



# Church of Santa Maria

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## What happens when we die?

### *The next installment of the Things Catholics Do series*

*Pictured: This past Wednesday (All Souls Day), our Middle School Youth Group learned why we pray for the dead and made candles to remind them to do so at home*



The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 6, 2022

One of the more popular Youth Group questions in November is, "What happens when we die?" Generally this is the time of year when we teach about Catholic traditions and beliefs surrounding the dead, following the liturgical promptings of All Saints and All Souls days.

This past Wednesday, we invited our middle schoolers to share a story about family or friends who have died. We told them they could bring a photo or memento of their loved one to add to our altarcito in the side niche of the church and write their names in the prayer book for the dead when they come for Mass, which will be present throughout the month of November. Then we taught them some basic traditional prayers for the dead that they Mod Podge-d onto some candle holders along with pressed flowers, colored tissue paper, and other decorations, so they could take it home and remember to pray for their dead when they light the candle. (I forgot to take pictures, but above is my own finished candle!)

**These are the things that happen here on earth when someone else dies: prayers, remembrances, Masses, and storytelling.** So technically, I answered Youth Group's question about what happens when we die - but I also know that's not what they really meant. They (like you) want to know what will happen to *you* when *you* die.

Well, frankly, I don't know. But here's what the Church teaches about what happens to us after we die:

**Our soul goes to stand before God for judgment-** after which we enter heaven, purgatory, or hell. This is the part that seems scary, but we

really do have control over what happens next - at least before this moment.

**If we've died free from all sin, we enter heaven immediately** and join the Church Triumphant - hooray! With the help of the Lord, we triumphed over sin and evil while we were alive.

**If we've died in a state of grace and friendship with God but are not yet fully purified of all sins, we must first be cleansed of those sins before entering heaven.** This purging happens in purgatory - and those in purgatory are assured a place in heaven after their purification. Also hooray!

Hell is only for those who have willingly chosen to reject God and his love. God doesn't send anyone there; one chooses to send oneself.

Then, at the end of time, the Lord will come again "to judge the living and the dead." All souls will be rejoined with their bodies, those in purgatory will join those in heaven, and the Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices done here on earth, and that **God's love is stronger than death!**

But in the meantime, we're still the Church Militant here on earth, fighting for God's holy Kingdom, and praying for all those who have gone before us - with candles, Masses, prayers, and stories.

*Megan Arteaga  
Youth Ministry Coordinator*

## Weekend Worship Opportunities

### The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 6, 2022

**8:30am** | Mass in the Church; also [Livestreamed](#) (available all day)

**10:30am** | Mass in the Church

**5:00pm** | Youth Mass in the Church

[Read this Sunday's Readings](#)

*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:** Hospitality this  
Sunday!

Join us this Sunday for coffee and donuts!

Weather permitting, we'll be offering them on the church plaza as usual. However, if it's too cold, we'll move the goodies (and the conversation) into the Parish Hall!

We hope to see you there!



## **NEW: Sponsor a figure for our new Nativity Scene!**

This year, we are excited to introduce a new nativity scene for this year's Christmas crèche!

**If you are interested, we invite you to sponsor a figure in memory or in honor of someone.**

Santa Maria has already purchased the Holy Family, but there are many other figures to add character to the scene.



Sponsor anyone from a sheep (\$150) to a camel driver, a shepherd, or one of the Three Kings (\$450)! **A binder with all available figures is present in the Parish Office.** Your name will be put on the bottom of the figure to be seen only by the Lord and those who prayerfully arrange our crèche each year.

Each figure is available on a first-come, first-served basis only.

## **NEW: We STILL need a bookkeeper!**

Question: **How many accountants does it take to screw in a lightbulb?**

Answer: How many did it take last year?



If you find this joke funny, we need you!!



**Santa Maria is in need of a part-time bookkeeper**, around fifteen hours per week. The parish bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the parish by accurately recording the day-to-day financial transactions. They also provide timely and accurate financial information to the pastor and finance council, and ensure fiscal

responsibility to parish operations.

[Email Mirna](#) or call 925-254-2426 for a detailed job description or more information!

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## Prayer and Spirituality

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**TODAY:** Come "waste time" adoring Jesus with us.



[Pope Francis said it is good to "waste time adoring" Christ present in the Eucharist.](#) All you have to do is sit there and immerse yourself in divine love - then give it with full hands to those you meet on your path.

[Will you join us for our November First Friday Adoration?](#)

If you are longing for peace, hope, joy, grace, mercy, and the presence of the living God in your life, you need to be here at Adoration!

Sign up by [clicking this link](#), checking the time(s) you'll be coming, and click the link at the very bottom of your screen that says "Submit and Sign Up"! You can also sign up on the paper in the vestibule of the church.

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**TOMORROW:** Mass of Remembrance: 11am  
November 5

Each year, we gather to remember and pray for those members of our parish community who have died in the past year. It is so important that we celebrate this Mass to commend the souls of the faithful departed to the loving arms of Our Father.



All are welcome to join our parish community on **Saturday, November 5 at 11am** in the church to celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance.

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## Service and Outreach

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## **NEW:** Warm coats and jackets collection

Social Justice is sponsoring a **COATS AND JACKETS** collection in the months of **November and December** to help offset the need for children and adults for the cold months that are already here.



They will be given to the Oakland community that the Oakland Catholic Worker serves. Coats and jackets are luxury items and many families in need can't afford them. The children need these items now, as they are cold while at school.

We are currently collecting specifically for smaller children and smaller adults: **sizes NEEDED are from 2T to Adult Large.**

There is a separate labeled box on the LEFT side of the narthex for this collection. All donations will be delivered as they are received, before Christmas. While new is best, clean and gently-used coats and jackets may be donated as well.

If you have any questions, please email [Gail!](#) Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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## **NEW:** Food Drive for Saint Mary's College Gael Pantry: Nov 20

The SMC Mission and Ministry Center provides nonperishables for their students with limited means. **Here are the Gael Pantry's current needs:**



- Canned soups
- Canned SPAM
- Plastic jar of peanut butter AND jelly or jam
- Pasta
- Can openers (20-25 needed)
- Ketchup

Groceries can be dropped off in the barrel in the narthex, or brought to the lower parking lot on **Sunday, November 20 between 9am and 11am.** Invite your friends and neighbors to also donate bags!

We also need volunteers for two collection shifts: 9-10am (2 people) and 10-11am (2 people). [Contact Gail](#) if you can help!

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## Calling volunteers to make lunches!

We need volunteers to make 8 bag lunches each for the Oakland Catholic Worker for:

- Wednesday, November 9 (two people)
- Wednesday, December 14 (four people plus a driver)



It's pretty fun to set up an assembly line in your kitchen to make these lunch bags. **Lunches include a sandwich (of your choice), fruit, something savory, something sweet, and/or something else that is healthy.** (As an example: sandwich, pretzels, grapes, dried apricots, and Oreos.) You can also provide an extra sandwich if you'd like. It's helpful if you write the type of sandwich on the bag. When you sign up, we'll provide more details about when and where to drop off your lunches.

This is an ongoing Social Justice project for our parish. We provide 60 lunches to the Oakland Catholic Worker on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. **For many, this lunch is the only meal they have all day.** Sr. Anne from the Oakland Catholic Worker says that our lunch program makes a big difference.

Who's interested in helping? Please email [Gail](#) or [Janet](#) to sign up!

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## Thank you, gardening team!

If you've noticed fewer dead branches, freshly spread mulch, and neatly pruned shrubbery, please thank a member of our Tuesday Garden Crew!

They started to meet weekly on Tuesday mornings during the pandemic for general beautification of our parish grounds, and have continued through today.



If you're interested in joining, bring your gardening gloves and your favorite tools on Tuesdays around 8-11am!

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## Food for Thought

*Food for Thought is a selection of articles hand-picked to give you bite-sized information on important goings-on in the world of the Catholic Church.*

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## The Church Needs Beauty

A First Things article by Maggie Gallagher

Last week, Frank La Rocca's Mass of the Americas debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard chart for traditional classical music, knocking John Williams down to No. 2. This is remarkable for any original work by a composer not named Pärt, MacMillan, or Williams.



The surprise success of the Mass of the Americas, commissioned by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone in 2018, is part of a larger trend of interest in music that expresses transcendence. But it is also something more: The renewal of the Catholic model of evangelization through sacred beauty... [read more](#)

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## Around the Diocese

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### **NEW:** Calling all Catholic women!

You are cordially invited to join Magnificat for a morning of praise and inspiration from our speaker, Mary Johnstone!

**November 12, 9am-12:30pm**  
**Concord Plaza**  
**45 John Glenn Drive**



Led by the Holy Spirit in her life, after moving across the country, Mary was led to start the Oakland Diocese chapter of Magnificat, Catholic Ministry to Women, serve as its Director, and now serve on the Regional Representative Team.

Join us to hear how the Holy Spirit, moving in her life has led Mary to do so much more! For more information call Jennifer Rogers at 503-709-8449.

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### What will you do with your life?

**Is God calling you to the priesthood or to religious life?**

If you don't know (and let's face it - even if you think you DO!), you should consider attending the **2022 Diocesan Vocation Festival on Saturday, November 19** at St. Raymond in Dublin!

It's going to be a renewing day of praise and worship, Adoration, talks, Confession, Benediction, testimonies, a Q&A session with seminarians and religious men and women, as well as Mass with the Bishop!

To register or for more information, [email Fr. Carl Arcosa!](mailto:CArcosa@OakDiocese.org)

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Fr Daniel Williamson, CFR      Deacon Rob Falco      Sr Maria Suso Rispoli, OP

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- 10:00 am - Praise and Worship
- 10:30 am - Reflection by Fr Daniel Williamson, CFR
- 11:00 am - Adoration, Confessions, Reflections and Benediction with Deacon Rob Falco
- 11:45 am - Lunch with Knights of Columbus
- 1:00 pm - Testimony by Sr. Maria Suso Rispoli, O.P.
- 1:30 pm - Q & A (Seminarians, Religious Women, Religious Men, and Lay Faithful)
- 2:15 pm - Break and Preparation for Mass
- 2:30 pm - Closing Mass with Bishop Michael Barber



*Youth Group Presentation from Different Parishes with Diocesan Faith Formation Department at the Parish Hall*

## Hymn Sing - calling all music lovers!

Do you love church music?

Do you enjoy listening to choirs?

Are you free on November 8?



All are invited to the FREE Hymn Sing at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Tuesday, November 8 at 7pm! It's open to all, and honors St. Cecilia, patron saint of music. The theme is "United in Thanksgiving."

[Click here for more information!](#) Hope to see you there!

## Good Stewardship

**NEW:** October Collection Report

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

Goal: \$42,000  
**Last Month's Total: \$45,411**  
**Surplus: \$3,411**



## 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!

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 6

8:30am: Julie Abdo  
10:30am: Robert Singer  
5:00pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria, Living and Deceased

### Monday, November 7

8:30am: Ernestine Ottino

### Tuesday, November 8

8:30am: James Ryan

### Wednesday, November 9

8:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, November 10

8:30am: Joseph Hung Nguyễn

### Friday, November 11

8:30am: Luciano Alejo

*Mass Intentions are a beautiful way of praying for your intentions or for the*

## Bulletin Sponsors

A real estate advertisement for Ana Zimmank. It features a photo of Ana Zimmank, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a white and black patterned jacket. To the right of the photo, the text reads "YOUR EXPERT IN REAL ESTATE" in large white letters. Below that, it says "Awarded the International President's Circle which represents the top 7% of Coldwell Banker agents worldwide." At the bottom, there is contact information for Ana Zimmank: "Ana Zimmank, Realtor | Global Luxury Specialist, CalRE# 00469962, ana.zimmank@cbnocal.com, www.anazimmank.com, 5 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563". The Coldwell Banker Realty logo is in the bottom right corner. At the very bottom, there is a small disclaimer: "©2022 Coldwell Banker. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker and the Coldwell Banker logo are trademarks of Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. The Coldwell Banker System is comprised of company owned offices which are owned by a subsidiary of Pitkin Strategic Group LLC and franchised offices which are independently owned and operated. The Coldwell Banker System fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act."

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

We'll share your advertisement (like the one above) 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.](#)

*souls of our deceased loved ones. To request a Mass Intention, please visit the office during Office Hours.*

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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.](#)*

*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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