

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

In the First letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, St. Paul wrote "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it." (1 Cor 12:26) At this time, all Christians should be suffering, or mourning, with the people of the small Christian community of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas. So many members of that small town church family were killed in a horrible way during services last Sunday. It's a nightmare scenario, and it can happen in any church or any gathering of people anywhere. As one person from that small town said that day, "We don't understand how this can happen but we know we will see them again in heaven." No matter what life brings, faith is needed! In fact, many things in life are more difficult to face without faith. Let's be sure to pray for those who died in Sutherland Springs, as well as those who were injured, some critically. Let us pray for God's peace on earth. May God protect all Christians and all people of good will. May faith increase and violence and evil cease.

We cannot worry but we have to count on state and local law enforcement officials to increase efforts to keep all people safe everywhere. School, work, church, sports venues, malls, theatres, airports, train stations, etc. We need the police and everyone to work together to keep us safe. It would also be good to ask St. Michael, Patron Saint of police and military personnel, to watch over all of us.

In fact, we are having a special Blue Mass next Saturday, November 18 at noon here at St. Patrick's to honor and pray for all first responders, living and deceased. Above all, let's keep up the prayers and trust in God's help and guidance for all of us as we live in these often anxious times.

St. Michael, the Archangel, pray for us! God bless everyone!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco