

WELCOME TO SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 10, 2025



Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

—Lk 12:35-38

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 Waiting Servants*

Artist: Eugene Burnand, 1850-1921 | **Source:** [Cast Your Net](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY— AUG 15** • Mass Schedule >>>
- **BIBLE STUDY AT ST. BRENDAN** - SEP 16 • See below • Next registration is on AUG 16-17.
- **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.

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.



Are you unhappy in your marriage? It doesn't have to be that way! Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Whether you need a refresh or a rescue, we can help. Our next program starts **September 19-21, 2025**. To learn more, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.marriagehelpnw.com.

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.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2025

Be part of something big in the Northwest.

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.wvme.org>. scroll down to Everett weekend and fill in your information. WELCOME to the Weekend.

**I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA,
THE FIRST AND THE LAST,
THE BEGINNING AND THE END**
—REVELATION 22:13

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 2025

FAITH IS THE REALIZATION OF WHAT IS HOPED FOR AND EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN.
(HEB 11:1)

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9 • Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22 (12b) • Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 • Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22 • Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 • Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8 • Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12 • Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12 • Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17 • Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 • Ps 114:1-6 • Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 • Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 • 1 Cor 15:54b-57 • Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab • Ps 45:10-12, 16 • 1 Cor 15:20-27 • Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29 • Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 • Mt 19:13-15

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 • Wayne Kaske • Amy Kasprzyk • Francis McMonigle • Greg Munter • 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 • Claude Gagnon • Alan Jesus Gutierrez • David Luecke John McGoorty • Gordon McKinzie • William Ojendyk • Guadalupe Carez • Maritza Rosario • Kyle Sahagun • Diego Valenzuela

BLESSED THE PEOPLE THE LORD

HAS CHOSE TO BE HIS OWN.—PS 33



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 10

STB

8:00AM + Mr. Hillary Mendoza

10:00AM + Nathaniel Mangalindans

12:00PM For Saint Brendan Parish

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, August 11

STB - Dianne Lee Agpalo

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, August 12

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Ethel Sims

Wednesday, August 13

STB - 8:30AM Rolando de los Reyes

STOC - 9:00AM Cahill Family

Thursday, August 14

STB - 8:30AM Giovanni Silva

- 7:00PM For Saint Brendan Parish

STOC - 9:00AM + Diego Valenzuela

Friday, August 15

STB - 9:00AM + Estrellita Merza

- 7:00PM + Souls in Purgatory

STOC - 9:00AM Marie Elmenhurst

- 7:00PM + Erin Lyons

Saturday, August 16

STB

8:30AM + Diego Valenzuela

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.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS, TEENS, & CHILDREN

The Faith Formation Programs for Adults, Teens and Children are starting up again in mid-September. **The Disciples Club Program** is for all children in Grades 1st - 5th. The **Confirmation and OCIC Programs** are for teens and young adults ages 13 through 17 years old. **The OCIA Program** is for adults 18 and older, who wish to become Catholic and Catholic adults seeking Sacraments. **Registrations for all programs will begin this week.** Watch the registration forms and posters in the church and in the coming weekly bulletins. *Let's all work together to have great participation in these important education programs.*



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 • Alexis Fuller • 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 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

PARISH PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 7

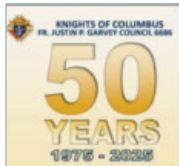
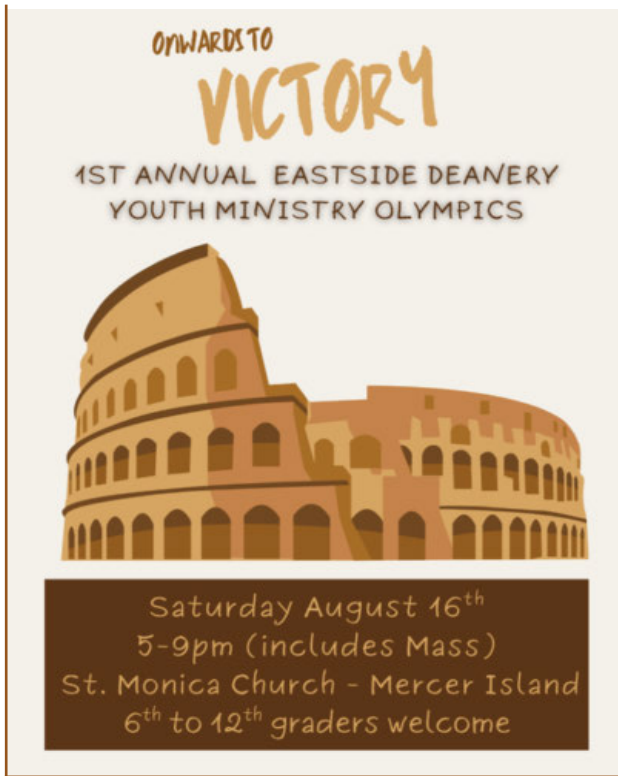
AFTER THE 11AM MASS

SEA HAWKS GAME WILL BE ON!

FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES, TALENT SHOW AND MORE!

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT!

RSVP & SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER USING THE QR CODE BELOW



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (Council 6686)

- August Knight of the Month: Tom Gray
- August Family of the Month: Terry & Bonnie

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- 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: bloodworksnnw.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.

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!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Stephen of Hungary



Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross.

The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

To thee, O Queen of heaven, and to thy guardianship, I commend the holy Church, all the bishops and the clergy, the whole kingdom, its rulers and inhabitants; but before all, I commend my soul to thy care.
~Deathbed prayer of St. Stephen.

St. Stephen of Hungary, pray for us!

FEAST DAY: August 16 | Celebrated on August 20 in Hungary.

PATRON SAINT OF: Bricklayers • Hungary • Kings • Mason • Parents who have lost a child.

IMAGE - St. Stephen offers his crown to the Virgin Mary (Artist: Gyula Benczur, 1901)

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- [Why You Can't Say 'No': How to Stop Burnout with Boundaries | Dr Peter Malinoski](#)
- [How to Let Go of Guilt After Losing a Parent](#)
- [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](#)

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 Worry From Running Your Life](#)
- [Why You're Stuck, And How Forgiveness Sets You Free](#)

Welcome to Week 5 of our Living Peace series. We're still on this wild ride toward deep inner peace, and today we hit the real challenge: radical forgiveness. You have to take this step of discipleship to live in the peace of Jesus. It's so hard that most people won't even take the leap, which is why true peace remains so rare. We've come to see resentment as virtuous, even for wrongs done centuries ago, but Jesus calls us to starve resentment, uproot bitterness, and let the peace He died to give flood our hearts.

FORMED

- [The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey - Formed](#)
- [Work | What Catholics Believe - Formed](#)
- [The Way of St. James - Formed](#)
- [Saint John Vianney | Catholic Saints - Formed](#)

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

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

Ascension Presents

- [Fr. Mike's Top 10 Moments](#)
- [Is It Normal to Feel Lonely? Fr. Mike on Loneliness](#)
- [Fr. Mike's Tips for Praying as a Busy Person](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["Memento Mori" | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Teach Us to Pray" | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["The Reason Why" | 16th 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

GROWING IN FAITH

THE ONE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO IN LIFE

By Zoltan Abraham

The Old Testament period was a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. The Catholic Church has always interpreted the text of the Old Testament as pointing toward Christ. The events of the Old Testament foreshadow various events from the New Testament and prefigure the teachings revealed by Christ.

The First Reading for this Sunday, taken from the Book of Wisdom, reflects on the Passover, through which the Israelites were freed from Egypt, where they had been slaves for generations. The night of the Passover, the Angel of Death flew over the land of Egypt and struck down the firstborn male in every household. The Israelites were to sacrifice a lamb and smear its blood on their doorframes, which was a signal for the angel to pass over the household and not to strike down the firstborn male. When Pharaoh saw the devastation in his domain, he decided to let the Israelites go. The captives fled, but Pharaoh decided to pursue them after all. With God's grace, Moses was able to open up the Red Sea, allowing the Israelites to walk dry-shod to the other side, but then the waters closed again when Pharaoh's army continued the pursuit, destroying them completely.

The liberation of the Israelites, known as the Exodus, prefigures the salvation of humanity by Christ. The sacrifice of the lambs offered for the Israelites foreshadows Christ, the Lamb of God, offering himself up in sacrifice on the Cross for the salvation of humanity. Israel was liberated from earthly captivity in the Exodus. Humanity is freed from the bondage of sin by Christ. To reinforce the connection, in his Gospel, St. Luke even uses the word "Exodus" to refer to the events of the crucifixion.

Another Old Testament event, referenced in the Second Reading, also pointed toward the crucifixion. God tested Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham proved his obedience and God stopped him in the last second, sparing Isaac's life. Unlike the false gods of other nearby religions, God did not require human sacrifice. He would not demand such a thing from us. However, God the Father showed the depth of his love for us by being willing to sacrifice his only Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation.

The promise of the land, the Promised Land, moreover, prefigured Heaven, the New Jerusalem, where all the faithful will live in eternal blessedness with Christ. In the Old Testament, the Israelites were given a land to possess. With the coming of Christ, the focus is no longer on physical land but on Heaven itself. The Promised Land of the Old Testament pointed toward the new Promised Land, the heavenly eternal home of all the faithful, which we see described beautifully in the Book of Revelations.

But the question raised by the parable in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday is whether or not we are using our time in life to prepare for Heaven. We do not know when the Master will return. That is to say, we do not know when we will meet God face to face. We might have many more years to live. Or we might leave this life today or tomorrow. The key is to be ready, no matter the day or the hour.

We might sometimes be inclined to be depressed by how little we have achieved in life. Perhaps we wanted more education. Or a paid off home or a nicer house. Or maybe we wish we had traveled more or had founded companies. Perhaps we regret not finishing art projects or writing that book we knew we had in us.

If any such thoughts intrude, we can dismiss them with a single counter-argument. The only thing that really matters in life is our relationship with Christ. If we do nothing else in life but accept Christ's love into our hearts, that is enough. By doing so, we have fulfilled the purpose of life. When Christ's love is in our hearts, we love all others and all things with a healthy love and we are prepared for what lies beyond, the realm of the blessed in the New Jerusalem.

Conversely, we might feel proud of how much we have achieved. Education, possessions, experiences, art, writings, a legacy for others - all these things can be good, but they are meaningless if we do not have the love of Christ in our hearts when we die. Over two decades ago, I worked at St. James Cathedral in Seattle as sacristan. I assisted at many funerals. Some were for the movers and shakers of the city. Others were for the poor. They had led very different lives and had very different achievements. But they all ended up in the same place in this world - in the grave.

The question is not how much was on their resumes, in their bank accounts, or in their private collections when they died. The question is how much love they had in their hearts when they moved from this life to the next. That is the key question. And that is the question we need to ask ourselves. How much of the love of Christ would we have in our hearts if we died right now?

Of course, we should also consider that the love of Christ is not a mere feeling. We receive the love of Christ through the Sacraments and prayer life of the Church and we maintain the love of Christ in our hearts by being faithful and obedient to all that he enjoined upon us, which is interpreted by the Church he founded. Love is not just a feeling. Love is a choice, an action, a way of life.

The parable in the Gospel Reading also shows us how Christ responds to our love. When the Master returns, he waits upon the faithful servants, tending to their needs. If we reach Heaven, all of our needs will be fulfilled. We will no longer experience hunger, suffering, sorrow, illness, aging, or death. We will be granted eternal joy, peace, and fulfillment. We will be imbued with infinite, eternal love.

Christ offers us his love and our mission in life is to accept it and to reciprocate it. He then gives even more love in return, which leads us to love all the more, which in turn helps us to receive all the more love from Christ. This powerful, inexhaustible love dynamic will continue for all eternity, if we accept Christ's offer of love. Let us, therefore, use the time we still have in this life to say yes to Christ.

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

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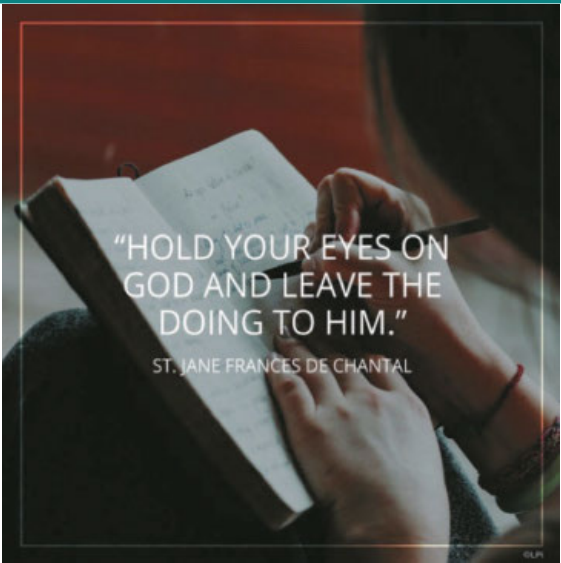
Dear God, help me to
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Answer: Parables.

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Parish & School Picnic - August 24th, 2025 following 10:00 AM Mass
Preschool-Kindergarten Orientation - August 28th, 2025
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