

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 24, 2025

JESUS passed through towns and villages, teaching as HE went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "LORD, will only a few people be saved?" HE answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."  
—LK 13:22-24



## 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.

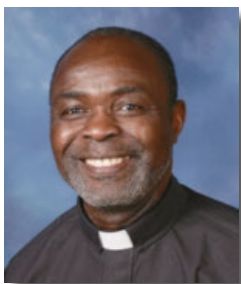
*"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA*

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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](mailto:admin@saintteresa.org).

### To submit a bulletin announcement:

- Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.
- St. Brendan > [bulletin@saintbrendan.org](mailto:bulletin@saintbrendan.org)
- St. Teresa > [admin@saintteresa.org](mailto:admin@saintteresa.org)

### To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

- St. Brendan > [receptionist@saintbrendan.org](mailto:receptionist@saintbrendan.org)
- St. Teresa > [admin@saintteresa.org](mailto:admin@saintteresa.org)

## COVER ART

**Title:** *He Went Through the Villages on the Way to Jerusalem.*

**Artist:** James Tissot, 1832-1883 | **Source:** [Brooklyn Museum](http://BrooklynMuseum.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PARISH PICNIC** - St. Teresa of Calcutta - Sunday, SEP 7 • After the 11AM Mass.
- **APOLOGETICS MINISTRY** - Sunday, AUG 31 • 4PM • St. Brendan Narthex.
- **WOMEN'S GROUP** - Thursday, SEP. 11 • 6:30PM • St. Brendan Narthex.
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL 13TH ANNUAL GOLF CHARITY TOURNAMENT** - Saturday, SEP 20 • 8AM • See page 6.
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** - Youth Group (below) • SOS Lead Cook and Collection Counter (Page 9)

### YOUTH GROUP



Volunteers are needed for our youth groups this year! If you at least like teens and love Jesus, please reach out to Andrew Duncan at [andrew@saintteresa.org](mailto:andrew@saintteresa.org) for more information.

*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

### WOMEN'S GROUP



We hope you're all having a wonderful summer! We are excited to resume our Women's Group potluck gatherings and would love for you to join us on **Thursday, September 11th at 6:30PM**, in the **St. Brendan Narthex** for an evening of faith-filled and fun fellowship. Our special guest speaker is **Rev. Okwuosa Zikodi**, who is visiting from **Nigeria**. We will also be collecting donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society giving back the many blessings we have received. For dinner, please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Questions? Contact Cathy Galvan at [cagalvan@comcast.net](mailto:cagalvan@comcast.net). We can't wait to see you soon.



# PRAYER AND READINGS

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 2025

GO OUT TO THE WORLD AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS. (PS 117)

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21 • Ps 117:1, 2 • Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 • Lk 13:22-30

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 • Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b • Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8 • Ps 139:1-6 • Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13 • Ps 139:7-12ab • Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13 • Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 • Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429) • Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12 • Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11 • Ps 98:1, 7-9 • Mt 25:14-30

## 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 • Victor Barrientos • Colleen Danforth • Howard Danforth • Joan Dedman • Fr. Jay De Folco • Rolando de los Reyes • Tom Heestand • Wayne Kaske • Francis McMonigle • Greg Munter • 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 • Asuncion Cruz • Claude Gagnon • Alan Jesus Gutierrez • David Luecke • Gordon McKinzie • Bob Miller • Elia Nava • Rudy Plancich • Maritza Rosario • Kyle Sahagun • Diego Valenzuela

**"I KNOW THEIR WORKS AND THEIR THOUGHTS,  
AND I COME TO GATHER NATIONS OF EVERY LANGUAGE;  
THEY SHALL COME AND SEE MY GLORY."** —IS 66:18



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, August 24

STB

8:00AM For Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM + Bob Miller

12:00PM + Asuncion Cruz

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

### Monday, August 25

STB - Fr. Wichert

STOC - NO MASS

### Tuesday, August 26

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM +James Patrick Phipps

### Wednesday, August 27

STB - 8:30AM Sonja Garmanian

STOC - 9:00AM Monica Bagnall

### Thursday, August 28

STB - 8:30AM Johnathan Anderson

STOC - 9:00AM +Maria Sylvia Zapata Ainsworth

### Friday, August 29

STB - 8:30AM Fr. Kurt Nagel

STOC - 9:00AM +John Pinto

### Saturday, August 30

STB

8:30AM Colleen Danforth

5:00PM + Melquiadez Perez

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.

## 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.*

## 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 have begun.** 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.* Questions? Please contact Mark Sizemore at 425-483-9400 (ext. 2648) [childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org](mailto:childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org).

OCIA



OCIA (ESPAÑOL)



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## APOLOGETICS MINISTRY



- Have you ever wanted to know how Jimmy Akin, Trent Horn, Bishop Robert Barron, or Fr. Mike Schmitz might answer some of the hardest questions on the faith?
- How do you defend the immaculate conception, or saint intercession to a Protestant? The existence of God to an atheist? Or make a proper defense for church teachings on morality or other religions?

Come and find out the answers to these and many more! St. Brendan is continuing its apologetics ministry and will be meeting once a month on Sunday afternoons. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, August 31, at 4PM to 5:30PM in the St. Brendan narthex.** With topics on theology, religion, and morality, we will have discussions on any questions you may have, that you haven't had the chance to get answered, or address any difficulties you have had when approaching non-Catholics. *It's open to people of all ages. Join us for a enriching conversation and fellowship.*



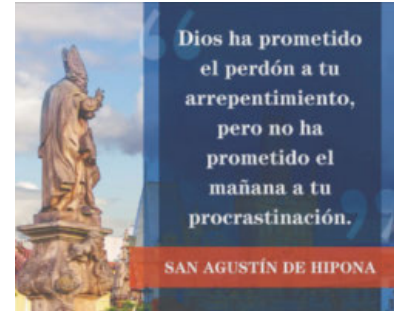
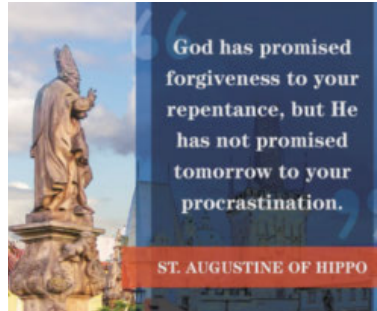


# PARISH NEWS

## PRAYER FOR HOLINESS

GOOD SHEPHERD,

Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from me anything that distracts me from YOU. YOUR love, YOUR invitation, YOUR mission. Keep me close to YOU, familiar at every step. Amen.



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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (KofC) CORNER (Council 6686)

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

- The next Planning meeting is **Thursday, August 28 at 7PM at the Bothell Rental Hall.**
- Please pray for the repose of the souls of our recently deceased members, **Bill Ojendyk** and **Charles Nolan.**
- 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.

**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
<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$215</b>

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Joseph Calasanz PRIEST



St. Joseph Calasanz lived from 1557 to 1648. He was born into a noble family at the Castle of Calasanz near Peralta de Calasanz in the Kingdom of Aragon. He received a formation in law and theology and became a secretary of the Bishop of Lérida. One day he heard in his soul a mysterious voice telling him: "Leave the land where you were born and go to Rome."

In 1592, he went to Rome and was taken under the protection of Cardinal Marcoantonio Colonna, who named him his theologian.

After a flood of the Tiber in 1598, a great number of people died or became homeless. Calasanz dedicated himself fully to works of charity to help the destitute. In 1600, he opened his first "Pious School" in the center of Rome, which offered free education for poor children. The call for Pious Schools grew, and in 1602 Calasanz laid the foundation of the Order of the Pious Schools or Piarists.

For 41 years he acted as superior with supreme patience and humility. He merited the gift of miracles and the Blessed Virgin appeared to him with the Infant Jesus to bless his Congregation. He had also the gifts of reading consciences and of prophecy.

He worked tirelessly for the propagation of his Order in his visits to other countries across Europe. Later, however, he saw his work collapse and disappear as the fruit of internal discord and external persecution. In 1643, he was expelled from the Order he had founded.

In 1646, the Order was suppressed by the Holy See and its properties and goods were transferred to the authority of the local Bishops. He suffered so much that Our Lord appeared to him to console him and tell him that his Congregation would bloom again in the future.

He died on August 25, 1648, at age 91. A century later his heart and tongue were found intact without a sign of corruption. Eight years after his death Pope Alexander VII cleared the name of the Pious Schools and restored his work.

*St. Joseph Calasanz, pray for us!*

**FEAST DAY:** August 27

**PATRON SAINT OF:** Catholic School • Schools for the poor • Students

**IMAGE:** *The Last Communion of St. Joseph Calasanz (1819) by Francisco Goya*

## EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

**CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)**

- One Million Eyewitnesses Saw the Blessed Mother in Egypt!?
- 20 Years in Prison—How His Failure Turned into a 100% Success Story
- Why You Can't Say 'No': How to Stop Burnout with Boundaries | Dr Peter Malinoski

**LIVING PEACE SERIES (REALLY GOOD SO FAR!!)**

- How to Be as Free as a Dead Man: The Path to Spiritual DETACHMENT
- 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
- Want Real Inner Peace? You Have to Fight for it!

In the final week of our Living Peace series, we are talking about the difference between the world's peace and the peace that Jesus offers us. If you have unresolved emotions, bad habits, or personal experiences holding you back from the peace that the Lord wants you to experience, this episode will start you on the path to conquering those obstacles on the journey to lasting peace. If you want real peace, first you have to go to war. In this episode, we'll explore Jesus' very specific definition of peace, and how it offers us so much more than the "ceasefire" of the world's counterfeit peace. We'll also look to examples of spiritual warriors who risked it all to overcome evil and sin in the world to pursue Christ's peace that surpasses all understanding. Join the waitlist to receive FREE EARLY ACCESS to our Living Peace program! Coming this Fall! <https://mailchi.mp/reallifecatholic/living-peace-sign-up>

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Kenny: The True Story of Msgr. Ken Leone • Clare and Francis • Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber • The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

**BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)**

Christ Came to Cast Fire Upon the Earth - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon • What Is Faith? • All Things Must Pass

**Ascension Presents**

"Offer it Up": How Far Is Too Far? • The Best Thing Fr. Mike Learned From His Parents • Fr. Mike's Top 10 Moments

**Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies**

"Ordinary People" | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • "More Faith" | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • "Memento Mori" | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THE CATHOLIC PARENT—FORMED**

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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

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## TWO TRAPS TO AVOID

By Zoltan Abraham

The Gospel reading for this Sunday warns against presumption. It is not enough to just claim to be Christian. It is not enough merely to say the words. Being a follower of Christ entails action, the reorienting of our entire lives, with Christ as our center.

There are at least two major ways that presumption can manifest itself. One is complacency. We begin with true dedication and enthusiasm. We follow Christ with a sense of excitement. But the danger is that, like the seed planted in shallow ground, we start to lose focus. We might still think that we are on the straight and narrow and are truly following Christ. But in reality, the word Christian no longer truly describes us. We might still be going through some motions, but when we are complacent, Christ is no longer central in our lives.

The other danger is rationalization. The temptation is to embrace an ideology that is at odds with the teachings of Christ but then label these views as Christian. The mainstream Protestant churches, such as the Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, and Episcopalians, have had a tendency to do so. These churches have become a reflection of the latest trends in culture, while claiming that the ideas they hold are founded on the Bible and are rooted in the teachings of Christ. Every five to ten years, they reinterpret their teachings. They claim that they are merely gaining deeper insights into the Gospel, but in reality they are showcasing the ideology of the current times, with the word Christian added to it.

We must be cautious not to try to alter the teachings of Christ to justify our own desires. Our faith should be firmly based on the uninterrupted, unchanging teachings of the Catholic Church, as proclaimed by the Magisterium of the Church. But, someone might object, doesn't doctrine develop over the centuries. Didn't St. John Henry Newman, who was just named a doctor of the Church, believe in the development of Catholic doctrine?

Yes, St. John Henry Newman did, and the Catholic Church does accept the concept of the development of doctrine. However, such development is understood in a very specific sense. The teaching of the Church is that, over the centuries, we can come to a deeper insight into beliefs that we have always held. For example, our belief that the Virgin Mary is the Mother of God leads to the understanding that she was conceived without original sin and remained sinless during her whole life.

One analogy would be seeing a car in the distance on the highway. We can tell that it is a car, maybe what type of car it is, and what color it is. As it gets closer, we can determine other aspects of the vehicle too. If the car were to park, we could look inside and discover its various features. All these observations would help us to gain a deeper understanding of the car we first saw from a distance. But these insights would not tell us that the car is not really a car but instead an airplane or a submarine.

Similarly, our study of our faith can only build on what the Church has always believed. We cannot discover new things that are at odds with what has already been stated by the Church. Our faith cannot develop into something that contradicts the teachings of the past. That which was true in the 2nd century or the 14th century is just as true today. There is nothing magical about the 21st century that would somehow alter the fabric of reality itself. To truly follow Christ we need to adhere to the fullness of the teachings that have been handed down to us throughout the centuries through the Catholic Church.

As discussed before, these teachings are not arbitrary but are what we need in order to be able to experience God's infinite love for all eternity. Christ does not want to push us away or to reject us. That is why he warns us against things that could cause us to cut ourselves off from relationship with him.

Christ is calling all people to himself, the whole human race. Over the centuries, billions of people have heeded his call. Tragically, however, we also see areas of the world where the faith used to flourish but now the people have turned away and are losing the blessings of God. But historically, when one area becomes complacent and drifts away from Christ, others come to take their place with a new sense of vigor. Even as the West has faltered in its faith, other parts of the world, especially Africa and Asia, have risen up with a new vigor of belief.

Our task today, for those of us living in Western culture, is to believe with the same vigor and to share our faith in Christ with all those around us who have never encountered him or who have allowed their relationship with Christ to grow cold. If we truly believe that Christ gives us eternal fulfillment, unending joy and peace, eternal life, then it would be nothing short of selfish not to share our faith in Christ with others. It would be like having a limitless stockpile of food that only we know about in a starving town. Not telling others about it would be wrong. It would be unloving.

A part of having vigorous faith is to be freed from the idols that bind us, whatever they may be. Money, pleasure, hobbies, cars, collections, sports, politics - all these can become idols if we put them in the center of our being, in the place of God. When we allow idols to hold us captive, God intervenes and acts to free us in various ways. The more we are holding on to the idols, the more we will experience God's intervention as painful discipline, which St. Paul alludes to in the Second Reading for this Sunday. God smashes our idols to bits, which can be painful for us in the moment but is for our own good, so that we can be fully open to receive his love.

Having recently celebrated the great Feast of the Assumption, let us bear in mind that the best way for us to stay away from idols and to stay focused on Christ is to seek the help of our Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Lady has one goal - to take all of us to her Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As long as we foster a genuine Marian devotion in our lives, we cannot be far from Christ.

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*If you would like to read more of Zoltan's writings, you can find them at [www.zoltanabraham.com](http://www.zoltanabraham.com).*



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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – SERVING IN CHALLENGING TIMES

*Do small things with great love.  
– St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your heartfelt response to our invitation at the weekend Masses. We are deeply grateful that nine individuals have already expressed interest in joining us in the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks be to God! We kindly ask you to continue supporting St. Vincent financially. Checks should be made payable to St. Brendan Church with "For St. Vincent" noted on the check. Envelopes with checks or cash should have "For St. Vincent" clearly marked on the envelope. For online donations through your St. Brendan account enter a message such as "This donation is for St. Vincent DePaul" in the box with the header "Message/Instructions for the church:"

Questions? Call Tom Gaines 425-481-3431. Most importantly, please continue to pray for our neighbors in need, and for all Vincentians as we strive to serve with compassion and humility.

## HELP NEEDED - COLLECTION COUNTER

Did you ever wonder how the Sunday collection is counted every week? There is a group of volunteers who count the collection on **Monday morning after Mass**. **St. Brendan** is looking for a few more counters to join the current team. It generally takes a couple of hours. Teams of two complete the counting so you do not have to count every week. Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact Brigette Blair at [bridgetteb@saintbrendan.org](mailto:bridgetteb@saintbrendan.org).

## WANTED - S.O.S. VOLUNTEER LEAD COOK

Serving Our Savior, or SOS, is the St. Brendan and St. Teresa Food Program that provides food for four shelters.

We need a main cook! Don't be scared, it's really not hard and only **once a month on Thursday mornings in the St. Brendan Kitchen**. We have recipes to choose from AND do the shopping for you! We just need someone not afraid to step up and tell a talented and supportive team of assistant chefs what to do. If you enjoy cooking, give it a chance! Our team really does have a lot of fun, and we feed the hungry. What could be better? Interested? Please contact Priscilla at [cilfinch@hotmail.com](mailto:cilfinch@hotmail.com).



**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](mailto:loriwirtz@gmail.com)) with any questions. Thank you for your support!

**NEED:** Diapers: Size - 3, 4T-5T, and 6.

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers:** Sandra (Kinsey) Barnett • Taryn Beard-Killeri • Megan Carlin • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Allison Danforth Reisinger • Dalia Davis Elledge • Eustorgia Felipe • Alexis Fuller • Robbi Ann Gray (Buendia) • Mildred Hranek • Rhianna Kofmehl • Colette Lambert Treperinas • MaryKate White Benshoof • Melissa White Harrow.

**Congratulations to:** Mac & Katy DANFORTH STALEY on the birth of their daughter, Mona Maureen • Shawn & Gemme NASH on the birth of their son, Theodore (Teddy) Thomas • Tom & Cate HARMON on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Ann (Maisie) • Ben and Anna HASTINGS on the birth of their son, Charles. 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](mailto:rdhcoll@aol.com).

**Spiritual Adoption Update** - Our spiritually adopted babies are now 7 months old. They can use their four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch. They can also recognize their mother's voice. Their eyelids are open. They weigh 3 pounds by the end of this month. The hair on their heads may already be long enough to cut and the downy body hair begins to recede.

*Truly you formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works. Psalm 139: 13, 14.*

Please remember to pray daily for your spiritually adopted baby and their mother.

# YOUTH CORNER

Dear God,  
Help me do all that I can  
to grow closer to you. Amen.

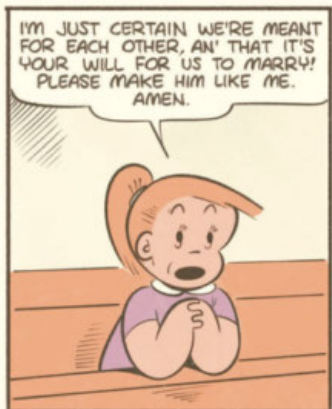
## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Question:** What is the difference between a BASILICA and a CATHEDRAL?

**Answer:** Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, a "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

## ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES & CALENDAR

**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



## ST. BRENDAN'S DISCIPLES CLUB

Registration is now open for the Disciples Club Faith Formation Program for Grade 1 through Grade 5 at St. Brendan. Please click the link: <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/5804/responses/new>, scan the QR Code >>> or stop by the church narthex and take a paper registration form.

Questions? Contact Mark Sizemore, Pastoral Assistant for Child and Family Ministries at [childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org](mailto:childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org) or at 425-483-9400 (ext. 2648).



## PUZZLE

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## MISSION

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.



## 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](http://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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