



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 8, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The devil is so real and so clever and so much controlled by God. In his cleverness, he wants us to think that he does not exist, though he would do anything to bring about our spiritual and material downfall.

The devil has preternatural powers (beyond the powers of nature). These powers are completely controlled by God. If God did not control the powers of evil, the killer in Las Vegas could have continued this massacre for an hour instead of the eleven minutes, according to the recent investigation. He had a number of automatic guns in that hotel room and endless rounds of bullets.

Las Vegas was such a struggle between good and evil. I think because people tend to forget the reality of evil, Satan and his forces, God allows a manifestation of the powers of evil. At this moment, more investigation is sought as to whether this was a lone wolf or work by a terrorist group. Whatever the answer, the villainous act was pure evil, and God letting this happen was for us to recognize the reality of the devil.

The planning of this mass murder was diabolically clever. Yes, God allowed it for a good reason. He also stopped it after a fraction of what could have been done. Those whom God took suddenly from life on this earth were chosen by God with the best of care. The bereaved, again, show us the value of human life. The over 500 injured learned a greater appreciation of the lives God has given them. We see the grace God gave close to 1000 people not to flee the scene, but to endanger their own lives to stop heavy bleeding from the most devastating types of bullets. There was the grace to take people to the hospitals when the ambulances were not enough. The example of virtue in

the selfless First Responders is said to be "miraculous" (not quite theologically true, but so outstanding that the media all recognized outstanding goodness in the face of outstanding evil).

The devil can do three things to people: 1) Tempt people; 2) Obsess people, and; 3) Possess people. If you have ever seen an exorcism, you know that on rare occasions God allows this to show the power of God as the devil is driven out through an exorcism.

Las Vegas has seen one who had to be obsessed with the devil to concoct this mass murder. The devil is often hidden when it comes to temptations to do things "our way" instead of the ways of God.

We keep admiring the First Responders, trusting God will take care of the 59 suddenly taken from this earth, and sympathizing with the bereaved. We trust in God's protective care for the enormously great numbers in these days of talk of nuclear war.

In these days of prayer to respect human life in all of its circumstances, especially the unborn, Las Vegas is a lesson in concern for human life.

RESPECT LIFE: Abortion has been legal in the United States for all nine months since 1973. Nearly 1 in 4 pregnancies end in abortion. All life is precious: the unborn, the handicapped, and the elderly. Please pray for our country to build a culture of life. You will find brochures in the vestibule.

Catholic Charities at OLS is far behind last year. At this late stage we are \$80,000 behind last year and behind our assigned goal of \$543,254.00. All I can say is thank you once again if you have pledged, and if you have not, please consider. So far, 360 parishioners have pledged, and some of the usual generous people are simply waiting for this reminder.

INVITATION: Fr. Jerabek, pastor of St. Paul's, has five boys ages 16-18 years old

who would like to see Notre Dame seminary in New Orleans the week of October 27-29. If any or ours are interested to know what seminary life is like, he is taking one of our buses and invited any from OLS who would like to satisfy their curiosity to go for the ride. Contact Fr. Jerabek at St. Paul's if interested.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 6 p.m., class at 6:30 every Monday in the Church Hall.



Vivian Bonamy, Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann Huie, Melanie
Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth



Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct. 9	For an end to Abortion Stanford Finney Will Barry
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Bob & Martha Henger Kathleen P. Bilotta Will Barry
Wednesday, Oct. 11	Special Intention Lena Carruba Lucie Brouillette
Thursday, Oct. 12	Julia & Andrew Hilboky Virginia Cherre Shay McNamee
Friday, Oct. 13	For an end to Abortion Kathleen P. Bilotta Josephine Sicola
Saturday, Oct. 14	OLS School Foundation Donors Kenneth Huie Helen Bernard
Sunday, Oct. 15	People of the Parish Angelo Maggio Kyle Mabrey

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Thursday at 10:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 6:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Sunday at 11:00 AM**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule. Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.



Candlelight Rosary Procession

On Saturday, October 14th, Our Lady of Sorrows will sponsor the 17th annual Candlelight Rosary Procession for world peace and to convert all nations. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the first Saturday in October as World Rosary Day and encouraged people all over the world to pray the Rosary for peace.

Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass, one of our priests will lead the Candlelight Rosary Procession. It will begin at the Shrine of the Madonna and Child in front of the Church and continue visiting the various shrines on OLS Church grounds.

Join us and pray for the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother during this Marian Year commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, as we entrust our families, our service men and women, and our nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, **October 15**. Our speaker will be **Bishop Robert J. Baker**. Bishop Baker will be here to conduct a *Listening Session on Race Relations in the Diocese*. Bishop Baker wants to hear from people of all ages and backgrounds. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m.

The October Madonna and Child meeting will be Friday, October 13. Meet in front of the FLC at 9 a.m. for a field trip to Her Choice Birmingham. Brunch and tour to be given by Joy Pinto. Please bring a donation of infant diapers to support the moms of Her Choice. Nursery is available by reservation. RSVP your child's name and birthdate to epenherskiart@charter.net by noon on October 9.

Our Lady of Grace will meet in the Sodality Room at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 9. Please remember to bring your donations for the Catholic Center of Concern. Don't forget your sandwich; drinks and desserts will be provided. All ladies of the parish are invited to join!

Our Lady of Fatima invites all ladies of the parish to their October meeting on Thursday, October 12, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Our guest speaker will be Bo Lovell. Come and hear his inspiring story!

The Altar Sodality will gather in the church for Benediction and to pray a Rosary on Wednesday, October 11, at 10 a.m. All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer. We will pray specifically for peace and unity in our country. In addition, we will pray for the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. You may also bring personal prayer requests and/or prayers of thanksgiving to place in a basket, which will be moved to the Chapel of Our Savior after the Rosary. Please come to pray with us.

Congratulations to the members of Boy Scout Troop 237 who have completed the **Ad Altare Dei** Program and received their medals: Clayton Sloan, Frank Perrucci, Reed Reynolds, Donnelly Tighe, Jackson Hanle, Jacob Pugh, Michael Lorino, Darby Green and Liam Mitchell.

The OLS Columbarium Gardens is available to everyone at any time of the day or night. We want people to feel comfortable visiting their loved ones, but there are rules regarding flowers and mementos. **Please refrain from leaving items at your loved one's niche in the Columbarium.** This helps keep the Columbarium in good order for everyone. Thank you for understanding.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, Oct. 8: No Youth Group. Have a great weekend!

LifeTeen High School

Wednesday, Oct. 11: Bible Study and Dinner! 7-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: "Do Catholics Believe in the Bible?"

7 p.m. Guest Speaker Franny Kyle on her world travels, mission trips and how Catholicism is the same no matter where you go!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Oct. 15: Power Up! For an Edge night on Grace, Justification and the Church. Meet for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Camp Hidden Lake: Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is \$450 (scholarships available upon request!). Open to rising 6th-9th graders. Email: mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.