

ST. BRENDAN

Catholic Parish

10100 NE 192nd Street
Bothell, Washington
www.saintbrendan.org

Fr. Nicholas Wichert, Pastor

December 23rd & 24th, 2017

Sunday Eucharist Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 am

Domingo: 12:00 Noon Misa en Español

Weekday Schedule Mass

Mon, Wed, Thurs., Fri., Sat: 8:30 am

Thursday: 6:00 pm Misa en Español

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:45 am Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

7:45 am & 3:00 pm Saturday



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.

Misión

Nosotros, la comunidad católica de San Brendan estamos llamados a:

- Celebrar a través de la Palabra y Sacramento;
- Ser formados como discípulos y seguir adelante como apóstoles;
- Llegar a todos con amor y respecto

Todo esto para hacer visible el reino de Dios transformando nuestro mundo.



Parish Life

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Dear Parishioners,

I love the season of Christmas! The lights, the decorations, the trees, the goodies, the parties, the feast days, the friends and the family! But most of all there is the greatest reindeer of all...Rudolph the red nosed reindeer...just kidding!

Can you tell I'm excited about Christmas?!

The Lord is so amazing, so giving, so humble, so forgiving, so full of love for every last one of us. The most important part of Christmas is that God shows the depth of His great love for us. He humbled Himself to take on our humanity, to unite Himself to us so that we might have the opportunity to be united to Him for all eternity. He was born in a manger so that we might have the opportunity to be born into heaven if we choose to follow Him faithfully. God gives us every opportunity to open our hearts to His love. He desires for us to be enfolded in His love in this life and in the life to come. He offers this to us freely, but will not force it upon us. We have to make a decision as to whether we are going to live into that love or turn away from it.

Sadly, many in our world turn their back on the opportunity. Sometimes from woundedness, sometimes from pride or an attachment to sin, or because we think we are too busy for God (also pride). Whatever the reason, God wants to break through the wall of our hearts. He desires to be born again in all of us this Christmas. He desires to bind up our woundedness and to welcome us into a life of faith in Him. My hope and more importantly God's hope, is that if you are reading this and thinking any of these may apply to you, that you will give the Lord the opportunity to show you His great love for you. Allow Him to set you free from the shackles of a worldly way of living and give you the freedom your heart truly desires this Christmas. Give yourself the greatest gift of all, or rather, receive it from the Lord! Let us open our hearts to Love Himself!

The Lord Jesus knocks at the door of every one of our hearts again this Christmas and asks us if we will allow Him to be born again into our lives, perhaps born into our lives for the first time. He asks us if we will make room for Him at the Inn of our soul. I pray that my answer and yours is yes. I pray that as we celebrate this great season of Christmas, our hearts and our spirits are renewed with a profound joyfulness. For unto us a Savior is born!

In the peace of Christ,

Fr. Wichert

Funeral Masses and Burial Rites

To arrange for a funeral Mass, please contact the Parish Office, or ask the funeral director to do so.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

To arrange for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the Parish Office.

Misas para Funerales y Ritos del Entierro

Para hacer arreglos para Misa para funeral, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia, o pregunte al director de los servicios funerarios.

Ministerio para los Enfermos

Para hacer arreglos para el Sacramento de La Unción de Los Enfermos o para recibir la Santa Comunión en casa, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia.

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 (5:00, 8:00), traditional (10:00), and Spanish (12 noon) 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 8:30 a.m. 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. **Newcomers' 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.

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 Baby Corner in Seattle. **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 at weekend liturgies with children of practicing parish households following parent preparation sessions. **Christian Initiation (RCIA)** 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. **Preschool Faith Formation "Little Disciples"** for preschoolers 3-K years of age gathers at 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10 am. **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 and Young Adult 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 in 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. **Returning Catholics** is a process for Catholics who have been away from active participation in the church. **Scripture Sharing** groups meet weekly to read, study and pray the Scriptures.

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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