



Church of Santa Maria

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O Magnum Mysterium

*Continuing our
Advent meditation*

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 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](#)
The St. Louis Jesuits' modern [Patience People](#)

I saved my absolute favorite for last, and am admittedly bending the rules a bit for it. Not actually an Advent hymn, but rather a psalm for the Matins of Christmas, [O Magnum Mysterium by Morten Lauridsen](#) is a luminous polyphonic reflection on the line, "O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!"

*Megan Arteaga
Youth Ministry Coordinator*



Weekend Worship Opportunities

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 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.

FOUR MORE opportunities for Reconciliation today and tomorrow!

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.

"Park," the Herald Angels sing!

(Sorry, I couldn't help myself.)

Join us for Parking Lot Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Bring your family and invite your friends!

Christmas Eve, December 24

1:00pm

2:30pm

4:30pm

10:00pm Candlelight Mass

Christmas Day, December 25

8:30am

10:30am



Find more details here on [our Christmas Masses webpage!](#)

Christmas Caroling THIS SUNDAY in the Parking Lot!

Join your fellow parishioners for some Christmas Cheer!

Sunday, December 20
5:00pm | Parking Lot
[Click here for the livestream](#)

[Click here for the worship aid](#)

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!](#)

Bring your newly-filled boxes for St. Peter Martyr to Mass this Sunday!

The Knights of Columbus will be at the Parish Hall this Sunday before and after the Masses to collect your generous donations. Thank you for supporting local families this holiday season!

A Christmas message from Social Justice

Our Social Justice team would like to share their gratitude and joy with you this holiday season - [click here to read their message to the parish!](#)

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 20

8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria, Living and Deceased

10:30am: John Rogina (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.

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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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