



# Church of Santa Maria

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## **It might not be easy, but it really is simple**

*10 ways to evangelize  
that are totally do-able  
this week*

*Pictured: Personal connections,  
conversations, and invitations have  
always worked the best - even for  
Jesus.*



The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 17, 2022

*Last week, we had our first witness shared with the parish - thanks, Nick Farrah! **I'm still asking for more of you to write your witness down and share it here** - a short story or two about where you've seen God in your life, what the Lord has done for you, or how your faith affects your daily life even in the simplest ways. Please use the questions [in this bulletin](#) and even those [on this website](#) for help and inspiration!*

As you continue working on developing those witnesses to share, here are some simple ways to practice evangelization in your daily life. You don't need to hold a sign on a street corner or give away Bibles on BART to spread the Word of God! I mean, if that's your style, go for it, but here are some low-threshold but really powerful ways of evangelization "for normal people" I borrowed from [the FOCUS missionaries](#):

1. **Pray for people by name.** If there's someone you want the Lord to reach through you, bring their name to Him in your daily prayer asking for opportunities to share your faith with them.
2. **Get outside your Catholic bubble.** Of course it's important to invite "fallen-away Catholics" back home, but don't limit your invitations to kids who have strayed or friends who "used to be Catholic." Be a witness to your faith no matter who your audience is. Reference going to Mass, tell someone you've been praying for them, invite them to participate in the Hygiene Drive next Sunday (see below) - and meanwhile to join you for Mass during the drop-off.

3. **Be personal.** Mass emails, Facebook events, and "net fishing" don't really work for catching people. I know personally I'll usually only attend events where someone takes the time to seek me out to invite me - so go make a personal invitation to someone else to join you in a moment of prayer or to come to Mass!
4. **Share your story.** Read that italic paragraph at the top of this article, and have your report on my desk by 9am Monday morning. 😊
5. **Share the Gospel.** Your story is important, but Jesus' story is the most important. At its core, the Gospel includes four main points: 1) You were made for a relationship with God. 2) Sin (when we choose to not love as we should) creates a chasm between you and God. 3) God became man in Jesus, and died for your sins to repair your relationship with God. 4) Every human being has the opportunity to have that relationship if they only accept God's invitation! Memorize that story and have it ready in your back pocket if someone asks you the basics of your faith.
6. **Be bold.** Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit! Ask God to help you as you go forth in your Baptismal mission of evangelization!

I challenge every one of you reading this to do try out at least of these evangelization methods this week. Our church won't grow or even be sustainable if we don't; it really is that important - and I'm not just talking Santa Maria, but even the whole American Church. **When you're on the edge of practicing your evangelization skills, ask yourself: If not here, then where? If not now, then when? If not me, then who?**

*Megan Arteaga  
Editor*

## **Weekend Worship Opportunities**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 4:00-4:30pm** | Church Confessional

**The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, July 17, 2022**  
**8:30am** | Mass in the Church; also [Livestreamed](#) (available all day)  
**10:30am** | Mass in the Church  
**5:00pm** | Mass in the Church  
[Read this Sunday's Readings](#)

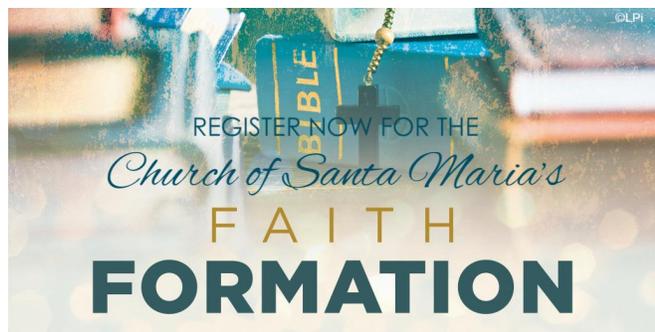
No more social distancing is required, so all pews will be available to the congregation. **Masks covering the nose and mouth are required for those who are not fully vaccinated, and are optional for those who are fully vaccinated.**

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# **Parish Life**

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**NEW:** Tell your friends, tell your family, blow the trumpet in Zion - formation program registration is **OPEN!!**



We are happy to announce that K-5, Middle School, and High School formation programs are now open for registration for 2022-2023!

Please [click here to register your family](#) for our amazing programs. Our catechists, peer leaders, and catechetical staff have been praying and preparing for you to join us, and we're looking forward to a great year!

**Save \$25 by registering before the end of the month!**

## **NEW:** Remembering Marlene Faustino

Many of you will remember a former parish secretary, Marlene, from her days at Santa Maria. We were blessed to be part of her 30 years of service to the Diocese of Oakland.

I've only heard good things about how joyful Marlene was around Santa Maria - if you have a story to share, please let us know! We'd love to hear.

Marlene passed away on July 4. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



## **Remembering Sister Claire Latham**

If you've ever walked through the hallway of our school building, you'll have noticed the Sr. Claire Latham Library - named for a Carondelet sister who once served at Santa Maria! Her training in library science and love of books and sharing them make our library a fitting tribute to her memory.

Sister Claire passed away peacefully at St. John of God in Los Angeles on June 19 at the age of 96. If you knew Sister Claire, share us a story of her! We'd love to hear of the impact she had on our families.



May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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## Food for Thought

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### **NEW:** Musings on possibly the greatest road not taken in papal history

*A Crux article by John L. Allen, Jr.*

It was on July 3, 1849, that French troops breached Rome to end the brief-lived Roman Republic under Italian patriot Giuseppe Mazzini, thereby restoring Pope Pius IX's temporal rule of the Papal States.



The republic, which amounted to a revolution against the pope's temporal power – what angry Romans called “government by the priests” – had lasted a scant... [read more](#)

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### **NEW:** A day of vindication for parents and religious freedom

*A Catholic World Report article by Peter M.J. Stravinskis*

June 21, 2022, will go down in American educational history as a banner-day for parental rights in education and for the full flowering of the free exercise of religion. On that date, the Supreme Court of the United States delivered its decision in *Carson v. Makin*, a case originating in the State of Maine, concerned with its denial of tuition benefits for children attending faith-based private schools.



The case was decided by a 6-3 vote, with the majority opinion being ... [read more](#)

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## Service and Outreach

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### **NEW:** Hygiene supplies drive next Sunday!

**Sunday, July 24**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**

The Dorothy Day House's mission is to provide a caring presence, sustenance, and shelter to those in need among us, and has been serving the homeless community in Berkeley for 29 years.

Roshone Atkins, Director of Programs, has requested supplies for Moving Baskets given to those who are successfully placed in permanent housing. In the spirit of kindness and generosity to those in need in Berkeley, we are asking for donations of hygiene supplies for the Moving Baskets this month - please, no glass containers:



- Sets of 2 washcloths, 2 towels
- Body wash or soap
- Hand/body lotion
- Deodorant
- Socks for all genders
- \$10 gift cards **only** for the Dollar Tree or the 99 Cent Store
- Hand sanitizer or wipes

Please also consider contacting your friends and neighbors and have them also bring the above so we can meet the needs of the Dorothy Day House!

Questions? Email Gail Gabriel at [gail.gabriel@gmail.com](mailto:gail.gabriel@gmail.com).

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## Good Stewardship

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### June Collection Report

Our Finance Council has determined our monthly goal for the Sunday Plate. Here is our total for the month of June:

Goal: \$42,000  
**June Total: \$31,578**  
**Deficit: \$10,422**



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### How can I support Santa Maria?

Thank you so much for thinking about us and supporting our parish! We are greatly appreciative of any help you can provide.

You may drop your collection in the offertory baskets at 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 if you aren't here. Again, we thank you for your planning and your generosity!

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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 17

8:30am: John Ryan  
10:30am: Alfred Ferreira  
5:00pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria, Living and Deceased

### Monday, July 18

8:30am: George Chun

### Tuesday, July 19

8:30am: Ernestine Ottino

### Wednesday, July 20

8:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, July 21

8:30am: Fr. Jerrold Kennedy

### Friday, July 22

8:30am: Al Ferreira

*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 visit the office during Office Hours*

## Bulletin Sponsors

### Would you like to become a sponsor for our parish bulletin?

We'll share your advertisement (example below) each week for a year, and feature your business three times a year in a larger column as well!

**All advertising proceeds go directly to Santa Maria.**

[Contact Megan Arteaga for details on how you can sponsor us.](#)



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*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.](#)*

*Likewise, thanks be to God for those for whom prayer has been answered! If you would like to be removed from the prayer list with gratitude for answered prayer, please let Megan know that as well.*

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