



Church of Santa Maria

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Patience People

Continuing our Advent meditation

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



Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020

Since the first week of Advent's "music bulletin" was received so well, I've decided to continue the theme through the Advent season with four very different pieces I'll be sharing with you.

Past pieces:

The contemporary [Prepare Him Room](#)
Advent classic [Creator of the Stars of Night](#)

This week, the St. Louis Jesuits share this more modern Advent hymn, [Patience People](#). I love the almost folksy sound of the verses with their comforting imagery about waiting and the goodness of the Lord, contrasted with the very Catholic sounding refrain entreating us to exercise patience as we wait.

*Megan Arteaga
Youth Ministry Coordinator*



Weekend Worship Opportunities

The Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 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.

We're doing Advent Reconciliation - and getting a little creative with it!

Although we can't have our annual Communal Reconciliation service, we'll still be offering SIX different opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent!



Come to the Plaza in front of the church during the following dates and times, where we'll be celebrating Reconciliation outdoors:

9-9:45am Thurs, Dec 17

4-4:45pm Thurs, Dec 17

9-9:45am Fri, Dec 18

4-4:45pm Fri, Dec 18

9-9:45am Sat, Dec 19

4-4:45pm Sat, Dec 19

Please come and celebrate this beautiful Sacrament of healing in preparation for Christmas!

Please note: if we are experiencing inclement weather on any of those dates or times, then Confessions will move inside the Church (but NOT into the Confessionals), and Parking Attendants will be present to keep the line in order so that one person can go inside at a time to receive the Sacrament.

Join us for Christmas Carols in the Parking Lot!

Mark your calendars now to join your fellow parishioners for some Christmas Cheer!

Sunday, December 20

5:00pm | Parking Lot

[Click here for the livestream](#)



We'll prepare for the coming of the Lord by singing Christmas carols and hearing Sacred Scripture that remind us of what these holy days are all about.

Bring family and friends! Bring fellow parishioners! Bring some cookies and hot cider or chocolate to enjoy in your car! And most importantly - bring your singing voice as the Adult Choir will be leading us in the carols!

Bundle up and join us in your car, or stay cozy and join us from the comfort of your home by [watching our livestream!](#)

Hope Solutions thanks largest donor group- Santa Maria!

Thank you again to everyone who participated in Hope Solutions'

Spirit of Giving program this year - including the families pictured here!

We received a very heartfelt thanks from coordinator Mariel for sharing the Christmas spirit with so many families this year. **We bought presents and grocery cards for Christmas dinner for 21 families - 77 people total! - making us this year's largest donor group!**



Please take a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving that so many of our parishioners were secure enough financially to be able to support these families in this extra-challenging year!

There are always ways to support Hope Solutions! [Click here for more information or to help out.](#)



Virtual Christmas Concert "Light of Hope" supports local Catholic youth

Lumen Christi Academies is hosting its first ever virtual Christmas concert! Support LCA's mission to offer tuition assistance for families unable to afford the cost of Catholic education while being inspired this Christmas season.

Notre Dame's Folk Choir, Loyola Marymount University's choir, and University of San Francisco choir will be contributing music. LCA students will also proclaim the Gospel, share reflections, and sing carols throughout the event!



LCA is a network of six Catholic schools serving low-to-moderate income students in the Diocese of Oakland, offering Catholic school environments that cultivate Christ-centered scholars reflecting the diversity of their communities, igniting students to be the light of Christ in the world.

[Click here for more information or to purchase tickets!](#)

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, Dec 13

8:30am: Karl Rogina (D)

10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria, Living and Deceased

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.

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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

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