

The Journey of Faith with Fr. Matthew Oakland



Stay With Us

This weekend we join with Catholics throughout the nation in celebrating Catechetical Sunday. During the month of September, our faith formation programs begin—with new offerings for those of every age group, for those seeking to become Catholic or to receive Sacraments, to those looking to simply grow closer to Christ.

It is not just the job of the priest to hand on the faith. It is not just the job of teachers, either. Rather, it is a task that belongs to us all.

Some have a special role. That is true of priests and catechists. It is also true for parents. At their child's baptism, the priest says, "Parents, you have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?" Parents are the first teachers of their children in everything—including in the faith. It is by watching their parents that they learn what it means to be a Christian and how to follow Jesus. It is from them that they learn what love is, and from them that they learn to pray (or not). Parents play an incredible role in the lives of the formation of their children, including their spiritual formation—whether they realize it or not.

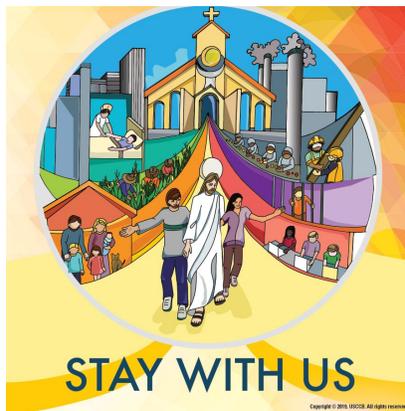
But we are all called to be witnesses to the Gospel. It is a mission given to us in our own baptism, when we took on a share in the ministry of Jesus, who is priest, prophet and king. The primary task of every ordained priest is to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass—to continue the presence of Christ in the world and His offering to the Father. The sacrifice that each of us can offer with the priesthood of the baptized is that of our own lives—in dedicated and loving service. As prophets, we are called to share the Good News. We are called to share the story of God's work in the world. We are called to share His messages with His people—especially those who might be tuning Him out in their own lives. And if we are faithful in these, then we will also get to reign with Him in Heaven.

The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "Stay With Us." Jesus Christ is needed in every facet of our lives, as you can see from the adjacent logo for this year—in our homes and families, in our fields and other places of work,

and even in our sufferings. But the beauty is that He also calls us together in communion with Him. We share in Him, and through Him, with one another. Our first task is to always come to Christ as disciples.

But He also sends us out into the world as Apostles. We are called to be the witnesses of Christ and His love in our own age, in our own community. He commissions all of us to go out to the nations.

In the first chapter of John's Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God. Two of his disciples go and follow Jesus. When they catch up to Him, Jesus turns and asks them: "What are you looking for?" They ask, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"



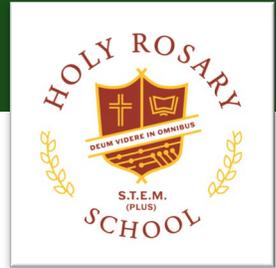
To stay with Jesus. To draw strength and life from Him. That is always the invitation. But in Christ, we also encounter one another. Hence the theme for this year. "Stay with us." Let us look for ways that we can more firmly root ourselves, our lives, our families in Christ—and in the community of the Church. Let us look for ways that He is calling us to share the Good News with others as His faithful witnesses and teachers.

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are first witnesses." (Pope St. Paul VI—*Evangelii Nuntiandi* 41)

Lucas Update

Thank you for the ongoing prayers for my nephew. This week he turns 18 months old. There hasn't been much progress, as they try a variety of things to address his variety of problems—including his regular severe agitation. The last few days (as of this writing) things have started to change so that he is less irritable. He was inconsolable for awhile—for 6-10 hour stretches. They do get to take him outside for a little bit each day, which is nice, and he also has a big bed, so they can climb in with him. Meanwhile, my oldest nephew started public high school this year, and the next oldest returned to St. Michaels Parish School—joined now by the other three as homeschooling is no longer possible. The struggle continues, and we hold onto one another—and our Lord.

Holy Rosary Catholic School—SPIRIT AND MIND *ignited*



We have completed our 2nd week of the school year! Students are busy inside and outside of the classroom. Students in grades Kindergarten – 8th grade met with all our specialist teachers (Music, PE, Spanish, Art, Library, and Technology). 7th-8th graders have begun their elective classes this week. (1 elective per trimester) Students were able to pick from the following options: Guitar/ Ukulele, Creative Writing, 2D/3D Graphic Art Design, 3D Art, Game Theory, Woodshop, Building a Tiny House, Drama, Yearbook, Field Games, Running, the Chiodo Challenge (fast twitch muscle/large muscle group focus), Leadership, Cooking & Crafting, and Study Hall.

Outside of the classroom, SunDance classes have started as well as CYO cross-country and soccer. Those in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have begun meeting. Before-and-after-school care is in full swing and registration for the sacraments of 1st Communion and Confirmation have begun.

Please join us for Westfest next weekend! Friday, September 20th from 6pm-10pm and Saturday, September 21st from 10am-10pm. Lots of fun to be had, open to the public, offering carnival games, rides, food booths, a beer garden, live entertainment, and BINGO. Toddler time will be available 10am-12pm on Saturday for ages 4 and younger.

Magazine sales are happening now! If you would like to

support our school with a magazine purchase, go to apmags.com, select 'I'd like to support a school or organization', type: rosary, put in 'HRS' for first name and 'Student' for last name, and make your magazine purchase. We appreciate support of this important fundraiser for our school!

Holy Rosary has a rolling admissions process with just two spots still available in our Preschool 2s class. The Preschool 2s class is a drop-off class that meets on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30am-11:00am, students must be age 2.5 by August 31st. Monthly tuition is \$281 - application information can be found on our homepage (holyrosaryws.org).

At Holy Rosary School, tradition and innovation converge to provide a leading-edge education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. Students are engaged by enthusiastic teachers who provide hands-on curricula designed to spark creativity and encourage critical thinking. Each child is given room to discover and develop their own unique gifts. At every grade level, faith meets action through service and the teaching of compassion and social justice. Holy Rosary's tight-knit community of passionate teachers and engaged parents creates a safe place where students become leaders from the inside out.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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A tip on Caring for Our Common Home

When visiting your favorite coffee shop, don't use the coffee stirrer typically provided. Instead, carry along a spoon that you can reuse. Estimates are that each year some 138 billion straws and stirrers are thrown away in the United States; a waste of money and harmful to the environment.

Saint of the Week

Every week, we highlight a particular saint. This week, we focus on St. Andrew Kim Taegon. St. Kim Taegon was the first Korean to be ordained a priest, and was martyred for his faith in 1849 by an imperial government that persecuted anything foreign, especially Christianity. He was known for his quick mind and his courageous will, so he is a good patron for students and problem-solvers. Like all martyrs, he is an example of faithfulness in the face of threats and opposition. His feast is September 20.



Opportunities for Adults

We offer several ways to celebrate and grow closer to the risen Christ:

Monday Night Rosary – Join us in the Parish Center Chapel, Monday nights, 6:30-7:00pm to pray the Rosary. Grow closer to God and relieve stress. Rosaries and aids provided.

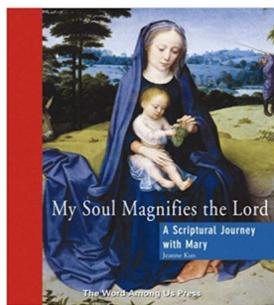
Inquiry – an open-ended discussion of life, the universe, and everything from a Catholic point of view! If you or someone you know has questions about the Catholic faith, invite them to come! All are welcome and no topic is off limits! This is the ideal preparation for those interested in Becoming Catholic or RCIA. We meet twice a month in the Parish Office, and our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 17**. Our topic will be “Does God hear my prayers?”

Bible Study – We are starting a study of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Join us for this exploration of crisis in the early Church! Please register on our website: <https://holyrosaryseattle.org/adult-scripture-study> or just drop by! All are welcome!



Formed – It's like Amazon Prime for Catholics, and it's free! For a wealth of videos, audiobooks, ebook, and other resources, sign up at <https://holyrosaryseattle.formed.org> today!

Women With Purpose – Join us for a new series this fall as we learn about Mary in “A Scriptural Journey with Mary” by Jeanne Kun. Meetings are **Wednesday evenings, 7:15-9:00pm beginning September 18** or **Friday mornings, 9:15-11:00am beginning September 20**. Both groups meet in the Parish Center Reception Room and childcare is provided for the Friday group. For registration: go to holyrosaryseattle.org/wwp-registration. For questions or to order a book, email Deyette at dswegle@holyrosaryseattle.org.



For more information, or if you have any suggestions, please contact Robert King (206-937-1488 x203 or evangelization@holyrosaryseattle.org).

RCIA Adapted for Children

Holy Rosary Church welcomes children ages 7 –18 years old who have never been baptized, along with their families, on a journey of preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church. If interested in **RCIA** and **becoming Catholic**, please contact Sr. Stella at rstella@holyrosaryseattle.org or 206-937-1488 ext. 252.

Children's Faith Formation/ Sunday School (“CFF”)

provides faith-based classroom education opportunities for children of the parish. Classes are offered from preschool to 6th grade. School Year 2019-2020 registration is already open online. For more information contact Sr. Stella at rstella@holyrosaryseattle.org or 206-937-1488 ext. 252

Youth Confirmation!

This year, Holy Rosary is offering Confirmation preparation for all youth in middle school and high school (grades 7 through 12). If you would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in February of 2020, please register at <https://holyrosaryseattle.org/youth-confirmation>. Our first meeting will be on **Sunday, September 29** at 6:30pm. We're also looking for parents to assist as volunteers (This counts toward your general volunteer hours!). If you have any questions about Confirmation, please contact Bridget Bicek at PAyouth@holyrosaryseattle.org.

A Word of Thanks from Sr. Stella

The **Carmelite Sisters of Our Lady**: Sr. Stella, Sr. Christine, Sr. Fil Ame, and Sr. Juanita would like to thank each member of the **Shoulder to Shoulder Ministry** and the entire **Holy Rosary Parishioners** for your support in updating our basement to a more decent and comfortable space. We love our new organized, carpeted basement. We are very grateful. Thanks to each of you who contributed from financial, materials, cleaning, building, painting, up to the finishing touch. We are so blessed to be in this parish community. We will remember you in our prayers. May God's abundant blessing be with you.



2019 Church Directory with Lifetouch

Holy Rosary is thrilled to announce we have invited Lifetouch Photography back to create our 2019 Church Directory. The first session dates are October 7-12th. The second session dates are October 21st- 26th. Session times are Monday-Friday from 1:00 pm until 8:10 pm, Saturday sessions are 10:00 am until 5:10 pm. Go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b0pgdb78/> or the link on Holy Rosary Parish Website. You can also sign up after mass in the Church. Once you are logged into the site, click "LOGIN". This will enable you to create an account and choose an appointment time. This site is active Monday afternoons thru Friday mornings to allow us time to enter paper session request from the weekend masses. If enough families are interested, Lifetouch has kindly offered to return in November during the week of Thanksgiving to give those families with college age children the opportunity to be included in the portrait session.

Season of Creation

Plan to attend a Season of Creation panel discussion "Climate Change: It's Time to Act! Let's Talk About How!" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Our Lady of Guadalupe's Walmesley Center, 7000 35th Ave SW. The discussion will be led by Gene Duvernoy, CEO emeritus of Forterra and leader of Earth Day 2020 Northwest next April. He will be joined by experts and policy leaders to discuss what we can do today to care for the Earth, which Pope Francis refers to as "Our common home." The discussion is hosted by the joint Green Ministry of Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes.

The Season of Creation continues through the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. The Green Ministry has prepared a Novena for Creation, a prayer that continues over nine days, specifically designed for the West Seattle area. Look for copies near the church entrances or on the Holy Rosary website. Use the daily prayer and reflection at home or anywhere else, but you are encouraged to visit the sites designated in the novena.

Have a question for our City Council candidates?

Look for baskets in the Narthex and by the side door of the church to submit questions for District 1 City Council candidates Lisa Herbold and Phil Tavel. These will help form the discussion at a public forum at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the Walmesley Center at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 35th Ave SW and SW Myrtle St.

Come, Sing a Joyful Song!

Holy Rosary has a variety of wonderful choirs for children and adults:

For Adults: Our **Sanctuary Choir** sings at 8:30 Mass from the loft with organ accompaniment. Rehearsals are at 7:30-9pm in the loft. **Contact Mary Ann Lee,** (206-325-2477;maryannlee619@msn.com)

For Adults: Our **Contemporary Ensemble Choirs** sing at the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 10:30 Masses with piano, guitar and flute accompaniment. Rehearsals are **Wednesday nights** in the St Dominic Chapel from 7:15-8:45pm.

For Middle School: Teens take the lead—cantoring, singing solos and adding harmonies, joined by a praise band of adult musicians! Weekly rehearsals are after school, usually **Tuesdays**, and one hour before Mass.

For Children: Our **YouthChoir!** is open to all students in grades 3-5 from all schools in the parish neighborhood! Practices are **Wednesdays** from 2:30-3:15 in chapel; 4-5th grade are eligible for cantor practice 3:15-3:40

All are welcome! No audition necessary—just a love of singing. Please contact Paul Dolejsi (206-937-1488, pdolejsi@holyroaryseattle.org) unless noted otherwise.

The Word was made Flesh . . .

Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: Weeks 26 and 27

Since the Annunciation in March, the baby Jesus has been growing in His mother Mary's womb. At almost 2 lbs., the baby is developing distinct sleeping and waking cycles. Additionally, all five senses are now fully developed, and he can recognize his parents' voices.

His eyelids will now open. The retina, at the back of the eye, is light-sensitive. It is the part of the eye where light images come into focus. These layers receive light wave information and transmit it to the brain for interpretations—what we know as "sight."

Approximate due date: Dec 25

Calling all bakers (and non-bakers, too)!

The **Cake Walk at WestFest** needs your treats! Please bake (or buy) cakes, cookies, pies, etc. Each item will count as one fundraising hour with a maximum of 4 donations (4 hours). Deliver treats to the BASE art room in Lanigan Gym from Sep 14 till Sep 21 at 10 AM. Contact Krista Zeissel (picinichkrista@gmail.com) or Julie Calhill (juliec@pacrimbuilding.com)

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Pancake Breakfast Today! \$20 per family
Children's Faith Formation today!

Monday, September 16	
7:45 AM	Word & Communion Service Chapel
8:30 AM	Social Justice Parish Office
6:30 PM	Pray the Rosary Chapel
Tuesday, September 17	
7:45 AM	Word & Communion Service Chapel
after W&C	Tue AM Breakfast Reception Room
3:00 PM	Jr Hi Choir Practice Chapel
6:30 PM	Inquiry Parish Office
Wednesday, September 18	
8:35 AM	School Mass Church
2:00 PM	YouthChoir! Practice Chapel
5:30 PM	Women's Spirituality Group Room 203
7:00 PM	Adult Choir Practice Chapel
7:15 PM	Women With Purpose Reception Room
Thursday, September 19	
7:45 AM	Word & Communion Service Chapel
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice Church
Friday, September 20	
7:45 AM	Word & Communion Service Chapel
9:15 AM	Women With Purpose Reception Room
6:00 PM	WestFest Lanigan Gym
6:30 PM	Friday Night Men's AA Reception Room
Saturday, September 21	
7:00 AM	Men's Group Reception Room
8:30 AM	Daily Mass Chapel
10:00 AM	WestFest Lanigan Gym
3:30 PM	Confession Church
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass Church
Sunday, September 22	
8:30 AM	Sunday Mass Church
9:30 AM	Children's Faith Formation Parish Center
10:30 AM	Sunday Mass Church CLOW in Parish Center



Up Next

October

- 6 Feast of the Queen of the Holy Rosary
- 6 Ministry Fair
- 27 Faith Formation Family Day
- 27 Church Tour

November

- 2 School Open House
- 28 Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
- 29 Tree Lot Opens

December

- 1 Advent Begins
- 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week:

- September 15: Lillian Sardorov, RIP
- September 17: Mark and Dina Hidaka, RIP
- September 18: Michael Abbott, RIP
- September 19: September Birthdays
- September 20: John Picinich, RIP
- September 21: Chris Hidaka, RIP
Nadine Swan, RIP (5:00 Vigil)
- September 22: Giovanni Tarabochia, RIP (8:30am)
Holy Rosary Community (10:30am)

Last Week's Collection:

- Last week's collection: \$23,636
- Weekly budgeted collection: \$23,534

Please contact us if we can be of service to you. Just dial 206-937-1488 and enter the extension

Baptism: Contact Deyette Swegle at least two months in advance of your requested baptism date.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office six months in advance of your requested wedding date.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office

Becoming Catholic: Adults (over 18) contact Robert King; Children (age 7-18) contact Sr. Stella

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