

WELCOME TO SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 13, 2025



YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR BEING,
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.—LK 10:25

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: *The Good Samaritan* | **Artist:** Harold Copping

Source: www.meisterdrucke.de

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
- **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 Trilogy 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/>



RACHEL'S CORNER

PROJECT RACHEL POST ABORTION
HEALING RETREATS

RINCÓN DE RAQUEL

RETIROS DE SANACIÓN POST-ABORTO

"Sometimes we are allowed to hit rock bottom so that we may clearly know that God is THE rock at the bottom." - City of Agape At what point after your abortion did you hit rock bottom, believing there was simply no hope for feeling any differently? God was there when you hit rock bottom, and He is there now inviting you to jump into His merciful embrace and come alive again. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat.

"A veces se nos permite que toquemos fondo para poder darnos cuenta de que Dios está ahí también." - Ciudad de Agape ¿En qué momento de su experiencia de decisión de aborto sintió que tocó fondo, y que no había esperanza de poder sentir algo diferente? Dios estaba ahí cuando tocó fondo, y está ahí ahora invitándole a recibir Su abrazo misericordioso y llenarse de vida nuevamente. Vaya con nosotros a un Retiro del Viñedo de Raquel™

- English Retreat - Friday, October 10 - Sunday, October 12, 2025
- Retiro de español - Viernes 31 de octubre - Domingo 2 de noviembre de 2025
- English Retreat - Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8, 2026

Contact: | Contacto:

- English: (206) 920-6413 (leave a confidential message)
- Español: (206)-450-7814 (deje un mensaje confidencial)

More info: | Más Info:

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- Web: www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.
You are loved with an everlasting Love!*

*El Proyecto Raquel es un programa de Servicios Comunitarios
Católicos. ¡Eres amado con un Amor eterno!*

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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2025

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. —Psalm 19

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14 • Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 • Col 1:15-20 • Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22 • Ps 124:1b-3, 4-8 • Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a • Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 • Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 • Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7 • Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20 • Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 • Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14 • Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18 • Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42 • Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15 • Mt 12:14-21

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.

Fidela (Dely) Aguilar • Joan Dedman • Fr. Jay De Folco • David Luecke • Luca Martino • Anh Phan • Jeni Rush • Kyle Sahagun • Kathleen Schultz • 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.

Mark Delgado • Helen Geiger • Maria Gonzalez • Paul Kumala • Melquiades Perez • Angel Pinon • Aurelio Santos • Michael Santos • Clayton Valles • Fabiola Valles • Gloria Valles

CHRIST JESUS, IS THE IMAGE

OF THE INVISIBLE GOD,

THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION.—COL 1:15



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 13

STB

8:00AM +David Patrick Weller

10:00AM Jeni Rush

12:00PM For Saint Brendan Parish

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, July 14

STB - 8:30am +Souls in Purgatory

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, July 15

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Richard Ferry

Wednesday, July 16

STB - 8:30AM Sam Affronte

STOC - 9:00AM Sidney Elmenhurst

Thursday, July 17

STB - 8:30AM +Jose Ruiz

STOC - 9:00AM OPEN

- 6:00PM Scott Elmenhurst

Friday, July 18

STB - 8:30AM John Dobson

STOC - 9:00AM Jeanne Richards

(100th Birthday)

Saturday, July 19

STB

8:30AM Colleen Danforth

5:00PM For Saint Brendan Parish

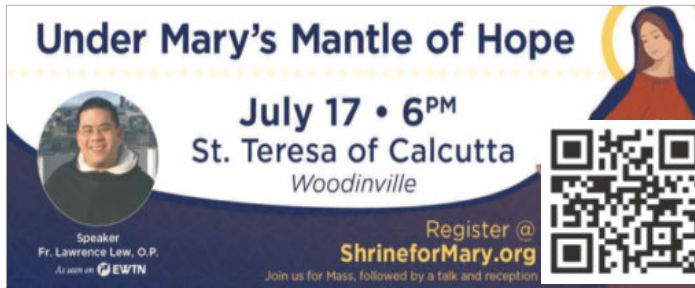
STOC - 5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

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.

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: JayCee Arpin • Sandra (Kinsey) Barnett • Taryn Beard-Killeri • Cate Brumley Harmon • Megan Carlin • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Allison Danforth Reisinger • Katy Danforth Staley • Dalia Davis Elledge • Robbie Ann Gray • Mildred Hranek • 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)

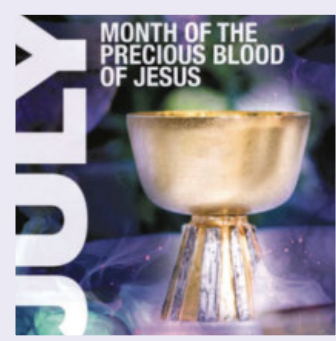
Segundo sábado del mes:

- 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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (Council 6686)

• **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



REGISTER ONLINE

The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge

SATURDAY
20th SEPTEMBER, 2025
8:00 AM

TICKET	VIP TICKET
\$165	\$215

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Bonaventure

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Perhaps not a household name for most people, Saint Bonaventure, nevertheless, played an important role in both the medieval Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure certainly captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the center of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title “Seraphic Doctor.”



Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.

FEAST DAY July 15

PATRON SAINT Franciscan Order • Theologians • Bowel Disorders

PRAYER FOR CHARITY

Give me the grace, LORD, to truly see those around me: the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked. YOUR kingdom is one of belonging, help us to be the types of neighbors who see and respond with GODLY generosity. Amen.

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- Why Your Brain Hates Change and How to Fight It With These Habits
- What the Sexual Revolution Got Wrong (and Why It Still Matters Today)
- Bleeding Hosts, Bewildered Scientists, & what it all means for YOU

OTHER ITEMS FROM FORMED

FORMED continues to not allow copying and pasting of their videos. We are continuing to work with their tech team- hopefully as we enter week four, they will discover the fix. Until it is fixed, we are unable to suggest anything new from FORMED. You are still able to log in at watch whatever you want.

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

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

- The Church's Marching Orders - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon
- The Church Is Built on the Rock - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon
- Join Your Life to Christ's Sacrifice - 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. Give it a try!

GROWING IN FAITH

LOVING LIKE THE SAMARITAN

By Zoltan Abraham

Today, a four-lane modern highway leads from Jericho to Jerusalem, partially following the route of the ancient road that connected the two cities at the time of Jesus. In that period, the road was known to be dangerous, with robbers often lying in wait to despoil vulnerable travelers. People often journeyed in caravans to minimize the risk, unlike the man in the parable in this Sunday's Gospel reading, who was braving the road by himself and was overcome by robbers.

The story has come to be known as the Parable of the Good Samaritan. After two millennia of Christianity, the phrase "Good Samaritan" has a positive connotation for us. We even have Good Samaritan laws to protect people who help those in danger selflessly. However, the audience of Jesus would not have reacted positively to the idea of a Samaritan being the hero of the parable.

At the time of Jesus, the Samaritans were among the worst enemies of the Jews. The roots of the animosity go back hundreds of years earlier in Israelite history. Over the centuries, the Israelites experienced many different invaders, who devastated the people and the land in various ways. The people of Samaria, which is the land between Galilee in the north and Jerusalem in the south, intermingled with the invaders both ethnically and religiously. They started practicing a religion that was a corruption of the true worship enjoined upon the Israelites by the Mosaic Law. Furthermore, when the Israelites returned from their long exile in Babylon, the Samaritans tried to thwart them in the rebuilding of Jerusalem and of the Temple.

All this led to bitter feelings. The word Samaritan would not have evoked positive sentiments, unlike for us today. Think of categories of people our culture hates, such as the worst of criminals, and substitute that word for "Samaritan" in the Gospel passage. In turn, the Samaritans felt the same way about their Jewish contemporaries for their part.

Thus, the parable would have been extremely shocking for the original audience of Jesus. The traveler is hurt, left to die, but neither the priest nor the Levi is willing to help. The Levites were the priestly class, from whom the members of the Israelite priesthood were chosen. The priests ran the Temple in Jerusalem, the focal point of Jewish religious life. Their behavior in the parable is an indictment of the religious leadership of Jerusalem, many of whom at the time followed the Commandments on a surface level, but did not live them out fully. Ironically, the Samaritan, one of their worst enemies, is the one to show genuine love in the parable.



Jesus uses this story to emphasize that it is not enough to keep the letter of the Commandments, as if we were just checking boxes. We must live out the Commandments with our whole being. Jesus is showing us just how easy it is for us to fall into a holier-than-thou, superior attitude, rather than living our lives filled with genuine love. The Samaritan in the story goes out of his way to give of himself to the unfortunate traveler. His love is self-sacrificial, which is what makes it genuine.

In the First Reading we see that God's law is not a distant, esoteric set of principles, but is near to us. Our experience of God's law is rooted in his relationship with us. His law leads us away from things that would destroy us and leads us toward him, enabling us to experience the eternal life that we receive from him. We are able to live out God's law, we are able to love genuinely to the extent that we accept God's grace into our lives. When we do so, we learn to give of ourselves, and the more we do so, the more we experience God's infinite joy in our hearts.

The Old Testament law was a preparation for the fullness of Christ's presence in our lives. In the Second Reading for this Sunday, taken from the Letter to the Colossians, we see a beautiful description of Christ, who is God Himself. The goal of human life is to center our whole existence on Christ. When we do so, we can love fully, as Jesus instructs us through the parable.

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

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- 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

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 with any availability or questions. **And thank you!**

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!

ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

You are again invited to take a drive through the upper parking lot. Notice how fantastic the area that was cut and cleared during the previous work party looks. Only about 1/3 of the lot was completed on that day, though.

On **Saturday morning, July 26**, there'll be another opportunity to help with this project. **We need trucks and trailers and plenty of people to help load the debris on the trucks/trailers.** Any help (all morning or even just an hour) will be greatly appreciated. *Cost of hauling the material to Pacific Topsoil will be reimbursed.* A light lunch will be provided. Please contact Anneliese (425-770-2103) if you have questions.

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 Brigette Blair at 425.483.9400 ext. 2645 or bridgetteb@saintbrendan.org.



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.

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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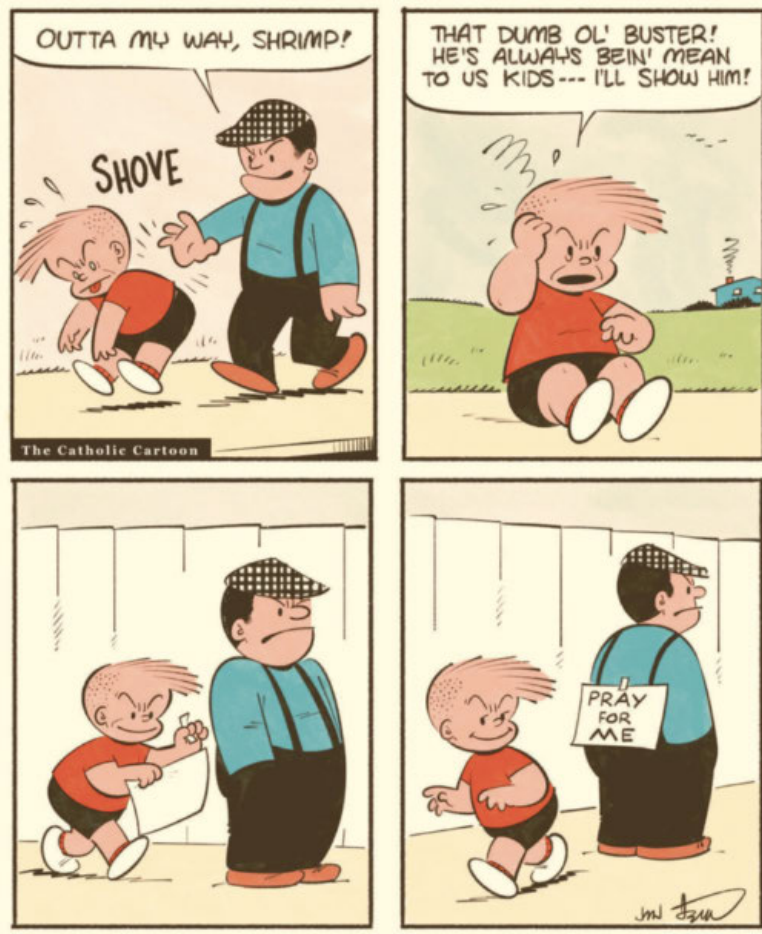
Lord, let me know when it is wise to help.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Which Old Testament prophet foretold the Virgin Mary and her conception of Jesus?
Answer: The Prophet Isaiah.

ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES & CALENDAR

All Family Mass & Play Date - July 20th, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Parish & School Picnic - August 24th, 2025 following 10:00 AM Mass
Preschool-Kindergarten Orientation - August 28th, 2025
Back to School Meet and Greet Fair - August 28th, 2025
First Day of School - September 3rd, 2025
Curriculum Night (1st-5th) - September 10th, 2025
Curriculum Night (6th-8th) - September 11th, 2025
Picture Day - September 16th, 2025
Golf Tournament - September 20th, 2025



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MISSION

Ask your parents if your family could give money to help the missions in another country.

ONLINE PARISHIONER STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES & 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 some-what 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 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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