

ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas!!!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.” (Ephesians 1:3)

Especially today on Christmas and as we move forward in the Christmas Season over the next couple of weeks it is good to remember how we are richly blessed by God. We received the greatest gift of all as a Christmas gift some 2000 years ago, when God sent His only Son into our world. A Baby King, to rule all the nations. A humble King, who came into our world as a vulnerable little baby. Our King chose to lay down His life for us so we could reign with Him as we acknowledge our need for the forgiveness of our sins. Our participation in His reign is not only here on this imperfect planet, but for all eternity in His heavenly kingdom.

Now that is a kingly gift! This gift, this act of love for us, ought to ignite a fire of love within us for God.

Have we really received this gift or just taken it for granted? Are we sharing this gift, this opportunity we have been given, with others? The greatest gift we can share with people in our lives and the world is the gift of salvation and of faith which we have been offered through Jesus Christ, our baby King.

Whether we reign with Him in heaven is a decision that we make for ourselves as we choose either to receive the gift, by following our Brother, our Captain, our King, or not. Christmas is a good opportunity for us to pause as we prepare to enter the new year and ask ourselves the honest question of whether we are journeying through this life as a disciple of the Lord Jesus or if we have received this gift in vain. Are we following Him who is the way, the truth, and the life? Or have we put what should be burning ardently within us on the back burner and turned off the heat?

My hope is that we allow the joy of this season of Christmas, which doesn't end until the Baptism of the Lord, January 12, to kindle the fire of love for God anew in our souls.. It is a time to deepen our commitment to prayer and thus our relationship with the Lord. A time to kindle that fire of love for God within our hearts by stoking the fire, spending time with God each day in gratitude and prayer for this heavenly blessing. The gift of our Savior who came among us so we could be eternally united to God forever! May we realize the gift we have received in the baby Jesus and the reason for this time of celebration!

In the Peace of Christ,

Fr. Wichert



WELCOME TO ST. BRENDAN PARISH AND OUR MANY MINISTRIES

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers, youth in Grades 3 and up, serve at Masses and special liturgies. • **Environment Ministers** areas of worship preparation of flowers and plants, sacristy help, and seasonal planning. • **Extraordinary Ministers** during Liturgy serve the Sacred Host and Blood at Mass. • **Hospitality Ministers (Ushers)** offer a welcoming presence at liturgies by serving the needs of the assembly. • **Lectors** proclaim the first and second readings at Mass, and may also lead the Psalm or Prayers of the Faithful if no one else is available. • **Music Ministers** provide music for our Masses. • **Sacristans** prepare the church for liturgies and serve as a resource to other liturgical ministers.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

24-hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on first Fridays following 8:30AM Mass. Monday through Thursday Adoration is from 1PM - 6PM. Other Fridays are after the 8:30AM Mass until 6PM. • **Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick** visit people in their homes, at hospitals, and in other local care facilities.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Enrichment offers various opportunities for catechesis and formation throughout the year. • **Christian Initiation (OCIA)** 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 "BBB"** 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.

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 (OCIC)** 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 to 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** is an annual camp that takes place during the month of July. For children Grades 1 to 5. Grade 6 and older are helpers.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Christian Initiation (OCIC) 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 13 years of age in deepening their understanding and acceptance of our Catholic faith and discerning readiness for this initiation sacrament.

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 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. • **Prepares St. Brendan** provide much needed maternity and post-partum supplies for moms and babies.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Newcomers' Socials helps newly registered parishioners get to know their new community. • **Parish/School Picnic** is a late summer parish/school community event featuring food, fun and entertainment. • **Young-at-Heart Seniors Group** 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. • **Funeral Committee** is called to a ministry of consolation for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. They provide assistance during the planning process and as well as luncheon reception following the funeral service for the bereaved family and their guests. • **Bite of St. Brendan International Dinner** brings together the parish and school community annually in February with small bites of authentic dishes from around the world.

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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