



COME & RECEIVE

WHEREVER YOU ARE

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5)

It's Summertime! That means vacation season and time for rest and relaxation. Make sure Jesus is part of your summer plans. Jesus remains with us always and desires us to remain in Him! Need some rest? Rest in the Lord! Take a vacation - yes! But don't take a vacation from Sunday Mass. Enjoy a summer cookout - yes! But don't forget the most important meal of all - the Eucharistic meal at Mass. We can and should thank God when we have the means and opportunity to take a vacation. We can and should pray to God for safety when we travel. And we should always remember God's love for us and COME & RECEIVE Him wherever we are. Whether enjoying a trip away or just enjoying the summer months at home, may we always be aware of God's presence and take the time to praise, worship and receive Him at Sunday Mass. Going to Mass in a new place while traveling helps us understand and experience the universality of the Church. Even though we are in a new worship space, with a priest and community we don't know, and possibly unfamiliar songs or musical settings, we recognize that the prayers are the same ones we pray at our home parish and the same Scriptures are proclaimed each Sunday at Mass at every Catholic Church around the world! Even if you go to Mass in a different country in a different language, you can recognize the basic elements of the Mass. And best of all, we all receive the same Body and Blood of the same Lord Jesus Christ and we become One Body, One Church in Christ!

An Invitation from your fellow parishioners. . . The Fischer family shares their experience of participating in Sunday Mass in many places around the country as they have traveled for family vacations. . .

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