



*Excited young students at a former year's
First Eucharist line up before Mass*

Church of Santa Maria

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019*



Celebrating First Eucharist

Kiley Elizabeth Arroyo

Keagan Barry Baldwin

Billy Daniel Beaver

Caleb Huy Bui

Oliver Huy Bui

Henry Stone Cohen

Rocco Aristide Del Santo

Henry Bowe Diessner

Nicolas Gabriel

Gray Lawrence Gilbert

Bentley Murphy Gilbert

Alexis Grace Gilmore

Connor Preston Goetz

Landon William Gray

Amelia Eden Hass

Elise Katherine Hlavac

Lucy Claire Kerr

Jackson Everett Jacobs

Josephina Anne Martini

Vaughan Isaac Obradovic

Blake Miller Redford

Reed Gibson Shindle

Jack Samuel Sinclitico

Brandon Beal Stemmler

Patrick Ryan Murphy

Lucy Genevieve George

Mason Greene Ross

Peter Alan Zapala

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Sick: 925-695-7677

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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



Reflecting on the “Second Eucharist” on First Communion Weekend

Do you remember your First Eucharist? I remember standing in the hallway at St. Mary Parish learning from Sr. Cabrini how to make my hands into a throne for Our Lord Jesus when receiving the host, buying my dress and veil at the little Catholic store in downtown Sacramento, and taking a photo after Mass with a bunch of other 2nd graders I didn’t know

(Years later, I deduced that they were the Catholic school kids whose desks we poked through every Tuesday at CCD.)

What I don’t remember is the actual Mass, or the first time receiving communion.

There are many instances of receiving the Eucharist that do stick out, though, for whatever reason—visiting churches in Italy with confusing communion lines, attending Mass at friends’ parishes, and other Masses that for some reason are glued to my brain.

It reminds me that the important thing really isn’t the First Eucharist.

It’s all the ones that come after.

Proud reception of the Eucharist next Sunday when you come back for “second Eucharist.”

Tearful reception of the Eucharist on the Sunday you’re struggling with family issues. Joyful reception of the Eucharist when you’re celebrating a new baby in the family.

Disappointed reception of the Eucharist after you’ve failed a test or a performance review.

We’ll receive Eucharist in almost every frame of mind imaginable, and every time we do God will be happy we’ve joined him at His table and participated in the sacrifice.

This weekend, as we celebrate a series of First Eucharists, be reminded that the Eucharist is not a one-time, special-occasion treat or reward—rather, it is a beautiful and essential food for our journey home to the halls of heaven.

*Megan Arteaga
Youth Ministry Coordinator*

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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 fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form!

Or register online at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration/

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____



PARISH LIFE

Bishop’s Appeal a Success

We are happy to be able to give you the good news of the progress of the Bishop’s Appeal

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 20

8:00am: Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 21

8:00am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed, May 22

8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Thursday, May 23

8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Friday, May 24

8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Saturday, May 25

5:00pm: (I) Kathy Brady

Sunday, May 26

8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria

10:30am: (I)Michael & Amelia

Buzzell

5:00 pm: Jack Leutza (D)

*I=Intentions of [N.]; D=Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please
contact Mirna in the Parish Office*

– Rebuild My Church – through April 30th. The total raised with cash and pledges is \$1,214,924. This represents 40.5% of our goal. This is very encouraging. It is also exciting to say that every parish had at least one donor, meaning that we have 100% participation!

We are so grateful for your support, and that of all the members of the Diocese. May God bless you always!

FORMATION

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)? Have you joined us from a different faith background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to join with you on your journey!

Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them.

*For more information or to inquire, please contact Tony Millette 925-254-2426 x303
tmillette@smparish.org.*



Come to the water!

Baptismal Preparation process for this cycle begin on the last Wednesday of this month!

Join us for classes the evenings of May 29 and June 5, and celebrate the Rite of Welcome at Mass on June 1.

Refresh your marriage!

Married Couples: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Jun 28-30, 2019 in Danville OR
Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord.

For more information visit: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or by phone at 925-849-5466.

Spreading the Good News of the Resurrection

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting us with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

Signing up is easy! Visit www.faithdirect.net and securely enroll using our parish code **CA891**—or find a paper form in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office by phone at 925-254-2426 x308 or by email at megan@smparish.org.

PASTORAL TEAM

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,
Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor,
Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Mike
Buzzell, Maria Carmen, Rosemary
Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott,
Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca,
Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget
Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Carol
Hardy, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly,
Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry
Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol
Koupus, Rose Mary McPhee, Edward
Millpointer, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon
Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann
Powell, Mark Ricci, Patrick Sheehy,
Nancy Tierney

*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
mirnawong@smparish.org.*

TREASURE

May 12, 2019

Plate:	\$4,174.16
Faith Direct:	\$3,738.10
Total:	\$7,912.26
Goal:	\$10,350.00
Negative	- \$2,437.74

Upcoming Second Collections:
Catholic Charities May 19

Donuts and coffee this weekend are hosted by...

Dave & Joan after the 8:30am
Mass
Donna Meyer
after the
10:30am Mass



WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, May 20

Faith Formation - 2:30 & 4:00 pm
Children's Choir - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, May 21

Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm

R.C.I. A - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 22

Photo Directory Make-Up Day (by
appointment only) —Noon-
8:30pm—Classroom 1

Bible Reading & Communion- Orinda
Care Center 11:00 am

MSYG Loard's Pilgrimage - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 23

Photo Directory Make-Up Day (by
appointment only) —Noon-
8:30pm—Classroom 1

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Minister of the Word - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation-
4:00pm

Sunday, May 26

**Monday, May 27 - Memorial
Day Office Closed**

This Week's Readings

First Reading:
Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Psalm
145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading:
Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel:
John 13:31-33a, 34-35



ANNUAL MSYG LOARD'S PILGRIMAGE THIS WEDNESDAY!

Meet in the Youth Room | Pick up at Loard's

