



Church of Santa Maria

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Prepare Him Room

Pausing to settle into this peaceful season

Pictured: An artistic rendition of Advent - art and music can help us step back from the business of life



First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

We're going to do this a little differently today - after all, this Sunday is the start of the new (church) year, so why not try something new!

So much of life is about doing, learning, reading, thinking, and acting - but Advent is really a call to step back from all of that and focus on the coming of the Lord into our lives. In the spirit of Advent, please enjoy these few minutes of peaceful reflection on the meaning of this four-week season!

*Megan Arteaga
Youth Ministry Coordinator*



Weekend Worship Opportunities

The First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020

8:30am | Mass in the Parking Lot; also [Livestreamed](#) (available all day)

10:30am | Mass in the Parking Lot

[Download and print the Worship Aid here](#)

Turn on your car's Accessory Mode and tune in at 87.9 KGOD!

Join us this Sunday in the Parking Lot at 8:30am or 10:30am for Mass!
We are blessed to be able to celebrate with you.

If you are unable to physically join us, we will continue to livestream the 8:30am Mass for you to participate from home.

Get your shopping bags ready for St. Peter Martyr Christmas Food Boxes!

Santa Maria has always been a great supporter of Pittsburg's St. Peter Martyr Parish at Christmastime - and this year the need is different and much greater!



"Santa Maria can make a huge difference for our brothers and sisters," says Knights of Columbus Grand Knight **Dean Akazawa**. "We have been very generous in the past; this year let's outdo ourselves! We hope families will take a box (or two) to fill with staples and essential food items - like flour, cooking oil, soup, canned goods, cereal, and other basic food items. You may also consider writing a check to help with primary expenses in this time of COVID-related job losses and lower family incomes."

Keep an eye out next week for more details on when you can pick up a box and drop off your groceries!

Want more information on how to help? [Contact Dean Akazawa!](#)

Thank you for sharing the Spirit of Giving!

We and our friends at [Hope Solutions](#) are so grateful to everyone who stepped up to "adopt a family" in the Spirit of Giving Christmas Program this year!



We received so many positive responses, **we requested and received six extra families we could take care of**, bringing our total families served 21! Thank you again!

Friendly Manor is ready for toiletries again!

The [Friendly Manor](#) is once again ready to receive toiletry donations, which had been stopped temporarily when the pandemic started!



Here are some suggested items:

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand lotion
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss

Please: NO partially used items. You may place your donations in the storage room on the left side of the Narthex on the Social Justice shelves. We will deliver them when we deliver lunches, every other Friday. You can also pack a separate bag of any of the above items when you sign up for lunches, if you wish,

Questions? Contact [Gail Gabriel](#) or [Janet Riley](#).

Those darn phishers are back!

Another round of phishing scams has come for us - please continue to be vigilant about WHO is sending you emails, especially when they are asking you for money!

From: "Rev. George Mockel" <revgmockel40@gmail.com>
Date: July 19, 2020 at 1:24:11 PM PDT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Blessings [REDACTED]

NOT Father George's email address!!

Yes thank you [REDACTED] i need you to purchase \$300 Target gift cards in \$100 denominations, that's 3 cards of \$100 each. Once you get them, this is how I want them delivered, I only need you to scratch the cards, then take a SNAP SHOT of the back each showing the PIN and have them sent to me here. I will pay you back later by tomorrow. Many blessings

Thank you.
Rev. George Mockel
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If Father George is sending you an email from an address you do not recognize, DO NOT RESPOND. If you would like to be sure, send a SEPARATE, NEW email to his parish email address to confirm the email was truly from him.

Because he probably doesn't really want 3 \$100 iTunes or Target gift cards, even if it IS almost the Christmas season. 😊

How can I keep supporting Santa Maria?

Thank you so much for thinking about us and continuing to support our parish during these trying times! We are greatly appreciative of any help you can provide.

You may drop your collection in the offertory baskets at Parking Lot Masses, mail a check to the Parish Office (40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda CA 94563), or [make a one-time donation using Faith Direct](#), our eGiving service, to make your offering.



If you would like, you can also [sign up for recurring giving through Faith Direct](#) to continue to give to the Sunday plate even though you can't come to the church to drop it in the basket as usual. Again, we thank you for your planning and your generosity!

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nov 15

8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria, Living and Deceased
10:30am: Dirk Zimmank (D)

Mass Intentions are a beautiful way of praying for your intentions or for the

souls of our deceased loved ones. To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office.

“What’s for dinner tonight?”

Check out:

themainkitchencafe.com



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Prayer Intentions

For the Sick:

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Would you like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list? Please ensure you have their permission, then contact Megan in the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 or at megan@smparish.org.

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