Can you take a vacation from worshipping God?

Sunday Mass and your summer travel itinerary

Traveling is awesome, in every sense of that word.

You go somewhere “different” and get to taste the foods (food tour!), meet the people, observe the habits, and recognize connections to your human family you didn’t realize you had.

Attending Mass in other places does the same thing, but more. When you recognize your favorite hymn or share the Sign of Peace in another language, it’s a reminder that our Church is a family—a global community.

There may be times where attending Mass is physically impossible while traveling, and in those cases you are excused—God doesn’t demand the impossible. Spoiler alert, though: it’s not when you just don’t want to wake up a bit earlier, skip lunch at that awesome bistro, or make any other small sacrifice to fulfill your Sunday obligation while traveling. After all, celebrating the Eucharist is the one thing Jesus specifically told us to do to remember him.

But when you consider the cultural and spiritual enrichment you get from celebrating Mass with your brothers and sisters somewhere “different,” you might realize those sacrifices are worth it, and you found something far more awesome in the process: your family in Christ.
**PARISH LIFE**

**4TH OF JULY**

Parade & Events

Come on Thursday to celebrate Mass before the 4th of July Parade

Start 4th of July off right: join us for Mass with patriotic songs as we give thanks to God for our Independence. You’re welcome to leave your cars here at Santa Maria and walk down to enjoy the parade after Mass!

9:00am Mass in the Hall
10:00am Parade Begins

A huge thank you to our volunteers!

A sincere thank-you goes out to parishioners Bobbie Richards, Bob Semar, Linda Zunino, Jules Campbell, and Lynne Lloyd for helping convert the Parish Hall into such a beautiful worship space for the summer.

Special mention goes to Ursula Gordon for her tireless work leading up to the transition to the Hall, and to Tony Millette for coordinating!

Our Hall looks beautiful, and definitely worthy to be a place of worship!

**OUTREACH**

**Weekly Food Collection**

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry

Please put all donations in the bins in the Narthex.

**RESTORE AND RENEW: PHASE 4**

The carpet being pulled up in the sanctuary—goodbye, incense burn marks, candle wax, and duct tape!

Astronauts even came to help us! (Okay, they’re really people in hazmat suits pulling up the old asbestos tiles, but which option was more exciting?)

Visit our website for the flyer and more information!

**Quo Vadis**

Where Are You Going?

Young men—where is God calling you?

The seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland invite you to a day with music, play, Mass, prayer, and real talk to help you discern your Christian vocation.
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Please register at [www.santamariaorinda.com/registration](http://www.santamariaorinda.com/registration)

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**For the Sick**

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Mike Buzzell, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Caton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emedio 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, Judy Lazarus, Rose Mary McPhee, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Patrick Sheehy,

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.

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**TREASURE**

**June 23, 2019**

- **Plate:** $5,944.00
- **Faith Direct:** $1,681.98
- **Total:** $7,625.98
- **Goal:** $10,350.00
- **Negative:** $2,724.02

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 1**
8:00am: Benefactors of Sisters of Holy Cross Living & Deceased

**Tuesday, July 2**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Wednesday, July 3**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Thursday, July 4**
8:00am: Tom O’Brien (D)

**Friday, July 5**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Saturday, July 6**
5:00pm: Jackirie Amabisco (D)

**Sunday, July 7**
8:30am: Philip P. McKeon (D)
10:30am: Nick—Grandson of Mother Mary Rose
5:00pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

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**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

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