

The fire this past Monday at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has marked this Holy Week with a memory that will perhaps forever be burned into our memory. Catholics and non-Catholics reacted with shock and even tears on Monday as video and images of the devastating fire were shown on news stations and the internet. At the same time the images and videos were being shown, there were people on the ground risking their lives in order to save as much of the beauty of the church as possible by forming a human chain. Reportedly the chaplain for the firefighters, a Catholic priest, was at the "hot end" of that chain. The Blessed Sacrament, workers who needed to be rescued, the relic of the crown of thorns that once pierced the head of our Blessed Lord, other relics of the saints, and works of art were rescued from the burning Cathedral while brave firefighters battled the blaze. The next morning, the sunlight in Paris revealed the extent of the damage.... Enormous. But it also revealed how much was still intact. Images began to emerge of a golden cross left standing, a Pieta, the Rose windows. So much damage and yet according to engineers at this point, more structural stability than they thought there would be. There also has been a tremendous amount of support expressed in rebuilding the magnificent beauty of the church, restoring it to glory.



I can't help but think also of the priest abuse horror brought to our attention once again a few months ago. The damage has been horrendous for those who have been both directly and indirectly affected. The innocence and dignity of who they were created to be that was ripped away from them by those despicable sins is angering. Work and resources need to continue to be provided to bring about healing for those who have been affected by it, restoring them to the glory God desires for each one of them. It is a work that must be ongoing. But there is hope that it can happen. That healing is possible. For all things are possible for God.

There is another fire that is happening though in the Church. The burning, purifying fire of the Holy Spirit who is cleaning out the evil that was allowed to fester for far too long. While the burning away is happening, there is already work happening to save the souls of those in the Church and in the world. Lay faithful, Sisters and Priests who live dedicated lives of service to the Church and God's people for the salvation of souls. They are praying and working for the healing of souls. Doing all they can to make sure these atrocities never happen again and that those who have perpetrated or allowed such things are held accountable.

The Church has been rocked and yet there is strength that is there. Strength because it is the Holy Spirit who is in charge of the Church and His grace fortifies Her. The Catholic faith and Church is still beautiful because She was given to us by Christ Himself. The beauty of the truth of it will shine more brilliantly as the filth of sin is burned away and the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit restores Her to reflect more fully the glory of God. That has been the work of the Church over the past 2000 years and will continue to be Her work until the end of time. That is Jesus promise to us in the scriptures. We are not called to abandon the Bride of Christ during this time, but to keep our eyes fixed on the golden splendor of the cross and the resurrection that follows.

I think there is a definitive message of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus tied to the story of the Notre Dame fire. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," is the scripture passage ringing in my heart, mind, and ears. He was referring to the temple of His body. The Church, of which you and I are a part, is the body of Christ still on earth. Together let us continue to proclaim the message of good news, the resurrection to a life without sin and death that is made possible by the love of our heavenly Father, the cross of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit! The devil can try to do all he can to destroy the Church of Christ, from without, or from within. He will lose, he already has lost. God is victorious over sin and death, and so are we, as we do our part to take up our cross and follow Him, all the way to heaven!

Fr. Mich Wichert



Worship & Spiritual Life

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2019

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

EASTER

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 11:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

Monday, April 22

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 25

Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2, 5-9
Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 26

Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 27

Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21
Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Rv 1:9-11, 12-13 Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2019

Sunday, April 21—Easter

7:45 am Mass: (+Joseph Kaczor)
10:00 am Mass: (+Casilda Abreu)
12:15 pm Misa en Español:
(+Graciela Hernández Peña)

Monday, April 22

(No Mass)

Tuesday, April 23

(No Mass)

Wednesday, April 24

(No Mass)

Thursday, April 25

8:30 am Mass: (+Catherine Schafer)
6:00 pm Mass: (+Ruth Azpeitia)

Friday, April 26

8:30 am Mass: (+LaRayne Gray)

Saturday, April 27

8:30 am Mass: (+Hector DeLeon)
5:00 pm Mass: (+Jean Davies)

Sunday, April 28—Divine Mercy

8:00 am Mass: (Community of St. B)
10:00 am Mass: +Mariam Abraham)
12:00 pm Misa en Español:
(+Sara Sanchez Giles)

2:00 pm Confessions

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20 pm Benediction

Key: +=deceased

Please pray for the sick:

Pilar Alvarez
Lucila Avila Bustos
Bill & Barbara Bell
Betty Burrell
Felix Caceres
Javier Huaman Caceres
Alberta Paula Cazales Torres
Josiah Evans
April Frostad
Marion Gendron
Daniela Aimee Escobar Gonzalez
Norberto Guizar Sanchez
Serena Herrick
José Alonso Lopez Medina
Francisco Lopez Marin
Sam Mahre
Paris Molloy
Fr. Roger O'Brien
Vic Palazzo
Martha Romero
Ron Ryan
Greg Savitsky
Jeff Stultz
David Weller

and for those who have died:

Bernie Ackerman
Brian McDevitt
Miguel Rodriguez
Orlando Tamayao

PRAYER FOR LIFE—SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

The Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Children has three goals:

- 1) To encourage parishioners to pray daily over 9 months for unborn children and women facing a crisis pregnancy and considering an abortion.
- 2) To educate parishioners about the development of their “adopted” unborn child through announcements describing fetal development.
- 3) To celebrate the birth of the “adopted children” with a baby shower at the end of 9 months at which gifts will be collected and donated to mothers in our area in need.

This program was developed by the Pro-Life Office of the Diocese of Camden, NJ and included in the Respect Life Month materials produced by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference in 1990-91'. Our Respect Life Committee here at St. Brendan posts specific information on the fetal development of our “spiritual adopted children” in the kiosk in the Narthex. Please check out the beautiful picture each month. Thank you all who are praying each day for these precious little ones.



Children & Family Ministry Ministerio de Niños y Familias

LIFETIME OF LEARNING & BELONGING

St. Brendan Catholic Church

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Bothell, WA 98011

425.205.2648

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Contact Andrea with questions or to help out.)

First Communion Preparation for Children: April 29, May 6, May 13 (rehearsal)

Vacation Bible Camp first planning meeting Saturday, April 27 11:30-1:30 in the Narthex. Call to confirm if you can attend. We're having a GREEK lunch!

Little Disciples will continue through spring & summer. Ages 3 through Kindergarten.

Old Testament

TOBIT'S VISION OF HEAVEN

Tobit 14: 16-18

Even before Jesus came to earth and lived among us, the Jews were starting to get an idea that God would be with them even after death. Here is a song that Tobit sang that described a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem.

"My spirit blesses the Lord, the great King. Jerusalem shall be rebuilt as his home forever...

"The gates of Jerusalem shall be built with sapphire and emerald, and all your walls with precious stones.

"The towers of Jerusalem shall be built with gold and their battlements with pure gold.

"The streets of Jerusalem shall be paved with rubies and stones of Ophir.

The gates of Jerusalem shall sing hymns of gladness and all her houses shall cry out, "Alleluia!"

"Blessed be God who has raised you up. May he be blessed for all ages. For in you they shall praise his holy name forever."

New Testament

JESUS IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene came with the other Mary to inspect the tomb. Suddenly there was a mighty earthquake, as the angel of the Lord descended from heaven. He came to the stone, rolled it back, and sat on it. In appearance he resembled a flash of lightning while his garments were as dazzling as snow. The guards grew paralyzed with fear of him and fell down like dead men.

Then the angel spoke..."Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but he is not here. He has been raised, exactly as he promised. Come and see the place where he was laid. Then go quickly and tell his disciples—He has been raised from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him." They hurried away...half-overjoyed, half-fearful, and ran to carry the good news to his disciples. Suddenly without warning Jesus stood before them and said, "Peace!"

MY FAITH

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER EASTER?

Easter is the end of one story and the beginning of another. For 40 days Jesus remained in his glorified body on earth, appearing to many people and encouraging them, telling them how the prophecies had been fulfilled in his life, death, and resurrection. 40 days after Easter (it's always on a Thursday) we celebrate his Ascension. To heaven. 50 days after Easter (it's always on a Sunday) we celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit appeared to the Church.

WHAT'S ORDINARY ABOUT ORDINARY TIME?

When you set things "in order," you might line them up or number them. Ordinary Time means the Sundays are numbered.



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Youth Minister Contact
425-483-9400
youthminister@saintbrendan.org
Margaret Deleon

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- There is No Confirmation Class or Youth Group from April 15–27th!
- Confirmation Mass Rehearsal is May 24th, at 6:30 pm. Please make sure your sponsors are present.



Adult Faith

MARIAN MASS ST. BRENDAN CHAPEL Friday, April 26

All are invited to a Marian Mass to pray for our Pope, all Priests and Religious, Vocations and World Peace.

We will begin at 5:30 pm with a Rosary. Holy Mass, prayers and refreshments to follow. Our Lady of Fatima Home Prayer Group

information and literature will be available during the reception.



ST. BRENDAN WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

At last A "Who-Dun-It! William Kent Krueger's Ordinary Grace is written through the eyes of a young Minnesota boy coming of age in 1961. Through the antics of him and his younger brother, Ordinary Grace is shown time and time again. This is sweetness, there is murder, there is family. I think we'll all enjoy this one. **Come discuss this page-turner on Monday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in the Brendan House Dining Room.** Questions? Call Berni at 425-485-4893 or Anneliese at 425-486-4225.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Please pray for these expectant mothers: *Tabitha Carlton, Amy Davis, Hillary, Rachel Johnson, Allie Mazur, Rebecca Sather and Jamie Valliant.* We pray as you carry your baby that you will have a healthy pregnancy and a safe delivery for your baby. **Congratulations to Erin and Paul Dellino on the birth of their baby boy, Jacob.** We ask God to bless you and give you much joy as you raise your little one. If you are expecting a baby and would like your parish family to pray for you, please call Mary Hradec at 425-275-1896.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Are you a volunteer or would like to volunteer at our wonderful parish? You are invited to our next Safe Environment class that will take place on **Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 am–12:00 pm in the Narthex.** Please register at www.virtusonline.org and call the Parish Office at 425-383-9400 if you have any questions.





Community Involvement & Outreach

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Looking for spiritual growth?
Meet the 2nd Saturday of
each month at 7:30 pm in
the library.

Contact:

Sam or Melinda Affronte
(425) 481-5296

Ron Fernandes
(425) 821-3599
seattlecursillo.org

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our Parish Outreach
Ministries request the
following items:

DIAPER BAG PROJECT

Onesies (Newborn,
0-3 months)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul pantry is in
need of: canned fruit, canned
chicken, mayonnaise,
mustard, shampoo, tooth
brushes, diapers sizes 2-5.

SOS

Catalina dressing, lasagna
noodles, jars of spaghetti
sauce

**Thank you for your
generosity!**

KNIGHTS CORNER

- **Attention all Knights**—There will be a 2nd and 3rd degree next Saturday, April 27 at the Bothell Rental Hall starting at 8:00 am and end around noon. If you are not a 2nd or 3rd degree night this is a great opportunity to become a full Knight in one day and is close to home.
- KofC Pancake Breakfast is next Sunday, April 28 after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses in the St. Brendan School Gym.
- KofC Blood Drive will be Tuesday, May 14, in St. Brendan Narthex from noon to 6:00 pm.
- **KofC Gala Auction & Dinner has been moved to Saturday, May 19.** Price of the tickets are \$30 each. Doors open at 4:00 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm. *Want to become a Knight? Questions about the Auction? Contact Kevin Van Hollebeke at 206-240-0275.*



ST. BRENDAN YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GROUP

On Wednesday, April 24, we will travel to Stanwood to visit the Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens, named in honor of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran minister executed in April, 1945 in one of the Nazi concentration camps. This garden is the Pacific Northwest's only garden of solely native plants and features special plantings designed to attract specific butterflies. The tour will involve walking about 3/4 mile on a wheelchair/walker accessible boardwalk (some benches present). Lunch will follow at Moose Creek BBQ IN Marysville after our tour. **Meet in the Narthex at 9:15 am on April 24. Please call Donna at 425-488-1373 to reserve your seat on the Church Bus.**

CINCO DE MAYO FOOD SALE

The Hispanic community will be selling food after the 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Masses on Sunday, May 5th. Come enjoy some delicious birria (a blend of chilies and spices simmered with beef stew meat) with rice, and beans. All proceeds go towards our Church.

ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

A big THANKS to all those who braved the cold wet weather last Saturday to beautify the church grounds for Easter. It certainly does look wonderful! Purchase of the mulch and bark was made possible by parishioners who contributed to our Bake Sale Fundraiser last month. Thanks to you, too, for your role in helping our church grounds look so nice. **The next work party will be on Saturday morning, May 25.**

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 4 AFTER THE 5:00 PM MASS

—All new parishioners are invited to attend a welcoming social dinner after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 4. We will be having a Cuatro de Mayo dinner with sopes, salads and desserts (plus quesadillas). Learn more about our vibrant parish and discover new ways to get involved. Also meet current parishioners, other newcomers and Fr. Wichert, too! Letters have been sent and calls will be made to the newly registered. If you were invited in the past but couldn't come, know that you are always welcome. Hope you can join us. RSVP to your caller or email Joyce VonFeldt at jyvonfeldt@aol.com



Parish Administration & Stewardship

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER



EASTER

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to “think about the things above rather than things of earth.” We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

CRS RICE BOWL—ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST



We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

ST. BRENDAN FESTIVAL OF FLAVORS FOR PENTECOST

Saturday, June 1st at 6:00 pm in the School Gym

All parishioners are invited to share our diverse cultures and backgrounds through a free fun evening of food and festivities! Questions or to contribute and serve your favorite dish call Marian Kinsey at 206-715-3168.

MALAWI STRUGGLING

Let us send BLESSED EASTER prayers of hope for relief efforts to Malawi, especially the areas south of the lake, following last months rains and flooding from Cyclone Ida. The disaster has affected 868,000 people in Malawi leaving at least 60 dead and 86,000 homeless. The United Nations has targeted 2000 households for flood response in South Malawi. Fr. Davie, Pastor at St. Joseph's has reported that the bridges washed out have yet to be replaced and that it will take some time though they have created diversions to get cars around the affected areas. He states “At the moment the rains have stopped. People are already harvesting their fields. Those whose houses have collapsed? Some organizations are assisting them with cash and other assorted materials and food.” Their monthly parish meetings have been interrupted due to parishioners being engaged in necessary activities to maintain their livelihoods. Questions? Marie 206-948-5166.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

12 Noon Monday
(Friday 4:30pm when Monday is a Holiday)
bulletin@saintbrendan.org

ONLINE PARISHIONER REGISTRATION & ONLINE GIVING

Every person's finances and family situation is different. Jesus makes it clear that it matters not how much one gives, but that it is planned, calculated, at least somewhat sacrificial (see Luke 24:1-4), and not simply from what is "leftover" at the end of the month. We propose the tithe (10%) as the ideal every family can consider working towards. This means taking steps to give 5% to one's parish, and 5% to other charities or causes you have personal passion for. You can register online at www.saintbrendan.org and click on the link "Online Registration/New Parishioner" on lower left corner of website and to give online, click on the "Online Giving" link. It's quick, secure, convenient, and easy. Your support helps sustain our parish. If you need help with online giving, please call the Parish Office at 425-483-9400.