

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH FAMILY**

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 6, 2025



SAINT BRENDAN PARISH | STB



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 8AM | 10AM* | 12PM* (Misa en Español)

* LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 8:30AM

ADORATION

- Monday - Thursday | 1:00PM to 6:00PM
- Friday | 9:30AM to 6:00PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM - (Saturday Morning) 7:30AM*

*FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

CONFESSION

- Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
- Saturdays | 2:30PM - 4:00PM

"Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You" —ST. BRENDAN, THE NAVIGATOR

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH | STOC



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
 - Sunday | 9AM | 11AM
- (5PM SUNDAY MASS WILL RESUME SEPT 21).

DAILY MASS - Tuesday to Friday | 9AM

ADORATION

- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

- Saturday | 3PM to 4:30PM
- Other: By Appointment.

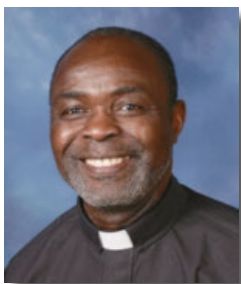
"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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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. For after hours emergency care you may also call the Eastside Deanery Pastoral Care Ministry at 425-655-3200.

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.

FUNERAL MASSES AND BURIAL RITES

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

MISAS PARA FUNERALES Y RITOS DE ENTIERRO

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

PARISH NEWSFLASH

If you would like to receive the weekly St. Teresa Newsflash over email, please let us know at admin@saintteresa.org.

To submit a bulletin announcement:

- **Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.**
- St. Brendan > bulletin@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

- St. Brendan > receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

COVER ART

Title: *Christ Sending the Seventy Disciples, Two by Two, Illustration for the Life of Christ, 1886-92*

Artist: James Tissot

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Please see page 9 for full details.
 - Holy Communion for the Homebound
 - SOS Driver/Food Delivery
 - Parish Bus Driver
 - St. Brendan Garden
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday • JUL 9 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** - Registration is now OPEN. Check online OR at your parish's narthex for school/volunteer registration forms. **STB** > Week of JUL 14-18 • Page 10.
- **MARIAN TALK WITH FR. LAWRENCE LEW** - Thursday • JUL 17 • 6PM • St. Teresa of Calcutta • Next page.

SAVE THE DATES

- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LUAU** - AUG 9 • Bothell Rental Hall • Page 6.
- **PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC** - Sunday, AUG. 24.
- **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. BRENDAN** - SEP 16 • See below.
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT** - SEP 20 • Page 6.

BIBLE STUDY

The *Book of Acts of the Apostles* - A 20-Session Bible Study will begin SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 at St. Brendan Parish. **Registration will be after Mass on the weekends of JULY 19-20 and AUGUST 16-17.** The fee is \$45. For more information, please check out the poster in the St. Brendan Narthex for details. We hope you can join us.

HELP US SUPPORT FUTURE PRIESTS

The **22nd Annual Archbishop's Golf Tournament**, hosted by Crozier Society, happening on **Tuesday, July 29, 11AM to 6:30PM** at **The Club at Redmond Ridge** (11825 Trilog Pkwy NE, Redmond, WA 98053). This event is more than just a day on the green — it's a joyful celebration of **fun, fellowship, and fundraising!**

All proceeds go directly to the **Seminarian Education Fund**. Did you know it costs \$60,000 per year to educate just one seminarian? With your help, we can ease that financial burden and allow our future priests to focus fully on their call to ministry. Link: <https://archseattle.org/events/archbishops-golf-tournament-152/>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP

AT ST. BRENDAN - As many of you know, St. Vincent de Paul provides basic necessities to our fellow parishioners and neighbors within the boundaries of **St. Brendan Parish**. We have a food pantry which many of you support with non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, and cleaning supplies. Thank you!

Many of you make a regular habit of a monthly financial contribution. Your monthly financial contributions provide partial rent, utilities, basic household goods for neighbors experiencing unexpected circumstances. Please be generous! **Contact Margie Inghram** at 425-486-8953 to volunteer. Thank you and may God continue to bless you!

AT ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA - THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE at **St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish** welcomes any parishioner, 18 years or older, to attend our next monthly meeting to hear about our ministry work. We next meet on **Monday, July 7, from 7:00 to 8:30PM, in one of the small meeting rooms.**

Since July 1, 2024, we have helped 318 adults and children, who we call our neighbors, for assistance with rent, food, gas, utility bills, clothing, and more. Beds and bedding can be ordered from Seattle/King County St Vincent de Paul. The conference helps neighbors with contributions from parishioners. Basically, what comes in goes out quickly. Since July 1, 2024, you have contributed \$52,024 and we have provided \$53,939 in assistance. Thanks for your support and your prayers.

We need more Vincentian volunteers to keep up with the neighbor requests. Training is provided and newer Vincentians make home visits and phone visits with one or two current Vincentians.

Please contact Marion Scichilone, conference president, at bpgourmet@yahoo.com for more information.

Come for golf,
stay for the raffle

Prizes include: zoo experience with Fr. Carlos Orozco,
round of golf with Fr. Gary Lazzeroni, cabin adventure,
\$750 gift card, award-winning olive oil, and more

7/29/25
Golf FORE Seminarians



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

ARCHBISHOP'S
golf tournament
Archdiocese of Seattle - Crozier Society

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 6, 2025

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. —Psalm 66

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c • Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 • Gal 6:14-18 • Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a • Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab • Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33 • Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15 • Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a • Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 • Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 • Ps 105:16-21 • Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30 • Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 • Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a • Ps 105:1-4, 6-7 • Mt 10:24-33

LET US PRAY FOR . . .

The Sick

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. When they feel alone, send them someone to listen and to care. When they are confused, provide reassurance and direction. When they are in pain, ease their suffering. When they despair, give them hope. May they experience your healing presence in the comfort of a caregiver's calm gaze and tender touch. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Dely Aguilar • Dina Arroyo • Joan Dedman • Fr. Jay De Folco • Don Galloway • Jamie Michel • Maria Eugenia Rosales Abaroa • Kyle Sahagun • Aproriano Salmasan • Issaia Don Tor Sacha • Sarah Watson

The Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Vicente Castillo Perez • Danyela Newton • Venus Pettersen • Sue Samson • Gene Storbakken • Clayton Valles • Fabiola Valles • Gloria Valles.

FROM NOW ON, LET NO ONE MAKE
TROUBLES FOR ME; FOR I BEAR THE
MARKS OF JESUS ON MY BODY. —GAL 6:17



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 6

STB

8:00AM Dorothy Canavan

10:00AM Community of St. Brendan

12:00PM +Juan Gutierrez

STOC

9:00AM No Intention

11:00AM No Intention

Monday, July 7

STB - 8:30am +Grace Kerns

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, July 8

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Isabella Young

Wednesday, July 9

STB - 8:30AM Christy Avila

STOC - 9:00AM Adele Elmenhurst

Thursday, July 10

STB - 8:30AM Fr. Robert Marczewski
(30th year of ordination)

STOC - 9:00AM Barbara Rehder

Friday, July 11

STB - 8:30AM +Souls in Purgatory

STOC - 9:00AM No Intention

Saturday, July 5

STB

8:30AM +Norma Wood

5:00PM +George Vattenky

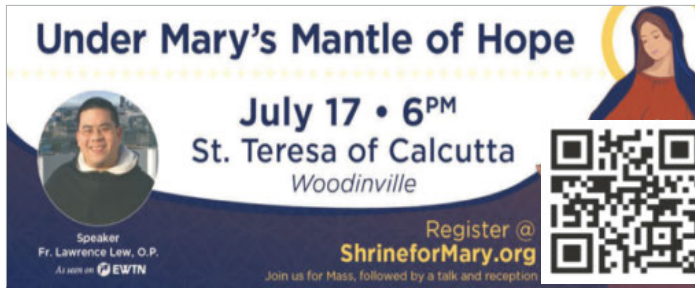
STOC - 5:00PM No Intention

To submit a Mass intention, contact the parish office at the following email address.

- St. Brendan - receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa of Calcutta - admin@saintteresa.org

+ = deceased.

MARIAN TALK WITH FR. LAWRENCE LEW, O.P. EVANGELIST & EWTN HOST



Join us at **St. Teresa of Calcutta** for evening Mass at 6PM, followed by a powerful Marian talk at 7PM with Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. — author, evangelist, Promoter General for the World Shrine in London, and EWTN host! Rediscover the theological depth of the Rosary, its vital connection to the virtue of hope, and how it can rekindle hope in your heart, especially this year during the Jubilee of Hope. A reception follows immediately after the talk. To register, visit shrineformary.org or scan the QR Code above.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We are honored to be celebrating a major milestone, St. Brendan Catholic School's 60th Anniversary! Throughout the year, we will be inviting alumni back for special celebratory school events.



Help us refresh and expand our Alumni database. Help us reach out to alumni in hopes to build and strengthen the community, while honoring and celebrating all the traditions that were set before us.

Interested in getting involved? Send us an email at kerrye@school.saintbrendan.org or follow this link: <https://school.saintbrendan.org/apps/form/Alumni>



Prayer - Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the Catholic Church in Western Washington. We praise and thank you for the women and men who have shared the joy of the Gospel here for more than 170 years. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might encounter your Son anew and become more effective partners in sharing the Good News of his saving love. May our partnership in the Gospel empower us to be your missionary disciples, bringing the Good News to all, especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way. Give us the courage, the flexibility and the vision to renew parish life, so that the good work, begun long ago, may continue among us, and one day, be brought to completion in your Kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: JayCee Arpin • Sandra (Kinsey) Barnett • Cate Brumley Harmon • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Allison Danforth Reisinger • Katy Danforth Staley • Robbie Ann Gray • Rhianna Kofmehl • Colette Lambert Treperinas • Gemme Nash.

Congratulations to: Ben and Anna Hastings on the birth of their son, Charles. • Bobby and Natalie Kroeger Froembling on the birth of their daughter, Blake. • Nick and Kaitlin Odeh on the birth of their son, Charbel. We ask that God bless you and bring you much joy as you raise your little one. If you are expecting a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com.



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2. Input parish > St. Brendan.
3. Choose > 10051 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA.
4. Add your name and email address to set up the free account.

ST. BRENDAN OVERNIGHT ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Second Saturday of the Month:

- Women's Overnight Adoration—7PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Third Saturday of the Month:

- Children/Teen's Evening Adoration—6:30PM to 8:30PM
- Men's Overnight Adoration—8:30PM to 6AM (Sunday)

Segundo sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de las mujeres—7PM a 6AM (domingo)

Tercer sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de los niños/adolescentes—6:30PM a 8:30PM
- Adoración nocturna de los hombres—8:30PM a 6:00AM (domingo)

PARISH NEWS

IN THE SILENCE OF THE HEART, GOD SPEAKS.
IF YOU FACE GOD IN PRAYER AND SILENCE, GOD
WILL SPEAK TO YOU. —SAINT MOTHER THERESA



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (Council 6686)

- The July Planning meeting scheduled for June 26 had been combined with our Business Meeting which will be on **JULY 10**.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The annual Luau dinner to raise money for scholarships will be on **Saturday, AUGUST 9, at the Bothell Rental Hall**.
- The Knights of Columbus are men on a mission, a Catholic Brotherhood changing the world. To learn more, go to <http://www.kofc.org> or look for a Knight in a blue vest or contact our Grand Knight, Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021. There are many tangible benefits available for Knights and their families.

BECOMING CATHOLIC/OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA) is a wonderful process whereby people can become Catholic or return to the Church. Many of the people in OCIA are Baptized Catholic, but did not proceed to other Sacraments such as First Communion and/or Confirmation, while others are inquiring about becoming Catholics. It is *never* too early or too late to start the process. The OCIA is a rewarding spiritual journey and helps foster an authentic faith community. Recently, Saint Brendan and Saint Teresa had the largest group of people who went through Rite of Election at St. James Cathedral. This is a blessing for sure for our combined Parish and the Catholic Church.

Evangelization, helping people come to full communion in Christ, falls on *all* of us. If you know someone who is considering returning or joining the Catholic Church, please **contact Mark Sizemore at 425-483-9400, ext 2648** or childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org.

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



WE'RE HIRING!

- **Dedicated** individuals who are committed to the school's mission and students.
- **Faithful** leaders who will be a role model for our students.
- **Collaborative** team members ready and willing to support the school community.

Full time and part time positions available!

SCAN HERE 

13th Annual Golf Tournament Save the Date for September 20th



The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge

**SATURDAY
20th SEPTEMBER, 2025
8:00 AM**

TICKET
\$165

VIP TICKET
\$215

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Mary the Immaculate Conception *Patroness of the United States of America*

ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God of Son, who chose Mary as your Mother; in union with Mary, we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank for you the great resources of this land and for the freedom, which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the poor, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give our country and ourselves to our sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pierced by the sword of sorrow prophesied by Simeon, save us from degeneration, disaster and war. Protect us from all harm. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, who bore the sufferings of your Son in the depths of your heart, be our advocate. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.



EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- What the Sexual Revolution Got Wrong (and Why It Still Matters Today)
- Bleeding Hosts, Bewildered Scientists, & what it all means for YOU
- Bobby Flay, Bacon, and the Battle for Your Dinner Table | Father Leo Patalinghug
- Why You're Lonely (and How to Fix It)

OTHER ITEMS FROM FORMED

- Radiating Joy: The Michelle Duppong Story
- The Boy from Milan
- What Catholics Believe

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

- Join Your Life to Christ's Sacrifice - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon
- The Theology of the Trinity - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon
- The Fruit of the Spirit - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon

THE CATHOLIC PARENT—The Catholic Parent - FORMED

FOR KIDS—FORMED

- God's Princesses
- Zack and Yalla
- Brother Francis (English & Español)
- Littlest Saints
- The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello
- Christine in Action
- Drawing Closer to God
- Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids
- Chalk and Block: What Every Child Needs to Know About God
- Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney

SUMMER WITH THE SAINTS! Here is the sign up link: [Summer \(https://formed.org/summer-with-the-saints\)](https://formed.org/summer-with-the-saints) You can sign up for adults or kids. It is on FORMED and is part of our parish subscription.

"Whatever town
you enter and they
welcome you, eat
what is set before
you, cure the sick in
it and say to them,
'The kingdom of
God is at hand for
you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for
Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GROWING IN FAITH

WHAT DOES DISCIPLESHIP LOOK LIKE?

By Zoltan Abraham

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Jesus sends the disciples on a training mission so that they can experience the sense of being sent out before the fullness of their mission begins. Their journey highlights a number of the characteristics of a Christian disciple. We can also learn much about discipleship from the First and Second readings.

We see in the Gospel passage that we are to focus on God rather than on our gifts. Jesus says to the disciples "do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). God gives us many gifts as a part of our spiritual journey, both for our own use and to share with others. The temptation for us is to care more about the gifts than God, the giver of the gifts, thereby developing an exaggerated sense of self-importance, as if we were the source of the gifts ourselves, rather than God himself. Some truly gifted evangelizers have fallen from grace by giving in to that temptation. Our primary focus must always be God. We should acknowledge his gifts and thank him with deep gratitude, rather than allowing pride to take hold.

Discipleship also involves a single-minded focus on God. The specific instructions Jesus gives to the disciples as they are about to set out assumes the hospitality culture of ancient Middle Eastern society, which included a strong sense of providing for visitors, even strangers. In that cultural context, a traveler could assume that he would receive food and lodging from strangers at the end of a long day of journeying. Jesus tells the disciples to travel lightly and to accept whatever hospitality they receive. They should not be distracted by what to pack, what to buy, or what to eat.

Nor should they be distracted by encounters along the road. When Jesus speaks of not greeting anyone, he does not mean our American quick hello type of greeting. Greeting in the culture of the time involved a much more elaborate and lengthy interaction, which could take quite a long time, as is still the case in some cultures today. Nor are the disciples to worry about social honor or prestige, important considerations in their strongly hierarchical society, by maneuvering for staying at the home with the highest social standing. Instead, they are simply to stay with the first home that offers them hospitality.

All these measures were meant to keep the disciples focused single-mindedly on God in their missionary journey in their cultural context. Today, different cultural considerations would apply. For example, we would not be able to rely on the same hospitality culture in a contemporary American setting. But we are to have the same single-minded focus, whether we are actively proclaiming the Gospel or seeking to live out the Gospel in our everyday lives, day after day. Are we distracted, for example, by the Internet, by constant scrolling, by endless TV shows? Our distractions may be different, but we too must guard against them.

The disciples were also to leave judgment up to God. Mediterranean culture was deeply honor bound, with the expectation of revenge against any wrongs suffered, including any slights to one's honor. But Jesus tells the disciples that if they are not received in a town, they are to shake the dust of the town off their feet. By doing so, they disengage from further interactions. They do not seek revenge or retribution. They simply move on, leaving the judgment of the town up to God. We are to do likewise. Ours is not to seek vengeance against others. We should leave the judgment up to God.

Jesus also tells the disciples that they will be safe from serpents and scorpions, two deadly enemies in the desert climate of the geographical area. This promise, however, was specific to the early disciples. We see a similar power given to the disciples in the Gospel of

Mark and we see in The Acts of the Apostles that St. Paul survives a poisonous snake bite miraculously. But the Catholic Church has never interpreted power over snakes and scorpions as a universal gift given to Christians, but only as a particular charism given to the early evangelists. In contrast, the snake handlers of Appalachia based their entire version of Christianity on the passages involving snakes, rather than looking at the larger New Testament picture of discipleship. The case of the snake handlers is a good illustration of why we need to think with the Church in our interpretation of the Bible so that we don't go astray, wandering off on a false road.

In the Letter to the Galatians, from where the Second Reading is taken this Sunday, St. Paul reinforces the centrality of Christ. The specific debate he is responding to is about whether or not Gentile believers would have to become culturally Jewish in order to follow Christ. Christianity did not start as a separate religion from Judaism but is the fulfillment of Judaism. As such, the Church discerned that the Mosaic Law of Judaism, symbolized by circumcision, no longer binds believers. Christians are to follow the teachings of Christ, which reiterate the central teachings of the Old Testament, but set aside the ancient law code.

In the Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul also stated that if a Gentile who has become a Christian now seeks to follow the old Mosaic Law, he will lose his relationship with Christ, because he is now trying to add something more to his faith than Christ, as if Christ was not sufficient. Today's Christians rarely try to follow the Mosaic Law as a way to augment their faith. But we have other temptations, such as adding practices from various religions popular in some quarters today. Are we tempted to take part in Buddhist meditation? Or to try Muslim prayers? Or Hindu practices? Or elements of nature religions? As St. Paul would say in no uncertain terms, any such forays into other religions would destroy our relationship with Christ.

In the passage from Galatians, St. Paul also speaks of boasting in the Cross. Embracing the Cross is central to being a Christian disciple. Uniting our suffering with the self-sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross is the key to giving meaning to our suffering in life.

The First Reading, taken from the Book of Isaiah, highlights our need to trust in divine providence. The prophet, speaking God's words, says: "as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). The specific situation is the punishment Jerusalem had to undergo for the people's infidelity to God. But now God promises to shower blessings on Jerusalem. Historically, the Catholic Church has interpreted such passages not as the blessing of the temporal, earthly City of Jerusalem, but as God's blessings being poured out in the New Jerusalem, which is Heaven itself, where Christ will gather together all believers for eternal life, in complete joy, peace, and fulfillment.

No matter how dark the times might seem today in our world, no matter how bleak our own prospects might be in our earthly life, we are to remember that our current circumstances are not the final word. Christ will restore the world and remake creation into a glorious new reality. Eternal blessedness awaits us if we follow Christ.

At the same time, we should also remember that we are not meant to be passively waiting for Christ. We are to do our share in proclaiming Christ to the world through our words, our deeds, and the way we live our lives. In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Christ says about the disciples: "the laborer deserves his payment" (Luke 10:7). His statement assumes that we are laboring, not just waiting.

If you would like to read more of Zoltan's writings, you can find them at www.zoltanabraham.com.

PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Fairwind - Brittany Park | John McGuinness | johnmcg@gmail.com

Kids of the World | Ken Fabrizio | kenfabrizio4@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

- STB - Joe Osmialowski | 248-343-9021
- STOC - Joe Bussman | bussman5@msn.com

Prepares (Pregnancy Support) | Lori Wirtz - loriwirtz@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

- STB - Margie Inghram | 425-486-8953
- STOC - Marion Scichilone | bpgourmet@yahoo.com

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Church is alive at Bothell Health Care Nursing/Rehab Center with 12 to 15 of our fellow brothers and sisters currently residing there. They are grateful to be given Jesus in the Holy Eucharist—some of them are wanting to return to the Church! They are excited to hear Jesus still loves them! This is truly a "mission field" and we are called to evangelize!

As it is taking 3 to 4 hours to distribute Holy Communion and pray per visit, a **St. Brendan Team of Volunteers** is desperately needed, so please prayerfully discern if you feel called. **Training will be provided.** If you have a love for the elderly and the Eucharist or have any questions, **please call Anne at 206-234-5849.** The personal rewards are amazing! Their appreciation and gratitude for every visit are immeasurable! You will be truly blessed to be part of this ministry.



PREPARES MINISTRY AT ST. BRENDAN AND ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Supports families in need by providing diapers and clothing for children from birth to school age. We are located in the **lower Brendan House and are open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 11AM.**

If you are in a housing or food crisis or in need of other immediate assistance, please call the State of Washington Services at 2-1-1 for help—it's FREE; they are open 24/7 and multilingual.

If you would like to make a financial donation to PREPARES, please write **St. Teresa Prepares** on the check. Please contact Lori Wirtz (loriwirtz@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for your support!

NEED: diapers: sizes 6 and preemie and wipes for our weekly **DIAPER GIVEAWAY** at St. Brendan.

EASTSIDE DEANERY PASTORAL CARE TEAM NEED ONE LAY MINISTER

To support the on-call Priests in the Eastside Deanery, we have a small group of Lay Ministers who take the initial calls from hospital nurses and Chaplains, adult care facilities, a patient's family member, or the patient themselves. The Lay Minister takes all of the necessary information for the on-call Priest, and then calls the Priest who is scheduled for that part of the Deanery.

Each Lay Minister covers the same hours each week. The "shifts" are 9 AM to 4 PM, and 4 PM to 9 AM the following day, seven days a week.

The Ministry is currently short one Lay Minister. We need someone to cover the Wednesday night and Thursday night shifts. If you think you might be interested in joining the team, please contact Deacon Abel Magaña at amsainz5@gmail.com or Norm Bross at normbross@comcast.net | 425-283-8556 for more information.

HELP WANTED - PARISH BUS DRIVER

St. Brendan Bus ministry is looking for bus drivers for the Saturday 5PM and Sunday 10AM Mass. Currently we pick up at several senior living homes in Bothell. All candidates must be preapproved and current with Safe Environment from the Archdiocese of Seattle. Contact Brigitte Blair at 425.483.9400 ext. 2645 or brigitteb@saintbrendan.org.

SOS MINISTRY - HELP WITH FOOD DELIVERY

Do you have an hour to spare to feed the hungry? SOS (Serving Our Savior) makes 140 meals every Thursday morning, and we have a **dire need of people to deliver the food to the shelters.**

If you can pick up the hot pans between 3PM and 3:30PM on Thursdays and take them to two of the shelters in Kirkland, you'll be doing a corporal act of mercy and helping out our team. If we get enough people you'll only need to volunteer once a month! Please contact Priscilla Finch at cilfinch@hotmail.com with any availability or questions. **And thank you!**

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

We usually meet the **4th Thursday of the month in the St. Brendan Parish Library at 7PM.** We respect life from conception to natural death, as we are called to do as Catholics. If you are interested in joining us, we would love to have you and your new ideas! If interested, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com

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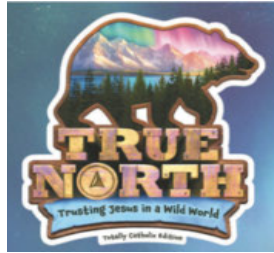
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Mark your calendars!

• JULY 14 to JULY 18 • 8:15AM to 11:30AM—St. Brendan VBS

This year's theme will be *True North*. **Registration is now open at both parishes.** Keep a look out for registration forms in the parish narthex or scan the QR Code below. **Please consider volunteering for camp.** We have an urgent need of adult volunteers. It is impossible to run the camp without adults leading the stations.



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El tema de este año será El Verdadero Norte. **La inscripción ya está abierta en ambas parroquias.** Esté atento a los formularios de inscripción en el nártex de la parroquia o escanee el código QR de arriba. **Por favor considere ser voluntario para el campamento.** Tenemos una necesidad urgente de voluntarios adultos. Es imposible llevar a cabo el campamento sin adultos para ejecutar las estaciones.



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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 give online at parish.saintbrendan.org (STB) or at <https://pushpay.com/g/saintteresacalcutta> (STOC) or scan the following QR codes with your phone's camera, It's quick, secure, convenient, and easy. Your support helps sustain our parish family. If you need help with online giving, please call the Parish Office at 425-483-9400 (STB) or 425-806-8096 (STOC)


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