



Church of Santa Maria

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2020



A (hopefully) unique Easter

Distance worship and Parking Lot Benediction

If nothing else, the COVID crisis is forcing all of us to be more creative in our ministries and in the way we do our work.

That creativity led to a unique Holy Week and Easter, where only the Sisters and a few staff members gathered to bring the liturgies into everyone's homes, and we borrowed ideas from other parishes and churches to make an encounter with our Eucharistic Lord possible on Easter Sunday.

Tony saw a video online of another Christian church doing their Sunday service in the parking lot, with churchgoers sticking "praise hands" out their sunroofs as worship music played. Father George heard of other parishes offering drive-through Sacraments. Megan's husband Anthony helped put on Benediction in the parking lot at St. Bonaventure.

We all wanted to continue to offer the Mass to everyone at home, but the ideas started flowing about how to safely gather for Easter Sunday. We developed a brief service with hymns, the Easter Gospel, a homilette, prayer intentions, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

This format was so successful (with many cars honking their horns in celebration, joy, and gratitude at the end of the ceremony!) that we're hosting it again this Sunday!

Join us at 10:30am in the upper parking lot (immediately above the church) for Parking Lot Benediction. Mass will continue to be live-streamed at 8:30am, and will be available all day on our Facebook page.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Mass and Liturgy Schedule

Daily Mass

8:00am (Chapel)

Eucharistic Adoration
Noon-3:00pm Tues Sept-May (Chapel)

Reconciliation

4:00pm Sat (Church)

Sunday Masses

5:00pm Sat Vigil (Church);

8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Sun (Church)

Holy Days

8:00am and 7:30pm (Church)

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office

Marriage: Call the Parish Office

COMMUNICATIONS



”Did I hear you say Mass is on FACEBOOK?!”

We assure you – you **do not** need a Facebook account to watch our livestreamed Masses!

Here are two options for when you can watch our Sunday Masses:

Watch it live at 8:30am:

1. Open your internet browser anytime after 8:20am and type in **www.facebook.com/santamariaorinda/live**
2. If we are streaming, you will see a “**Happening Now**” section with our video, and hear music. If not, keep refreshing the page until we do start.
3. If a popup window comes up asking you to sign up for Facebook, **scroll to the bottom and click “Not Now”**

Watch it after it’s ended:

1. Open your internet browser and type in **www.facebook.com/santamariaorinda/live**
2. SCROLL DOWN to the “**Past Live Videos**” section. Click on the video you want to watch.

3. If a popup window comes up asking you to sign up for Facebook, **scroll to the bottom and click “Not Now”**

If you still can’t get it to work, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office. She can walk you through it. 925-254-2426 or mirnawong@smparish.org

What happened to YouTube Masses?

Unfortunately, we had to switch platforms from YouTube to Facebook. But why, you ask?

During Lent, we were able to pre-record Masses and have Megan edit them by combining audio and video tracks and adding subtitles, transitions, and other things like that. However, for the Triduum, we couldn’t pre-record those liturgies – they are time-specific – so we had to do them live.

Here was the challenge: the only audio/video equipment we had been using consisted of Megan’s and Father George’s current and “old” cell phones. No cool cameras, no external microphones, nothing. Unfortunately, YouTube won’t let anyone live-stream with mobile devices if they have fewer than 1,000 subscribers, which meant we’d either have to downgrade our production quality by using a laptop’s webcam and internal microphone (ew), or we’d have to switch platforms to allow us to continue using the

equipment we were comfortable with and knew gave us good quality audio and video.

We decided to keep the quality and switch platforms, praying that people would understand that Facebook wasn’t necessary to watch Facebook Live! So thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we continue to navigate these new waters!



Are you in “Constant Contact” with us?

Are you receiving our parish emails? At least once a week, usually more as we shelter in place, our Pastoral Team members send out email messages including information about upcoming Masses online, reflections from Father George, and other announcements.

If you’re not receiving these emails, please call or email Mirna in the Parish Office: 925-254-2426 or mirnawong@smparish.org. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

“Will we still celebrate Confirmation in May?”

Unfortunately, we don’t know.

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We will continue to follow the appropriate civil authorities' instructions regarding sheltering in place and avoiding gatherings, and hope that the restrictions will be lifted before Pentecost on May 31 so we are able to celebrate Confirmation as scheduled.

Of course we'll keep you updated as to whatever our course of action is!

In the meantime, Confirmation classes will be held on Zoom, and candidates are asked to attend our parish Sunday Masses online.

“Should we plan on First Communion?”

Unfortunately, we aren't able to provide a concrete answer for this question, either.

We want to ensure both the physical and spiritual health of our young Catholics and their families, while providing appropriate mental and catechetical preparation as well. We'll continue to keep in touch and keep you updated as the situation changes.

“What about RCIA?”

You may have noticed our RCIA candidates and catechumens were not initiated at the Easter Vigil – that is because the only “essential” business churches currently have is providing remote worship services, not celebrating in person.

RCIA courses will switch to Zoom until Initiation Sunday, hopefully on Pentecost!

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions during Shelter in Place orders are either postponed or celebrated privately. Mirna is contacting all those who requested the currently scheduled intentions.

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick: Liduvina Acosta, Sonny Acosta, Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Fred Chavaria, Grace Parent DeBoot, Rich Delany, Lorna Elliott, Anne Emery, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Doris Hale, Florentino Ibabao, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Michael Kelly, Jim Kennedy, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Judy Lazarus, Jim Marchetti, Rose Mary McPhee, Robert Nick, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Ben Richey, Patrick Sheehy, Jean Wells, 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.

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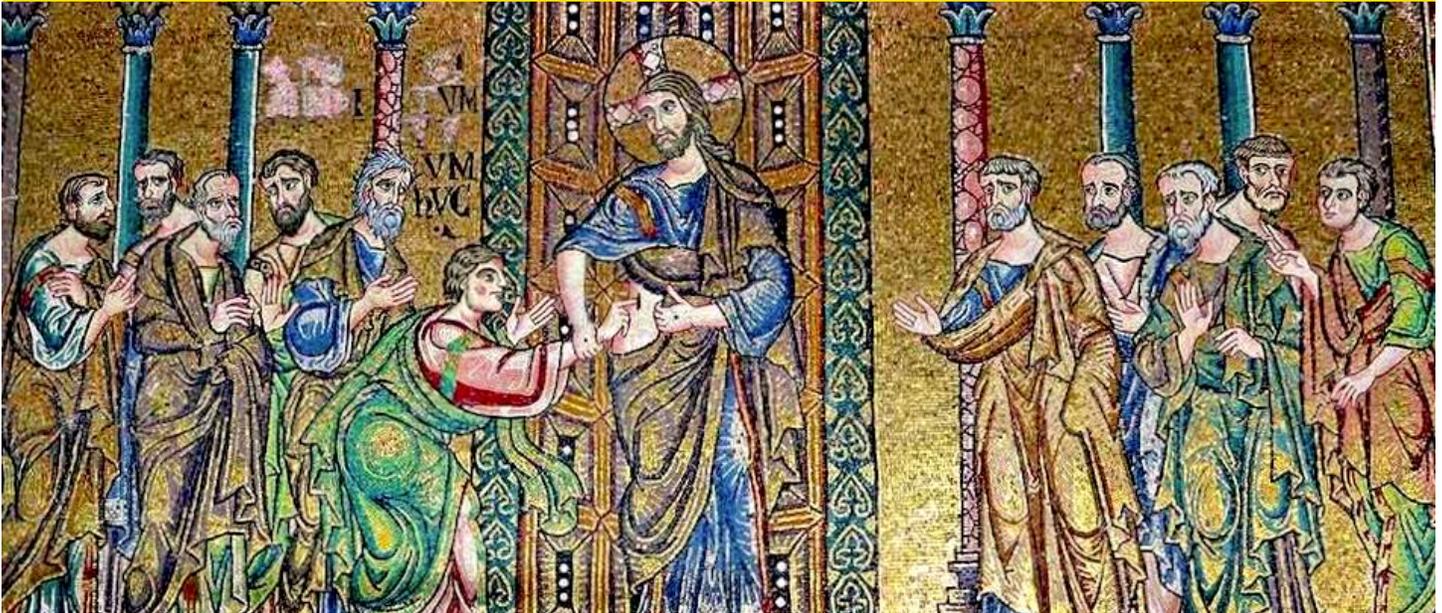
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Gathering Song

People of God, see the morning is new, rise from
your sleeping and run to the tomb,
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still, He is
here! He is here! He is alive!

Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave and
defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive; The Son is a risen for all.
Your people sing Alleluia!

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

Sprinkling Rite

Springs of water: bless the Lord! Give God
glory and praise
Forever, forever, give God glory and praise

Glory To God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we
glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory, Lord God, Heav'nly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world: Have
mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading

They devoted themselves
to the teaching of the apostles and to the
communal life,
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone,
and many wonders and signs were done
through the apostles.

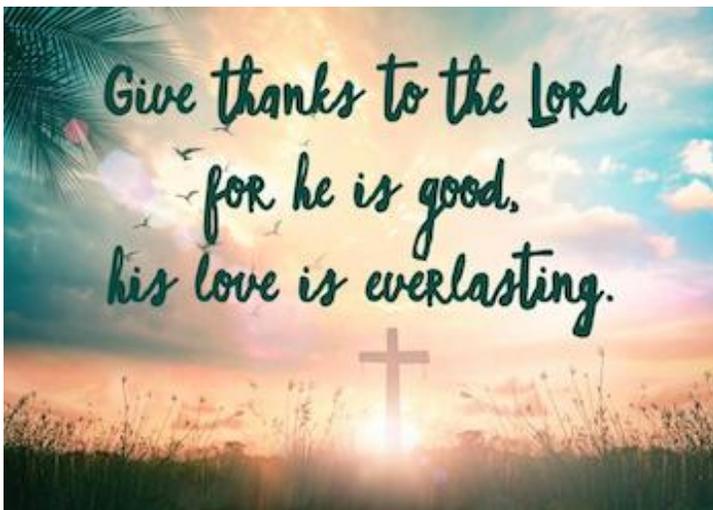
All who believed were together and had all
things in common;
they would sell their property and
possessions

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and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm



Second Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little

while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside

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and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be
with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here
and see my hands,
and bring your hand and put it into my side,
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord
and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe
because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have
believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence
of his disciples
that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to
believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that through this belief you may have life
in his name.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
Until you come again.

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the
world: Grant us peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to
receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as
if You were already there and unite myself
wholly
to You. Never permit me to be separated from
You. Amen.

Communion Song

Christ has died and death is dead! Earth and
heaven boldly wed!
Joyous cup and hearty bread! Alleluia!

Meditation Song

In the silence of the heart you speak, and your
mercy is the air we breathe.
You come to us in whispers and forgiveness
sings.
In the silence of the heart you speak; Lord, you
speak.

To the quiet of this room you come; we are
captivated by Your love.
You light the darkened corners, and we're
overcome.
To the quiet of this room you come; Lord, you
come.

Closing Song

Alleluia! Love is alive; conquered the grave and
defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive; The Son is a risen for all.
Your people sing Alleluia! (repeat)

