It was time to get away for a week.

Here's a photo from one of my trail runs.

Pictured: The American River as viewed from an offshoot of the bike trail

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5, 2020

Megan is on vacation this week, so we don't have one of her magnificent articles to read. We look forward to her return next week!

Father George Mockel
Pastor

**Weekend Worship Opportunities**

**July 5, 2020**

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

10:30am | Mass in the Parking Lot

[Download and print the Worship Aid here](#)

Join us this Sunday in the Parking Lot at 8:30am or 10:30am for Mass! We are blessed to be able to celebrate Masses publicly with you again. **If you are unable to physically join us, we will continue to livestream the 8:30am Mass** for you to participate from home.

Click on the image to open or print this Sunday's worship aid for your convenience.

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Let's pack up some backpacks!
St. Vincent de Paul is collecting backpacks, so they’re ready whenever school starts this fall. Santa Maria Confirmation kids are running our parish’s collection!

Please [click here for the backpack supplies] that are needed. Also, consider including a $25 grocery gift card.

Deliver your backpack donations to the church:
**July 21 between 10am-noon**
**July 26 after the 10:30am Mass**
Follow signage to the drop point!

Questions? [Contact teen coordinator Ethan Berndt](#).

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**Santa Maria thanks first responders**
During the last Social Justice meeting, it was decided to give thank-you signs on behalf of Santa Maria Parish to both the Fire and Police Departments of Orinda in recognition of their deeds as frontline heroes during this pandemic.

One of our former Youth Ministry students, Peter Steyr, designed two posters that were recently given to these departments. Both the Fire and Police stations have hung the posters in their facilities.

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**Volunteer from home**
Become a remote tutor to children in foster care and help support foster and adoptive families! We’re gearing up for fall classes now - [click here for details on how you can help](#).

Interested? Contact Maggie Reeves [by email](#) or by phone at 925-212-8848.

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**Letter to the faithful for the memorial of St. Junípero Serra**
Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles addresses controversies surrounding public monuments to St. Junípero Serra.

[Read the article here](#).

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**Our monthly collection income goal has been updated**
After discussion among the Finance Council members, [the monthly regular plate](#)
The collection goal has been determined to be $42,000.00. This does not include Second Collections - only the First Collection which supports the general parish fund.

We are grateful to those of you who have continued to support our parish during these trying times. We are greatly appreciative of any help you can provide so we can continue to provide the services you request and need.

To make a donation to Santa Maria, please click here!

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**How can I keep supporting Santa Maria?**

Thank you so much for thinking about us and continuing to support our parish during these trying times! We are greatly appreciative of any help you can provide.

You may drop your collection in the offertory baskets at Parking Lot 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 though you can’t come to the church to drop it in the basket as usual. Again, we thank you for your planning and your generosity!

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**Prayer Intentions**

For the Sick:
- Liduvina Acosta, Sonny Acosta, Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Miguel Briseno, Maria Carmen, Fred Chavaria, Jan Coe, 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, Rose Mary McPhee, Robert Nick, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Ben Richey, Brian Riley, Patrick Sheehy, Jackie Voigt, 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.

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.

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