

ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

Dear Parishioners,

I'm always extremely excited for this time of year! I pray that you are as well! Even if you aren't generally, I pray this year you choose to look to the Lord to be your source of joy and fulfillment.

Perhaps it is why I am always so excited for this time of year. It is the very reason for our hope, He is the very reason for our hope! As St. Paul says, when humanity was helpless, we couldn't save ourselves from sin, Christ came into the world to die for us. He didn't come when we had proved our love, or earned it, He came into our world while we were still sinners! (Romans 5:6-8)

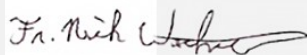
This day reminds us of how much God loves us. And in a beautiful way. What is more beautiful, innocent, joyful, loveable, endearing than a newborn baby? God made Himself a vulnerable little baby, for you. Out of His love for you. He brought hope into the world for all of us to behold some 2000 years ago on that first Christmas morning. The light of the world dawned on our world on that day, and the world has never been the same since! The world was forever changed, though in the twisted, manipulative lies of the world of today, people seek to turn this message of hope all on its head also. I'm just going to call that out right now as being a message that has sprung up from the depths of hell. It is an attempt to separate people from the reality of God's great love for you and of your need for God.

Christmas is the dawning of the hope we have, through Jesus Christ, in the possibility even of the resurrection. Before Jesus came into world there was only the promise that at some point in the future a resurrection would be possible. When Jesus arrived, we saw the beginning of the fulfillment of that hope, which only is fulfilled after Good Friday when Jesus dies on the cross and 3 days later rises from the dead. The Lord is the one who saves us, we cannot save ourselves, though we often live today as if we can.

I pray today you live into this new hope in a more profound way than you ever have before. We celebrate these times every year as Christians to constantly remind ourselves of our need to begin anew. Our need to come to the place of repentance the scriptures call us to. Christmas is preceded by the penitential season Advent and Easter by Lent to rid ourselves of those things that make us think we are self-sufficient, or which begin to crowd the Lord out of the center of our lives. Today we place God back at the center of our lives. Now all we have to do is to keep Him there, firmly fixed in the center of our gaze. We only need to follow Him all the way through the joys and miracles of life, the suffering and death involved in life, to the eternal joys of our own birth into our true homeland, heaven. That choice is up to you and me.

Merry Christmas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In the peace of Christ,



Fr. Wichert

WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN PARISH AND OUR MANY MINISTRIES

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers, youth in grades 6 and up, serve at Masses and special liturgies. • Environment areas of worship preparation-flowers and plants, sacristy help, and seasonal planning. • Eucharistic Ministers during Liturgy serve the Eucharistic bread and wine at Mass. • Hospitality Ministers (Ushers) offer a welcoming presence at liturgies by serving the needs of the assembly. • Music Ministers provide musical leadership in contemporary (5pm, 8pm), traditional (10pm), and Spanish (12pm) styles. • Sacristans prepare the church for liturgies and serve as a resource to other liturgical ministers.

Spiritual Life

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on first Fridays following 8:30am Mass. • Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick visit people in their homes, at hospitals, and in other local care facilities.

Community Development

After Mass Socials provide hospitality and refreshments after the Sunday morning liturgies and, once a month, after the Saturday Vigil Mass. • New-comers' Socials helps newly registered parishioners get to know their new community. • Parish Picnic is a fall parish community event featuring food, fun and entertainment. • Young at Heart Seniors provides a variety of activities for senior adults of the parish. • Soup Night, Fridays during Lent, features a simple soup supper followed by Stations of the Cross. Money that would otherwise be spent on a meal is donated to Operation Rice Bowl, a Catholic Relief Services program. • Wedding Anniversaries annually honors couples in the parish who have been married 25, 50, and 60 plus years with special recognition at a Mass and reception. • Faith in Grief Ministry classes are held to support those who have lost a loved one.

Peace & Justice

Malawi Mission provides financial assistance for our Sister Parish, St. Joseph, Namalaka. • Diaper Bag Project volunteers make and fill diaper bags for needy and homeless newborn babies through the Nurse-Family Partnership of Seattle and King County Public Health. • Giving Tree gives parishioners the opportunity to make Christmas more joyful for needy children and adults by working with local agencies to provide gifts. • Respect Life Committee attempts to raise awareness regarding all life issues including abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and capital punishment. • Serving Our Savior (SOS) responds to the homeless by supporting a variety of shelters and missions in the Seattle area through food and supply donations and a weekly hot meal program. • St. Vincent de Paul Society is made up of parishioners who are directly involved in reaching out to the poor and needy in our local community, providing assistance with food, clothing, shelter, and utilities.

Children and Family Faith Formation

Baptism of Infants and Young Children is celebrated following liturgies with children of practicing parish households following parent preparation sessions. • Christian Initiation (RCIC) for unbaptized children interested in initiation as Catholic Christians. Opportunities for inquiry, discernment, and understanding of our Catholic faith and traditions. • Elementary Faith Formation "Disciples Club" for children in grades 1-5 is offered on Wednesday evenings during the school year. • First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: Children and families meet throughout the year to prepare children 2nd grade and older celebrate these sacraments following at least one full year of faith formation through Disciples Club or St. Brendan School. • Vacation Bible Camp: Annual camp takes place during the month of July. For children preschool through 5th grades. 6th grade and older are helpers.

Youth Faith Formation

Christian Initiation (RCIA) for teens interested in initiation as Catholic Christians. Opportunities for inquiry, discernment, and understanding of our Catholic faith and traditions. • Confirmation (Youth) assists baptized Catholics who are at least 16 years of age in deepening their understanding and acceptance of our Catholic faith and discerning readiness for this initiation sacrament. • Junior and Senior High Faith Formation offers a safe place for youth to build community, experience Christ, and participate in the life of the parish. • Youth Ministry Adult Volunteers work directly or indirectly with the youth of our parish through youth nights, socials, retreats, fundraisers and as drivers.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Enrichment offers various opportunities for catechesis and formation throughout the year. • Annulment Advocates assist divorced individuals in the process of applying for an annulment. • Christian Initiation (RCIA) for adults interested in initiation as Catholic Christians. Opportunities for inquiry, discernment, and understanding of our Catholic faith and traditions. • Confirmation (Adult) is for Catholic adults interested in celebrating this Sacrament of Initiation. • Marriage Preparation is provided to parish couples seeking marriage; the process takes about six months. • Scripture Sharing groups meet weekly to read, study, and pray the Scriptures. • Men's Group, "Barbecue, Beer & Brothers," is an opportunity for men to enjoy friends, fellowship, and fun with other men from the parish. • Women's Group is an opportunity for women to enjoy friends, fellowship, and fun with other wonderful women from the parish.

Parish Administration

Bulk Mailing volunteers assist in preparing mailings for all parish organizations throughout the year. • Bulletin Volunteers assemble the weekly newsletter. • Facility/Scheduling is required for use of any parish facility by any parish organization for any meeting or event. • Kitchen Coordinator/Committee assures the organization, cleanliness, and coffee supply inventory of our two parish kitchens in the church and gym. • Activity Bus Drivers are needed to operate our new vehicle on field trips for youth, school children, and Young at Heart seniors, as well as for our SOS meal program. Drivers must be qualified and go through training. • Rentals of parish facilities by parishioners and non-profit organizations is permitted depending upon availability. Rental fees, damage deposits, certificates of insurance, and proof of non-profit status are required.

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Mission Statement

We, the St. Brendan Catholic community, are called to:

- Celebrate through Word and Sacrament;
- Be formed as disciples and go forth as apostles;
- Reach out to all with love and respect

In order to make visible the reign of God by transforming our world.

Sunday Eucharist Schedule

Sat.: 5:00 pm | Sun.: 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Domingo: 12:00 pm (Misa en Español)

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri., and Sat.: 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat.: 7:45–8:15 am
Saturday: 2:30pm–4:00 pm

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