

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 20, 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: Mary Magdalene at the Feet of Jesus, 1886-1904

Artist: James Tissot | **Source:** brooklynmuseum.org

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 23 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Church Nursery.
- **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. BRENDAN** - SEP 16 • See below • **Registration this weekend.**
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LUAU** - Sunday, AUG 10 • 5PM • Bothell Rental Hall • Page 6.
- **PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC** - Sunday, AUG. 24.
- **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 through FEBRUARY 17,**



2026, 7PM to 9PM, at St. Brendan Parish. Registration will be after Mass on the weekends of JULY 19-20 and AUGUST 16-17. The fee is \$45. We hope you can join us! For more information, please check out the poster in the St. Brendan Narthex for details or contact johnhurleyd@gmail.com.



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.

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You are loved with an everlasting Love!*

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

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/>

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 2025

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. —Psalm 15

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a • Ps 15:2-5 (1a) • Col 1:24-28 • Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18 • Ex 15:1bc-6 • Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 • Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 • Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 • Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 • Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b • Dn 3:52-56 • Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15 • Ps 126:1bc-6 • Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8 • Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 • Mt 13:24-30

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 • Sean Gallacher • Jonathan Hoang • Luca Martino • Greg Munter • Anh Phan • Jeni Rush • 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.

Marie Bapst • Mark Delgado • Helen Geiger • Paul Kumala • John McGoorty • William Ojendyk • Guadalupe Perez • Melquiades Perez • Maritza Rosario • Kyle Sahagun

IT IS **CHRIST** IN YOU, THE HOPE FOR GLORY.

IT IS **HE** WHOM WE PROCLAIM.—COL 1:27-28



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 20

STB

8:00AM +Liesl Al-Haddad

10:00AM +Luz Garduno Legoretta

12:00PM +Delia Rodriguez Navarro

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, July 21

STB - NO MASS

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, July 22

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM OPEN

Wednesday, July 23

STB - 8:30AM Fernanda Silva

STOC - 9:00AM Cahill Family

Thursday, July 24

STB - 8:30AM Scott & Bibian Fisher

STOC - 9:00AM Richard Ferry

Friday, July 25

STB - 8:30AM +Alan Jesus Gutierrez Torres

STOC - 9:00AM +Erik Karl Berg, Jr.

Saturday, July 26

STB

8:30AM Sister Christopher

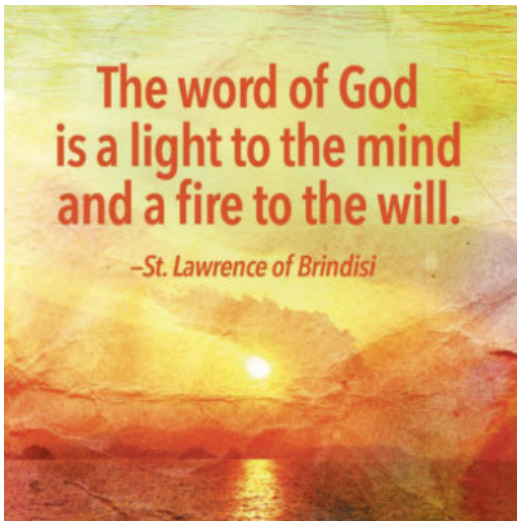
5:00PM +Armando Medina Zaldivar

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.



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 • 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 • MaryKate White Benshoof • Melissa White Harrow

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)

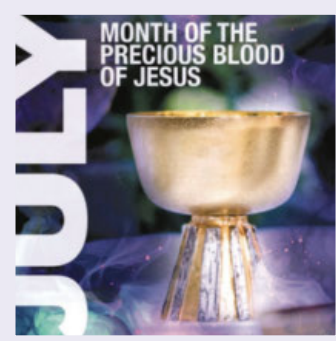
Segundo sábado del mes:

- 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)

- July Family of the Month: **Efren & Ava Chavez**
- July Knight of the Month: **William Ojendyk**.
- It's Maui time! The annual Hawaiian Luau dinner to raise money for scholarships is **Sunday August 10, 5PM at the Bothell Rental Hall**. Come on down to the hall for a delicious Hawaiian meal prepared by former Grand Knight Bobby Buendia. There will be live music by former Grand Knight Greg Lum. Tickets to the event will be available soon.
- 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



13TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



REGISTER ONLINE

The Golf Club at Redmond Ridge

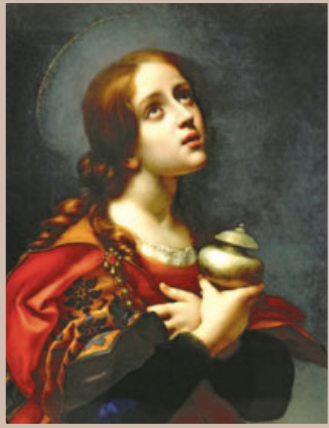
SATURDAY
20th SEPTEMBER, 2025
8:00 AM

TICKET	VIP TICKET
\$165	\$215

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.



Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

SOURCE: CATHOLIC.ORG

FEAST DAY July 22

PATRON SAINT Converts • Repentant Sinners • Pharmacists • Women

PRAYER FOR FOCUS

LORD help me to remember what matters most and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with YOUR heaven as your guide. 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

THE FRUIT OF PATIENT FAITH

By Zoltan Abraham

In the First Reading for this Sunday, we see God Himself visit Abraham. His choice to come in the form of three men points toward the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the deepest mystery of our faith, the doctrine that God is wholly one, and yet has three distinct persons. God assuming the shape of three men for visiting Abraham also points toward the mystery of the Incarnation, foreshadowing that God would take on human nature and become one of us, which we see fulfilled in the coming of Christ among us.

Many years before this visit, God had promised Abraham that he would have a son with his wife Sarah and that he would have innumerable descendants. But Sarah had proved to be barren and in time she grew too old to have children. Despite everything, however, Abraham continued to trust. God now tells him that the promise is about to be fulfilled. Within a year, his son Isaac is born. Abraham indeed becomes the father of many nations and he is the spiritual forefather of Christians.

The long delay tests the faith of Sarah and of Abraham. In our own lives too, we often experience long delays before our prayers are answered. Do we trust that God will do what is best for us? Do we submit to his Providence? Do we keep praying like St. Monica, who spent almost two decades praying for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine?

Sarah's anguish was especially great. In the context of ancient Mediterranean culture, a woman's worth was determined by her ability to have children. Being barren was seen as a curse. But in the end, God's promise was fulfilled miraculously. We often do not see how God could possibly make a situation right. But we must trust that God's power is greater than any obstacles we encounter in the world. His answer may not come in the way we expect it, but if we are open to his grace in our lives, we will receive his abundant blessings.

Sarah not only ends up having a son, Isaac, but she also becomes the first in a line of women in the Bible who conceive after a time of barrenness. Rebekah, the wife of Isaac; Rachel, the wife of Jacob; Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel; Samson's mother, who is unnamed in the text; the Shunammite woman, who welcomed the Prophet Elisha; and Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist - they all struggled with barrenness before they were able to conceive miraculously. The stories of these seven women anticipate and point toward the coming of Christ, whom the Virgin Mary conceived miraculously through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, we see two other women, Martha and Mary, who were friends of Jesus. It was their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus raised, as narrated in the Gospel of John. The story of Martha and Mary is usually understood as comparing the active life to the contemplative state. On the one hand, we need work. Needless to say, things have to get done

both in society and in the Church. At the same time, there is nothing greater in life than to be in the presence of God through prayer.

In today's busy culture, filled with nonstop activity, it is especially important that we make time for regular prayer, when we consciously open our hearts and minds to the presence of God. In doing so, we will realize that all the business of life is good only to the extent that it helps us to seek God. Moreover, the more we pray, the more our whole being will be opened to God even when we are not actively engaged in prayer, thereby allowing God's grace to permeate our lives more fully.

The story of Martha and Mary has another dimension as well. In the Gospel passage, Jesus cuts through several conventions about women held by his culture. One is that Mary is present while he is eating. In the culture of his time, men ate separately and women were not present, except to serve food or to provide entertainment. Furthermore, women had to be chaperoned while in the company of a male who was not a relative. But Mary is unchaperoned in the presence of Jesus. Lastly, Mary sits at the feet of Jesus in the position of a disciple.

In the ancient world, most women belonged to a household presided over by a male and the religion of the household was determined by the male head of the family. Women generally could not choose their own religion, but in the Gospel passage we see that Mary herself chooses to follow Jesus. She does not merely do so because the head of her household decided to follow him. The passage shows that all of us, men and women alike, are called to discipleship. While that may not be a controversial idea today, it was very much a challenge to social norms at the time.

In today's culture, we are facing a different pressure - the pressure to succumb to a secular ideology that seeks to displace religion in our lives. In response, let us look to Mary from this Sunday's Gospel passage. Let us pray to have her courage to dedicate ourselves to Christ and to choose to be disciples even when the world around us thinks and acts differently.

In the Second Reading for this Sunday, the Apostle Paul speaks about his calling to proclaim the Gospel to all, to bring all people to Christ. We are not all called to priestly ministry or to be evangelists. But we are all called to proclaim the Gospel with our lives. Every aspect of our lives should speak of Christ. Everything about us should speak of the radiant love of Christ for each member of the human race. The most powerful witness we can give is to be true disciples, to orient our lives entirely on Christ, who is God Incarnate.

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

PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

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- STOC - Joe Bussman | bussman5@msn.com

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St. Vincent de Paul

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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 brigetteb@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

YOUTH CORNER

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters. And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide. Amen.


CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: Apart from the Resurrection, what is the only miracle mentioned by all four Gospels?

Answer: The miracle of the loaves and fishes.

ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES & CALENDAR

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




PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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village	Mary	serving	anxious	better

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MISSION

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.



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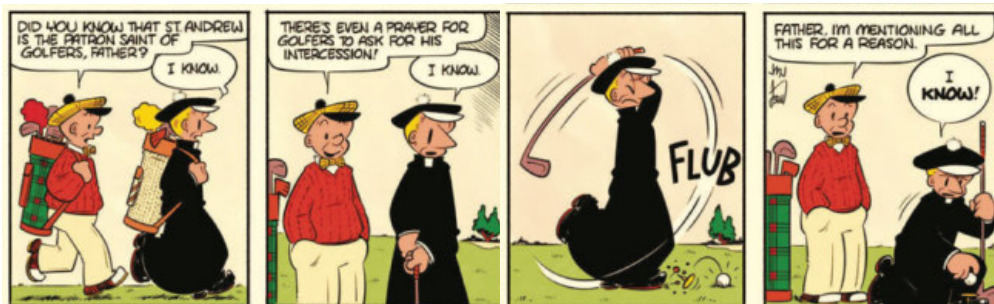
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We propose the tithe (10%) as the ideal every family can consider working towards. This means taking steps to give 5% to one's parish and 5% to other charities, or causes you have personal passion for.

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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