



Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Community

July 2026

Dear Friends,

Before the pandemic July was always my month to travel. One memorable trip was in July of 1989. My pastor from Seattle and I with some of his family traveled to Italy and France. We saw all the sights in Rome, Florence as well as the Bay of Naples, Sorrento as well as Pompeii and so much more. The sights were great but the food was even better. I remember it was so hot in Florence that we made sure the hotel we checked into had air conditioning. When we got to the room there was an air conditioner but it didn't work. We called the desk and were told that it was extra and we had to pay for the part to make it work. Live and learn, but it was so hot that we paid to use it... We traveled North and my pastor's family went to the Lake Country and my pastor and I traveled West to Milan so we could then go North into France. I think the Duomo in Milan is my favorite church in all of Italy. We ate at a great restaurant in Milan where the appetizer was so fantastic that we ordered it again for our main course. It was the chef's specialty pasta so he came out to see who had ordered it twice. He had a glass of wine with us and treated us to a great dessert. From there we traveled into France and made our way to one of our destinations which was the town of Lourdes. It was such a fabulous experience. The town was very commercial but the grotto was little changed from the time of the apparitions of Our Lady to St Bernadette. We then traveled North to the city of Nevers which was the final home of St. Bernadette, the convent of the Sisters of Charity for Christian Instruction. When she was canonized, her body was exhumed and she was found to be incorrupt. Her perfectly preserved body rests in a glass casket in the front of the chapel. From there we headed to our final destination, Paris. We arrived in Paris on July 12th and couldn't believe the enormous crowds. Thank God we had reserved rooms in the Sulpician Seminary right in the center of town. We asked the rector, why the huge crowds. He couldn't believe that we didn't realize that July 14th was the Bicentennial of the French Revolution and the storming of the Bastille. Being a student and teacher of history my pastor couldn't believe I had not known that when we scheduled the trip. I couldn't believe it either, but there we were in the center of Paris for the Bicentennial of the French Revolution. We saw the parade and the Mirage jet flyover and in the evening the fireworks at the Arc de Triumph. It was amazing to be in Paris that day especially since we had not even been aware of it. There was a special Mass at Notre Dame the next day but we couldn't get anywhere near the cathedral so we took the metro to Montmartre to visit the Basilica of Saint Denis, the site of the tombs of the kings and queens of France. Most were destroyed during the revolution but the bodies of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, who were executed during the revolution, were later recovered and now rest in the basilica. All in all, a memorable trip.

I hope everyone has a great time on our Independence Day and the rest of the month.

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Reminders

Pastoral Care Office will be Closed on Friday, July 3rd. – Mass will be at 10:00 am

Adoration will be Thursday, July 9th from 9:30 am until 12:00 noon in the Jenkins Rooms

Our Daily Bread pick up date is Wednesday, July 22nd.