THE JOURNEY OF FAITH WITH

Fr. Matthew Oakland

Last weekend we all awoke to horror at the news of the attacks in Orlando, which left at least 50 dead and 53 more injured, not to mention the countless individuals scarred in other ways. Mass shootings or attacks like this often leave us in a state of shock and dismay. Shows of support and solidarity are being sent from around the US, the world and even here in our own community.

But there is something we must remember. Yes, a great tragedy took place in Orlando last Sunday. But on Sunday there were other tragedies as well. A 12 year old girl and a 31 year old woman were also killed in a drive by shooting in Phoenix. In Baltimore, a 13 year old young man was found dead. In New York, two men sitting on their front stoop at 3am were shot, one of whom died from his wounds at the age of 22. Last month, Chicago had its deadliest May since 1995, with 66 murders. There are an average of 44 murders each day in the United States. The national statistics don't include the more than 3,000 unborn children whose lives are ended each day. And then there are the other victims of violence—those who are shot, stabbed, burned, physically assaulted, sexually assaulted, emotionally abused, and the list continues. These are countless. Their tragedies are even more quickly forgotten, if they are even ever known about. But the pain which they feel is very real. And it isn't just them.

Brothers and Sisters. Children and Parents. Grandchildren and Grandparents. Spouses. Cousins. Aunts and Uncles. All beloved.

In the aftermath of the Orlando attack, conversations have already begun revisiting gun legislation. But what is being done to address the deeper issues?

**"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers,
with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." Ephesians 6:12**

It is an important point. Yes, we live in the world. But we must not neglect the spiritual side of things. We think of this often as we set ourselves on the way toward Heaven. But we must not fail to remember that starting in the Garden of Eden, and ever since, the Devil has sought to bring spiritual death to humanity. Remember the words of God—You shall die if you eat of the fruit. Remember the words of the Serpent—Surely you will not die! Remember what happened—they did not die physically, but spiritually, and were cast out of the Garden of Eden as the gates of Heaven were also closed to them. And so it is that the Devil sews seeds of anger, and hatred, jealousy and greed, pride and lust. He sets us against one another and against God, against even the dignity with which we were created. This is the fruit that he and his fallen angels strive to cultivate within us. And it is these that lead to the violence which haunts our world. The true sickness which needs medicinal treatment is the reality of sin in our world.

So, what is St. Paul's recommendation for how to deal with this struggle?
**"Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day
and, having done everything, to hold your ground.
So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate,
and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace.
In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (v. 13-17)**

If our battle is primarily a spiritual one, it must include primarily a spiritual response. Jesus did not establish His Kingdom by marching an army into Jerusalem. That was what Judas wanted—a purely worldly approach. No, He accomplished it in and through the sacrifice of His life, in and through an act of love. Yes, as we live in the world there must be a worldly response to all violence, whether seeking to prevent it, dealing with the perpetrators and aiding victims in their recovery. But we must not fail to see the underlying issue of evil present and at work in the world, the spiritual dimension which we ignore at our own peril. We must also take personal responsibility—ensuring that we do not hand ourselves over to that same violence, for it so often rages within all of us. Hence Jesus commands that we not only love our friends, but our enemies as well. It is a difficult command to follow—but our salvation depends upon it. Yes, we must seek justice in this world. Yes, we have a right to defend ourselves and others as well. Yes, we should seek the path of peace. But we must not pretend that any of this is possible without Jesus Christ.

GROWING IN CHRIST

Holy Rosary Catholic School—SPIRIT AND MIND *ignited*

WHAT A WAY TO END A YEAR (A career) by George Hofbauer, Principal

I arrived three years and three months ago. But it seems so much longer than that. And I write that in a very positive frame of mind. So much has happened. Holy Rosary is stronger and better as we have grown into a new reality — a new sense of self. And it is all because of the strength and commitment of the entire community. An energy comes from the dynamism that is ignited as we come together and work towards common goals with a common vision. Much has been said about what I have done, and credited to me. But truly it is you who did it all. The parents, students, and staff here are unbelievably exceptional. I truly believe you do not fully understand what you have here. It is an amazing place where children are nurtured and cared for as their talents are discovered, honored, celebrated, and fully developed. It has been an honor to be a part of that process.

But now it is time for me to leave and new leadership to take the helm. I fully believe the future is going to be very exciting. Great things are going to happen as Holy Rosary grows into all it can be.

This last month has been filled with events and surprises. I have personally been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity that has been extended to me. To say it is over the top is a gross understatement. A wonderful and powerful prayer service for my benefit took place last week. All the students took part in it. My family was present. It makes leaving even more difficult. And a few weeks ago, at our final Parent Club meeting I was presented with a gift that many of you — both staff and parents — donated to. It was a weeks' vacation to Palm Springs for my wife and I. First class airline tickets, restaurant vouchers, a stay at a resort and so much more. I was, and am, overwhelmed. A simple "thank you" seems like such a weak response to such overwhelming generosity.

I wish peace and blessings upon all of you. I pray for health, success, joy, and prosperity in each of your lives. I hope you all fully realize your dreams. Be healthy. Be kind, patient and understanding, and always walk with Jesus at your side. I will always be with you in spirit.

Hofbauer — out!

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

From a Visitor's Perspective....

Dear Pastor,

We were visiting our daughter in Seattle this past weekend. When we were trying to decide Saturday when and where to go to Mass, we heard the [Holy Rosary] tower bells and decided to go right then to the 5pm Mass. We walked to the church and were quite surprised by its wonderful interior. The celebrant explained about the need for repairs and strengthening of the bell tower. Please accept our donation of $100 specifically designated for revitalizing the bell tower.

Sincerely, *John B*

Daily Mass Update

Beginning tomorrow, 6/20, Daily Mass and Word & Communion Service will be moved to the Parish Center Chapel for the summer. Sunday services will remain in the Church.

Peter's Pence Collection

June 25-26, 2016

Participation in the Peter's Pence Collection gives us an opportunity be a witness of charity to our brothers and sisters around the world. Gifts to this annual collection help our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to support victims of war and natural disasters and help those most in need of assistance. Please visit our parish website to donate!

Calling all Young Adults!
The Holy Rosary YA Softball team is back

and ready to represent our Parish in the CYO adult Summer softball league. Contact youngadults@holyrosaryseattle.org if you are interested in playing, or even just cheering them on! Games run from mid-June thru mid-Aug, either Mon, Tues, or Thurs evenings, at St. Bernadette's in Burien. (The game schedule rotates week-to-week.) There is a nominal team fee, but there is ample team fun. The team is currently practicing on Thurs evenings in West Seattle, and will continue to practice once/week during the season. Post-game and post-practice revelry is standard. Join on Facebook as well! www.facebook.com/groups/HolyRosarySeattleYoungAdults.

Walking With Purpose,
Summer Evening Session, starting June 22, 2016

Are you looking for a way to make faith a greater part of your life, but struggle to fit prayer into your hectic daily schedule? Walking With Purpose reaches out to women who desire to grow their faith using a Scripture-based program that is fresh, relevant and focused on conversion of heart. Through personal study and small group discussion, WWP links our everyday challenges and struggles with solutions given to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ. Join us for a 7- week session beginning June 22nd. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 - 9pm. No prior experience is necessary and ALL ages are welcome! For more information send an email to Robyn, WWP Leader at robyn@km2sea.com or call Deyette in the Parish Office.

Cave Quest Bible Camp!

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (7000 35th Ave SW) Monday June 27 through Friday July 1 from 9am to Noon (check in at 8:45am). Cost: $60 per child. For questions or to register, please contact Marion at 206-935-0358 or marionk@olgseattle.org. Bring your smiles and love of Jesus!

HELP WANTED!

Custodian Position Available at Holy Rosary

Holy Rosary is seeking a full time custodian. Will be responsible for assisting in the maintenance and cleaning of the school, church and other buildings. This includes sweeping, mopping, floor stripping and polishing, dusting, cleaning bathrooms, other basic janitorial and maintenance duties. Must be able to lift, carry and move equipment. Must be able to work one day each weekend and evenings. Compensation will be in accordance with Archdiocese salary scales including a full benefits package. Contact Gary Samaniego in the Parish Office for a complete job description and application. Position open until filled.

Are you creative? Do you like arranging flowers? We can use your help!

Every Friday afternoon, a group of parishioners gather together to put together the arrangements for our weekend Masses. No experience needed. If you are interested, please contact Paul Dolejsi in the Parish Office for more details.

Cooks and Servers!

Please help feed 150 of your neighbors in need at the Community Meal. Set up, serving, and clean up on Sunday, June 26th from 11-3pm. Spend a little time or a lot, we can find a way to utilize any and all volunteer 's time. You can also donate a dessert. Email Amy Serabia at amym3@mac.com to find a time that works for your schedule!

Director of the Office of Marriage & Family Life.

This position will advance the New Evangelization in the critical area of Marriage and Family Life with a comprehensive and strategic scope of activity, working in the areas of Marriage Preparation, Natural Family Planning (NFP), Marriage Enrichment, and Marriage Support. To learn more, please email inquiries to the Office of Human Resources for the Archdiocese of Seattle at hr@seattlearch.org.

Rachel's Corner
Hope and Healing After Abortion

"I continually pushed God away due to my own guilt and shame. Now I know that I am deserving of God's love, grace, mercy and forgiveness." -Testimonial after Retreat.

God yearns to help you see who you really are in Him and walk the path of healing with you to a joy you have never known before. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. He will be there! August 12-14, 2016

Call Valerie: 1-800-822-HOPE (4673)

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

Homestay Families Needed for International Students

Are you interested in opening your lives and sharing your American culture with a student from another part of the world? Kennedy Catholic High School is looking for host families for their international students for the 2016 -17 school year. International students are excited to experience family life in America, learn English and to share their culture and traditions with their homestay family. If you would like more information, please visit www.kennedyhs.org or contact Teri Crosswhite at 206-957-9628. Financial stipend is provided.

Seattle Reign FC
Faith and Family Night

July 16 at 7pm: Seattle Reign FC vs. Western NY Flash at Memorial Stadium, Seattle Center

*$15 Lower Grandstand tickets (regular price $25)

*join us post-match for player and special guest testimonials

How to Redeem Tickets:

1. Visit: www.reignfc.com/flash
2. Add desired quantity in Lower Grandstand
3. Use Promo Code: UPLIFT 4. After the price adjusts, click 'Place Order'

855-REIGN-FC | TICKETS@REIGNFC.COM

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Says: The holy cross of Jesus, which is at once a horror and an honor, enabled John Paul II (pope from 1978 to 2005) to create a new term, the gospel of suffering. He movingly writes about Jesus who transforms our suffering, and in that transformation points that hurting person to a place close to the Lord himself. "It is HE—as the interior Master and Guide—who reveals to the suffering brother and sister this wonderful interchange, situated at the very heart of the mystery of Redemption. Suffering is, in itself, an experience of evil. But Christ has made suffering the firmest basis of the definitive good. By His suffering on the cross, Christ reached the very roots of evil, of sin and death. He conquered the author of evil, Satan, and his permanent rebellion against the Creator. To the suffering brother and sister, Christ discloses and gradually reveals the horizons of the Kingdom of God: the horizons of a world converted to the Creator, of a world free from sin, a world being built on the saving power of love" (SD 26). Through the very heart of the experience of suffering, we know that we are led into the kingdom of God, for suffering cannot be transformed and changed from the outside, but only from within the very depths of a person through the Spirit. Thus, we believe that the way in which followers of Jesus pick up their cross and follow the Master is a matter of the heart, the interior spirit and love.

Did You Know? Our baptism into the cross of Jesus figures prominently in Catholic liturgical practice and devotion. Upon entering and leaving church, Catholics sign themselves with the sign of the cross using holy water. At the start of every Mass, we sign ourselves. At the Rite of Acceptance, the sign of the cross is marked upon catechumens. At the beginning of the Rite of Infant Baptism, the baby is signed with the cross by parents and godparents. At the Rite of Reception of the Bishop in the Cathedral Church, the ordinary kisses the cross at the doors of the church. In all of these gestures, we acknowledge the primacy of this symbol and our acceptance of the "gospel of suffering." **(1998, RCL)**

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Coffee and Donuts after Masses today

Monday, June 20	
7:45 AM	Word & Communion in Chapel
7:00 PM	Baptism Prep in 7B
Tuesday, June 21	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass in Chapel
After Mass	Tuesday AM Coffee & Donuts in Reception Rm
5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in Chapel
5:30 PM	Confession
6:30 PM	Voices for Life in Room 203
Wednesday, June 22	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass in Chapel
8:30 AM	Adult Scripture Study in Reception Rm
6:00 PM	Women's Spirituality Group in Parish Office Basement
6:00 PM	Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation | Recept Rm
7:00 PM	RCIA in Parish Office Conference Room
7:15 PM	Walking With Purpose | Parish Center Rm 203
Thursday, June 23	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass in Chapel
6:00 PM	Children's RCIA in Room 203
7:00 PM	RCIA in Reception Rm
Friday, June 24	
7:45 AM	Daily Mass in Chapel
7:00 PM	Friday Night Men's AA in Reception Rm
Saturday, June 25	
7:00 AM	Men's Group in Reception Rm
8:30 AM	Daily Mass in Chapel
10:00 AM	Baptism Prep - 7B
11:00 AM	Charismatic Prayer Group in Chapel
3:30 PM	Confession
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass

Up Next

June

19 Baptisms at the 8:30am Mass

July

July 3 Parish Office Closed

July 4 Independence Day

July 16 Baptisms at the 5pm Mass

Fr. Mallahan Endowment Fund:

In honor of *Zuzu Kane's High School Graduation.*

In memory of *Albert Bajocich, Bruno Kaugerts, Mario & Felisa Fortich*

Mass Intentions for Next Week:

June 25: *Rick Hess (5pm)*

June 26: *Holy Rosary Community (8:30am)*

Joe Harris, RIP (10:30am)

Last Week's Collection:

June 12 Collection Actual: $16,410

June 12 Budgeted: $28,534

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

# of donors: 404

2016 Goal: $139,090.56

Amount Pledged/collected: $140,631.00

% of Goal reached: 101.11%

Amount Paid to date: $92,147.03 (which is 66% of total)

PARISH DIRECTORY….dial 206-937-1488 and enter an extension

Baptism: Contact Deyette Swegle at least two months in advance of your requested baptism date.
Marriage: Contact Sherry Smith six months in advance of your requested wedding date.
Funerals: Contact the Parish Office
Becoming Catholic: Contact JoAnn Tobin

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