, literally, “walk the walk” against those against the sanctity of early life.

Camryn Hirst, Hunter Tierney, Chris Bruen, and Allison Neff are just some of the mighty challengers come to try to focus MSYG long enough to get them to think about our faith. And they do a great job!

Praying at the October Rosary

Part of the Parish

Youth Ministry is a solid presence at our parish activities, like the October Rosary Prayer Service, the Advent and Lenten Reconciliation Services, the Crab Feed, and our Youth Masses. (If you haven’t come to check out the 5pm Sunday Masses yet, what are you waiting for? They’re great!) We think our young parishioners are a great example for openness, curiosity, trying new things, and community.

Golfing for Charity

The Knights of Columbus hosted another successful charity golf tournament, supporting numerous local charities.

To get involved in the Knights, contact Grand Knight Dean Akazawa at dean.akazawa@wellsfargoadvisors.com.

Mirna Wong seeks her ball’s flight path at the KofC Golf Tournament

YOUTH MINISTRY

MSYG is high-energy, high-curiosity, high-flying run

Middle Schoolers get help from their older peers

This year we’ve had the most High Schoolers come back to help lead Youth Ministry ever—

Our teens were in charge at the first Summer Service Sports Camp

Serving through Sports

Youth Ministry led what will probably become the first of many Summer Service Sports Camps with Contra Costa

Three camp counselors enjoy bonding after a day in the sun

Interfaith Housing in Concord.

A whole group of High School teens gave up their first week of summer break this year to plan, teach, lead, and run a sports camp for the residents of the Lakeside Apartments. They bonded with the kids and practiced their leadership skills, all while doing something they absolutely love—sports!

Confirmation eats and learns

The Holy Spirit moves

Ask our teens what they think about our program—trust us!