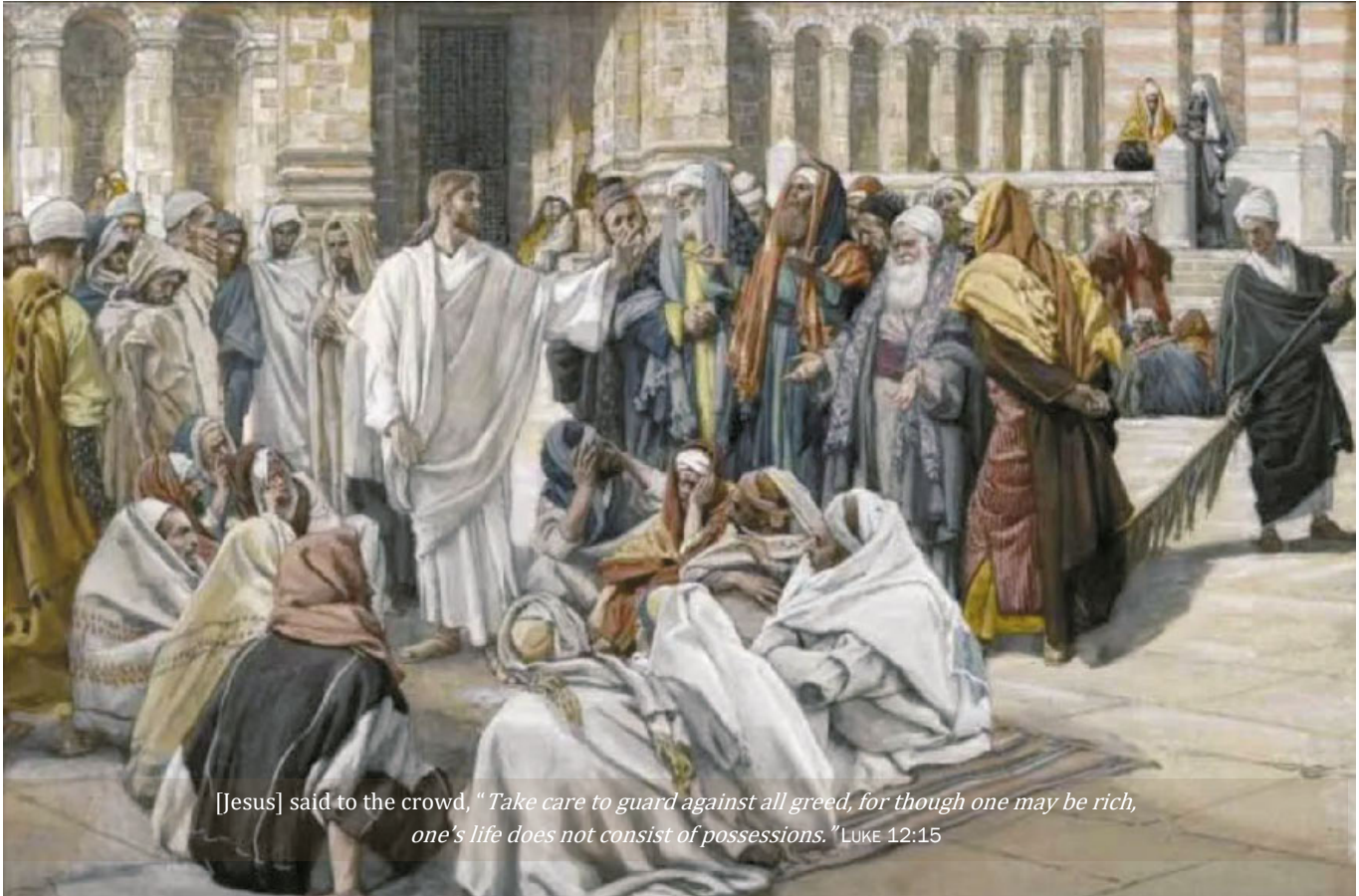


WELCOME TO SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3, 2025



[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." LUKE 12:15

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 to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY 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 14).

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.

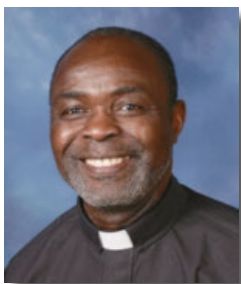
"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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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 Pharisees Question Jesus (Les pharisiens questionnent Jésus)*, 1886-1894

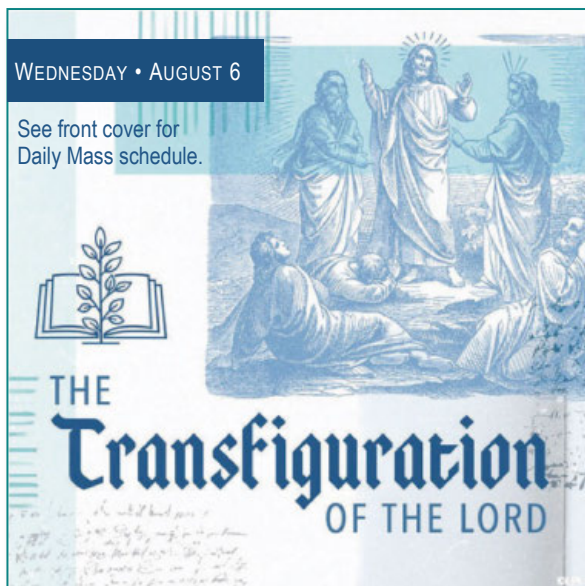
Artist: James Tissot | **Source:** [Brooklyn Museum](http://BrooklynMuseum.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. BRENDAN** - SEP 16 • See below • Next registration is on AUG 16-17.
- **2ND ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE** - Supports Life Haven Pregnancy Support - weekend of AUG 1-3 • Bothell Rental Hall • www.lifehavenWA.org.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, AUG 6 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **DONATION DRIVE** - Sunday, AUG 10 • 8:30AM • SVdP • See page 6 for full details.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LUAU** - Sunday, AUG 10 • 5PM • Bothell Rental Hall • Page 6.
- **PARISH & SCHOOL PICNICS**
 - o St. Brendan - Sunday, AUG. 24 • After the 10AM Mass
 - o St. Teresa of Calcutta - Sunday, SEP 7 • After the 11AM Mass
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER AUCTION** - SEP 14.

WEDNESDAY • AUGUST 6

See front cover for Daily Mass schedule.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY - AUGUST 15TH (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MASS TIMES

St. Brendan

- Español - Vigil - Jueves, 14 de Agosto - 7PM.
- English - Friday, August 15 - 9AM & 7PM.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

- English - Friday, August 15 - 9AM & 7PM.

SAVE THE DATE - ASCEND: A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"There is nothing so great as the *Eucharist*.
If God has something more *precious*,
He would have give it to us." ST. JOHN VIANNEY.

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Place: Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue.

Guest Speakers: Chris Stefanick • Andy & Sarah Swafford.

Be part of something big in the Northwest.

MOMS GROUP

Guided by Mary, we aim to be a space where mothers can find connection and community with other mothers as they seek to grow in their relationship with God and deepen their faith. We meet **every other Wednesday at 9:30am in the St. Brendan nursery**. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, August 6**. All children are welcome up to 10 years of age. Please bring any toys or snacks your child may need. You can email stbmoms-group25@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

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 **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.



Happier marriages take time and work. We, Marriage Encounter, can help married couples take time and lead them in work to enjoy happier marriages. We also encourage them to be more involved in their parish. They can return to your parish as a greater sign and example for your young people and their children. Children deserve parents who love each other. Children are harmed when their parents live lives that lead to divorce.

Live better lives of love. Your spouse deserves it, also your children deserve it. Join the Marriage Encounter Weekend in Everett, WA at the Hampton Inn Nov. 14-16, 2025. Sign up at <http://www.wwme.org>. scroll down to Everett weekend and fill in your information. WELCOME to the Weekend.

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3, 2025

If today you hear HIS voice, harden not your hearts. —Psalm 90

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 • Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 • Col 3:1-5, 9-11 • Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15 • Ps 81:12-17 • Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13 • Ps 51:3-4, 5-7, 12-13 • Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 • Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 • 2 Pt 1:16-19 • Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13 • Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 • Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40 • Ps 77:12-16, 21 • Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13 • Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 • Mt 17:14-20

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 • Colleen Danforth • Howard Danforth • Joan Dedman • Fr. Jay De Folco • Rolando de los Reyes • Sean Gallacher • Jonathan Hoang • Luca Martino • Francis McMonigle • Greg Munter • Anh Phan • Rudy & Arlene Plancich • Joyce Von Feldt • 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 • Paul Kumala • David Luecke John McGoorty • Gordon McKinzie • William Ojendyk • Guadalupe Perez • Maritza Rosario • Kyle Sahagun

IF YOU WERE RAISED WITH **CHRIST**,
SEEK WHAT IS ABOVE, WHERE **CHRIST**
IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT OF **GOD**.—COL 3:1



O Sacrament Most Holy
O Sacrament Divine
All Praise and
All Thanksgiving
Be Every Moment Thine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 3

STB
8:00AM + Jack McGoorty
10:00AM For Saint Brendan Parish
12:00PM +Aura Galvez de Paredes

STOC
9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish
11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, August 4

STB - Fr. Ed White
STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 5

STB - NO MASS
STOC - 9:00AM Cahill Family

Wednesday, August 6

STB - 8:30AM Fr. Robert Marczewski
STOC - 9:00AM +Robert Davis

Thursday, August 7

STB - 8:30AM Paula Stevenson
STOC - 9:00AM +Richard Law

Friday, August 8

STB - 8:30AM Guadalupe Silva
STOC - 9:00AM +Dr. Ron Moy

Saturday, August 9

STB
8:30AM +Lilia Villalba de Sandoval
5:00PM +Wilfred Mascarenhas
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.

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 • Robbi Ann Gray (Buendia) • 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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE—Sixth Month -*"I'm sitting up straight now."* During this amazing sixth month, our pre-born babies will increase in weight up to about 2 pounds and grow to 14 inches. Oil glands and sweat glands are functioning: these help regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects their delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as the baby twists and turns. This waxy substance will be absorbed into the skin after birth. The baby develops a firm handgrip during the fifth and sixth month of life, even more powerful than after birth. Our spiritually adopted babies can now respond to sound. The baby's lungs are fairly well developed and would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

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)



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.

St. Brendan and St. Teresa

PARISH & SCHOOL (back-to-school)

PICNIC!!

Sunday • August 24 • After the 10AM Mass

- Join us for Faith, Food, & Fun!
- Salads / Desserts (bring your fave to share)
- Relay Race and Other Games

- Reconnect with friends...
- Meet new ones
- Tents and seats available (Chairs and blankets are welcome.)

See You All in the Parish/School Field!!

"For where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."

—Matthew 18:20

ST. TERESA

PARISH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 7

AFTER THE 11AM MASS

SEAHAWKS GAME WILL BE ON!

FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES, TALENT SHOW AND MORE!


VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT!

RSVP & SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER USING THE QR CODE BELOW

PARISH NEWS

FOR THE GLORY OF
ST. TERESA!

1ST ANNUAL EASTSIDE DEANERY
YOUTH MINISTRY OLYMPICS




Saturday August 16th
5-9pm (includes Mass)
St. Monica Church - Mercer Island
6th to 12th graders welcome

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

THANK YOU to all who worked so hard over the past several weeks to clean up and haul away all the leaves, brushes, and debris in the upper parking lot. The area looks AMAZING!

As always, we are very *grateful* to our crew of volunteers who care to keep the grounds around St. Brendan Church looking beautiful.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the work of our volunteers, who tend to the beauty and order of our surroundings. We ask for your blessing upon them. Protect them from harm and bless their labor, that their hard work may be a source of joy and peace for all who visit or use these grounds. Amen



BUNDLE SUNDAY

STUFF THE TRUCK

Donation Drive at St. Teresa of Calcutta
for St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County


Donating to St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County is easy and convenient, right here at **St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish!**

SAVE THE DATE:

Location: 17856 Woodinville Duvall Rd, Woodinville, WA 98077
Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025
Time: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Contact Person: Matt Schultz
Contact Number: (425) 766-4494

Your donations will be collected and sold at one of our SVdP Thrift Stores, providing financial support for our various programs dedicated to helping neighbors gain stability and self-sufficiency!

To view a list of items that we accept and **DO NOT**, please visit:
<https://svdpseattle.org/thriftstore>



Donate Today, Visit:
svdpseattle.org/donatetous

St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County thanks you for your generous financial support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (Council 6686)



- August Knight of the Month: Tom Gray
- August Family of the Month: Terry & Bonnie Losh.
- The next Business Meeting is **Thursday, August 7, at 7PM at the Bothell Rental Hall.**

Please join us at 6:30 PM to pray a rosary for your special intentions prior to the meeting.

- **The Annual Hawaiian Luau dinner to raise money for scholarships** is **Sunday, August 10, at 5 PM at the Bothell Rental Hall.** Give yourself a break from cooking and join us for a delicious Hawaiian meal prepared by former Grand Knight Bobby Buendia. Live music will be provided by former Grand Knight Greg Lum. **Tickets are on sale in the St. Brendan Narthex, after all weekend Masses.**
- The next Blood Drive at the Bothell Rental Hall takes place on **Wednesday, August 13.** The need for blood doesn't take a vacation. Make a donation before you take yours and help to make sure lifesaving blood is available for the patients who need it. Sign up at: bloodworksnw.org/donate
- 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

VIRGIN & MARTYR



A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wrocław, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology—an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us!

FEAST DAY: August 9

PATRON SAINT OF: Converts to Christianity • Europe

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- [Inside Exorcisms: How Demons Attack & How to Win with Dave Van Vickle](#)
- [The #1 Mistake Catholic Parents Make with Kids—And What to Do Instead](#)
- [Pray Like Jesus: A Step-by-Step Guide](#) [+](#)

LIVING PEACE SERIES (REALLY GOOD SO FAR!!)

- [The Secret to Unshakable Peace, Drop your Backup Plan & the Craziest Thing Jesus told His Disciples](#)
- [Your Peace Is Getting Hijacked: Here's the Fix.](#)
- [Why Hurry Is Stealing Your Peace—And How to Take It Back](#)
- [The Prayer That Will Stop Your Worry From Running Your Life](#)

Have you ever noticed how worry can take up residence in your mind, setting up camp as commander-in-chief? In Week 4 of Living Peace, we unpack exactly how worry infiltrates your thoughts and equip you with the tools to flush it out. The good news? You don't have to live in a state of constant worry. When your biggest fears seize your attention, joy and focus are the first casualties, but prayer offers a frontline strategy to reclaim your mind. In this episode, we dive into the kind of prayer that doesn't just scratch the surface, but actually roots out anxiety at its core.

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BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

- [Lord, Teach Us to Pray - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon](#)
- [Are You Anxious and Worried About Many Things?](#)
- [The Natural Law](#)

Ascension Presents

- [Is It Normal to Feel Lonely? Fr. Mike on Loneliness](#)
- [Fr. Mike's Tips for Praying as a Busy Person](#)
- [The 500-Year Old Rosary Secret You've Never Heard of \(Confraternity of the Rosary Explained\)](#)
- [Fr. Mike Says You Should Judge People \(Kind Of\)](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["Teach Us to Pray" | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time \(Fr. Mike's Homily\)](#)
- ["The Reason Why" | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Doing" | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

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

WHAT WE CAN TAKE WITH US

By Zoltan Abraham

In my office I display an assortment of snow globes from various parts of the world and there is a story behind the collection. In college, I became the godparent for a classmate who joined the Catholic Church. Later, she became a family friend. When she traveled, she would send us postcards. When I traveled to new locations, I would get her a snow globe in turn. But four years ago, she died as a result of an unsuccessful heart surgery. In her will, she left me the snow globes, so now the gifts I had found during my travels are back in my possession.

Nor is this the only time that things I had given to others came back to me because of their passing. Gifts for my Dad, Mom, and my Aunt Gizi (a holy water bottle from Lourdes, a decorative Virgin Mary plate from Medjugorje, and an icon of a Hungarian saint) had all come back to me after their deaths. All of these objects remind me of the stark reality highlighted by the title of an American play - You Can't Take It With You.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday discusses how we will lose all of our possessions from one moment to the next when we die. The time will come when we must leave everything we own behind. People will sometimes choose to be buried with precious objects or memorabilia, but these too will simply corrode and decay in the earth. They will not accompany us to the great beyond.

On the one hand, possessions can help us in life. They can also be helpful gifts to leave to our heirs or to charitable institutions. But everything we own today will one day be destroyed. The homes we have labored to purchase and maintain will one day fall apart. The cars we were delighted to drive will one day be junk. Our electronics will become obsolete. Our beautiful dishes will break to pieces. Nothing will remain of the objects we cherish.

True, some incredible architectural achievements of humanity have survived for centuries and even millennia. But these too will be destroyed one day. Even the land on which they stand will in time disappear as the earth changes.

Perhaps this reflection seems a bit depressing. But all generations of humanity have grappled with such thoughts. Some have sought solace in hedonism, trying to extract as much pleasure as they can from this world before the curtain falls. Others have tried enjoying the beauty of each moment of life, to the extent possible, without thinking ahead.

But Christianity offers a very different answer. Christianity offers Christ, who is God himself, God Incarnate, who came among us to lift us out of our sinful brokenness and to invite us into an eternal life of endless, boundless peace, joy, and fulfillment. Yes, the things of our material world will fall away. We will lose all of our possessions. But instead, an eternal life of infinite love awaits us if we embrace Christ.

The goal of life is not to accumulate and possess things but to accept Christ's love and to love him with our whole heart in return. Owning things is not wrong in and of itself. The problem is when our love of things draws us away from Christ. We should see our possessions not as ends in themselves, as things that can make us happy, but as

tools that help us live in this world and gifts that we can give to others to help them. We should live our lives with a sense of spiritual detachment from the things that we own and from all of the material world so that we can truly free our souls to be united with Christ. When we are genuinely imbued with the love of Christ, all other things fall into place as well. We will then love others and all created things with a healthy, well-ordered love.



In the Second Reading, taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, we see the Apostle continue his reflection on the centrality of Christ. He highlights a number of factors that can bind us and hold us back from his grace. In addition to idolatrous greed, he lists immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and lying. Immorality and impurity constitute a form of idolatry, seeking physical pleasure in a way that contradicts God's design and mars our humanity. Passion, like possessions, is not evil in and of itself, but when we are ruled by our passions, we prevent God's love from directing our actions. Needless to say, evil desire sets us at odds with God, who is infinite goodness and who desires the good of all of his creation. Lying too puts a wedge between us and God, since God is the ultimate truth. Interestingly, as St. Paul presents his list, he does not indicate that one factor is worse or more serious than the others. His list suggests that all these are equally dangerous for our spiritual well-being.

As discussed, our spiritual health requires that we detach ourselves from our earthly possessions, since we cannot take them with us when we die. But there is much from this life that we can and will take with us. When our body dies, our soul will live on in the afterlife and will in time reunite with our physical body in the resurrection. The state our soul is in when we transition to the world beyond is what we will take with us. If we have filled our soul with hatred, with evil, then we will have an existence bound by evil in the next life. But if we have allowed Christ to fill our soul with his love then when we die, we will live eternally in his love. The choice is ours. Let us, therefore, focus on the only good thing we can take with us into eternity - Christ's love dwelling in our soul, helping us to love all others.

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

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YOUTH CORNER

Dear God, help me to remember what is really important to You. Amen.

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Question: How many sacraments does the Roman Catholic Church have?
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St. Luke 12:13-21

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