



Church of Santa Maria

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Remembering the meaning of work

Working as an expression of our love of Christ

Pictured: My "new" pair of very vintage (c. 1900) leather boots made by Roberts, Johnson, and Rand - at one time the largest single American shoe manufacturer.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25, 2020

Since I was much younger, I've wanted a pair of turn-of-the-century boots - like the Edwardian, early-1900s kind. The kind that would actually fit my tiny, narrow feet, unlike modern boots made for people with large, well-turned calves and unexercised arches.

The internet being the amazing place it is, I actually found an extant pair that had the same measurements of sole and upper as boots I already own. Amazingly, they'd never been worn; the lady who sold them to me was cleaning out the basement of her family's old small-town general store and found all kinds of deadstock stashed away, including a few pairs of shoes.

I took them to the local cobbler and asked if resoling them for modern pavement was possible, and if there was anything else that should be done to them. In stereotypical yet very charming cobbler fashion, he quietly admired the age of my new-old boots and the quality of their craftsmanship, explained what could be done and where and why, wondered aloud where I'd possibly found them, and promised to have them back to me in a week.

The thing that most stuck out at me, though, was the cobbler himself. When I went back to pick them up (the old leather almost glowing from his attentions), we chatted a bit more about vintage stock, leather care, shoemaking, form-fitting, and more, with him humbly admitting, **"I love what I do. It makes it easy."**

That reminded me of [an article I'd read some ten years ago](#) and kept

through all my moves - a 7-pager on how many people "experience work as a condemnation, a kind of inevitable curse you have to bear." **The answer, it seemed, was that "the usefulness of what you do is independent of what you do; instead... it is determined by the consciousness with which you do it."**

This man, so consciously committed to his craft of shoe repair and revitalization, didn't just give new life to my boots. Instead, he reminded me that (in the words of the article) "human work and shaping of history is understood as sharing the work of the Creator," sharing the work of God who has never stopped working on and in human history (cf. [John 5:17](#)). Whether he believes it or not, he reminded me that the meaning of work is Christ, who is the only reason that doesn't disappoint and doesn't end - and that's something that will last even longer than these boots.

*Megan Arteaga
Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Weekend Worship Opportunities

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 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](#)

Turn on your car's Accessory Mode and tune in at 87.9 KGOD!

Join us this Sunday in the Parking Lot at 8:30am or 10:30am for Mass! We are blessed to be able to celebrate with you.

If you are unable to physically join us, we will continue to livestream the 8:30am Mass for you to participate from home.

Welcome to our almost-Deacon Louie!

Louie Hotop, SJ, is joining us from the Jesuit School of Theology for parish ministry. He'll be ordained a Deacon this Saturday, October 24, coincidentally at Santa Maria, during the Ordination Mass for the Jesuits, and will be preaching this Sunday at both Masses!



[Get to know Louie in this short interview video](#) and make sure to say hi this weekend!

Faithful Citizenship: Letter from

the Bishops

Every four years the American Bishops issue a document entitled "Faithful Citizenship" in which they outline basic moral and Social justice principles that a faithful Catholic citizen should use in evaluating various ballot issues and candidates for office. Some sections of this document have appeared in previous bulletins.



Here you will find [the introductory statement of their document](#) that sets the context and priorities that Catholics should consider in making these decisions. We make this introductory statement available for your convenience and review.

Remembering our deceased loved ones in November

The month of November begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day - the Church makes it clear that we are invited, and should, celebrate and remember the holy souls who have gone before us!



At Santa Maria you are invited to share in the celebration in many ways:

1. Attend the **All Saints Day Mass** (November 1 at 8:30am or 10:30am) and All Souls Day Mass (November 2 at 8:30am)
2. **Email us a picture of your deceased loved ones** for our Remembrance Video, which will be placed on our website in place of our normal parish Altarcito that we have in our church for the month of November
3. Consider how you could **display pictures of your deceased family and friends** at home in your entrance hall or family room
4. **Offer a Mass to remember and pray for the happy repose of their souls** at anytime during the year by calling or stopping by the Parish Office during office hours (10-noon M-F) and asking for Mirna.

Join us for our annual Outdoor Candlelight Rosary!

We're planning on offering our annual Outdoor Rosary by Candlelight for the Month of the Rosary on **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30pm!**



Join us for this beautiful evening of prayer through our Blessed Mother outdoors, socially-distant, and with something new added this year: the Blessed Sacrament!

Bring your own Rosary; wear your own mask! Candles will be provided.

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:

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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 at 925-254-2426 or at megan@smparish.org.

Mass Intentions

Most 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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