

Pastor's note
6th week of Easter

A continued Happy Easter!

As we know, summer is now upon us, and for many that will mean vacation time. It is important for us to remember that our faith is never to take break and that we need to be proactive in making sure we fulfill our obligations.

In seminary one of the super-cheesy phrases we heard before every break was, "Don't take a vacation from your vocation!" followed up with something to the effect, "The way you pray on break shows your true level of devotion." These always stuck out to me, especially the second one, it is easy for us to get into the routine of prayer and going to mass at home, but we see our true level of commitment to God when we are out of the norm and on the road. Be sure to plan ahead by checking local parish websites, asking family and friends from the area or checking masstimes.org. A nice practice is to visit beautiful churches along our travel routes or destinations. It can help us take in more fully our faith and broad way in which it is expressed.

Another obstacle is sports. Growing up in a family that often had two or more tournaments every weekend during the summer, I know the demands of being on a team, but there may be no better time to show your children the importance of the faith than if they have to show up late to a game or miss one altogether. I know that it may be upsetting to them and/or their team, but it is a great witness of the faith. I know I was disappointed when I had to miss a game, and probably threw a fit, but later in life I had the foundation needed to keep that trend going. When I was on the road for powerlifting, it was never a question of making sure I made it to a mass, in fact I got pretty good at finding the earliest mass time around.

Be a witness of the faith to your family and friends, and know that they likely won't behead you as the did the witnesses that have come before... all in all, not as bad as it could be.

I pray this summer is refreshing for all and that families can get together and enjoy each other's company!

God bless,
Fr. Adam