

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

JESUS said to his disciples:

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?

No servant can serve two masters.

He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both GOD and mammon."



## 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

**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.

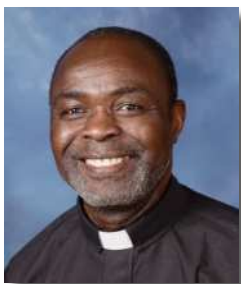
*"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA*

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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](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:** *The Centurion Cornelius (The Unmerciful Servant)*, 1660

**Artist:** Follower of Rembrandt | **Source:** [The Wallace Collection](http://TheWallaceCollection.org)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## A TALK BY FR. ZIKODI OKWUOSA

When Catholics go to Mass in Northern Nigeria, they have to be reconciled with the fact that they might not get home alive. Many people in the Western world think that Christian martyrdom was a thing of the past, but the reality is that there are more Christian martyrs today than in former times.



Join us on **Wednesday, SEP 24, 7PM** at **St. Teresa of Calcutta** as **Fr. Zikodi Okwuosa** describes *The Martyrs of Today: The Deadly Persecution of Christians in Nigeria*.

## TRAINING—EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a training for all current ministers serving and new folks who would like to serve at Evergreen Hospital on **Monday, SEP. 22, 6PM to 8PM** at **St. Brendan Church**. A light dinner will be provided. We'll gather in the Chapel and move to the Narthex. **Please RSVP** so we will have enough food.

### Contacts:

- Cristina Medina (Homebound) - [cristina.medina@frontier.com](mailto:cristina.medina@frontier.com)
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- Anne Chapman (Residences) - [amchappy@msn.com](mailto:amchappy@msn.com)

## PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

Thank you to all who attended the Spring Listening Sessions where the focus was on the question, 'Who are we?'. The Advisory Council is looking forward to sharing the responses in the coming weeks. The next round of Listening Sessions will be held next month where we will be focusing on "Who do we want to become?". We encourage all parishioners to attend one of the two sessions being offered - Please mark your calendars for:

- **Wednesday, October 8th, 6:30PM** at **St. Teresa of Calcutta**.
- **Saturday, October 18th, 9:30AM** at **St. Brendan**.

## APOLOGETICS MINISTRY

### Learning and Explaining the Faith

Join us next **Sunday, SEP. 28 from 4PM to 5:30PM** in the **St. Brendan Narthex**. If you're not able to make it, here are the future Sunday meetings: **OCT. 26 • NOV. 23 • DEC. 21**.

## MASS SCHEDULE

With the fall season upon us, the 5PM Sunday Mass at St. Teresa of Calcutta has resumed.

- **THE ASCEND EUCHARISTIC RIVIVAL** - Planning Meeting **Monday, SEP. 22 • 6PM • St. Brendan School Gym**. • See below for more details.
- **TRAINING - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** - **Monday, SEP. 22 • 6PM • St. Brendan** • RSVP • RSVP • See left column.
- **YOUNG-AT-HEART SENIORS** - **Wednesday, SEP. 24 • 10:30AM • St. Brendan Narthex** • RSVP • Pg. 5 for details.
- **A TALK BY FR. ZIKODI** - **Wednesday, SEP. 24 • 7PM • St. Teresa of Calcutta**. See left column.
- **APOLOGETICS MINISTRY** - **Sunday, SEP. 28 • 4PM to 5:30PM • St. Brendan Narthex**.
- **LIFE CHAIN** - **Sunday, OCT. 5 • 1:30PM • Pg. 5**.
- **JASON EVERT EVENT** - **Sunday, OCT. 26 • 4PM • See below**.

## BE PART OF THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

**MAY 16, 2026 - Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue - THE ASCEND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**, supported by the Eastside parishes of Archdiocese of Seattle, will offer Catholics a full day of Sacramental opportunities including Confession and Holy Mass, Adoration, Outdoor procession, Rosary, and great speakers (Chris Stefanick, Tim Gray, Andy & Sarah Swafford) and music (Floriani, Marie Miller).

**We need more volunteers** for our organizing committees, which are: Liturgy, Food & Beverage, Marketing & Communications, Logistics & Operations, Emergency & Security, Event Execution, and Youth Engagement. Please attend an informational and update meeting on **Monday, SEP. 22, from 6PM to 8PM** in the **St. Brendan School Gym**. If you have questions before the meeting, or if you want to participate, but cannot attend this meeting, please call Julie or Mike Rice at 425.806.0774.

## JASON EVERT - DOUBLE FEATURE EVENT

Catholic author and international chastity speaker, Jason Evert will be at **St. Brendan Church** on **Sunday, OCT. 26 from 4PM to 8PM**. This is a double feature event combining *Purified* and *Gender & the Theology of Your Body* into a retreat event. Dinner will be provided. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.





# PRAYER AND READINGS

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*PRAISE THE LORD WHO LIFTS UP THE POOR!* (PSALM 113)

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7 • Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 • 1 Tm 2:1-8 • Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6 • Ps 126:1b-2abcd, 3-6 • Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 • Ps 122:1-3, 4abcd-5 • Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9 • Tb 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8 • Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8 • Ps 149:1b-6a and 9b • Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9 • Ps 43:1-4 • Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a • Jer 31:10-12ab, 13 • Lk 9:43b-45

## 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 • Diana Alfonso • Colleen Danforth • Howard Danforth • Joan Dedman • Fr. Jay De Folco • Juan Garcia • MaryLynn Gardner • DeeDee Hall • Tom Hook • Norman Hradec • Thomas Leslie • Kathy Lindquist • Greg Munter • Bill Nash • Sarah Watson • Jenna Wohlwend.

### 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.*

Patrick Barnes • Maria Gonzalez • Tom Heestand • Josiah Herzog • Marissa Herzog • Wayne Kaske • Amy Kasprzyk • Francis McMonigle • Julia Mathewson • Angel Pinon.

“THERE IS ONLY ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD  
AND MEN, THE MAN **CHRIST JESUS**, WHO GAVE  
**HIMSELF** AS RANSOM FOR ALL ” —1 TM 2:5-6.



O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine

All Praise and

All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, September 21

STB

8:00AM For Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM + Patrick Prata

12:00PM + Souls in Purgatory.

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

### Monday, September 22

STB - + Jack White

STOC - NO MASS

### Tuesday, September 23

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Cathy Culp

### Wednesday, September 24

STB - 8:30AM Sister Mercedes

STOC - 9:00AM + Gaspar Dos Remedios

### Thursday, September 25

STB - 8:30AM + Maria Socorro Mendoza

STOC - 9:00AM Felicia Widjaja

### Friday, September 26

STB - 8:30AM + John Blair

STOC - 9:00AM Zoltan & Julie Abraham  
(Wedding Anniversary)

### Saturday, September 27

STB

8:30AM Katie Juarez

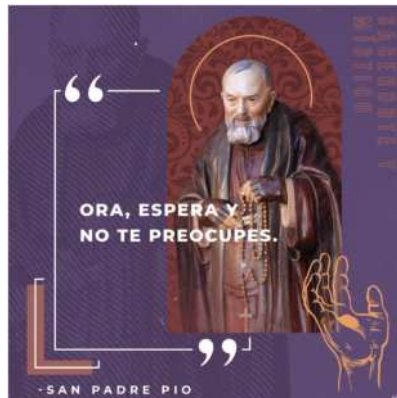
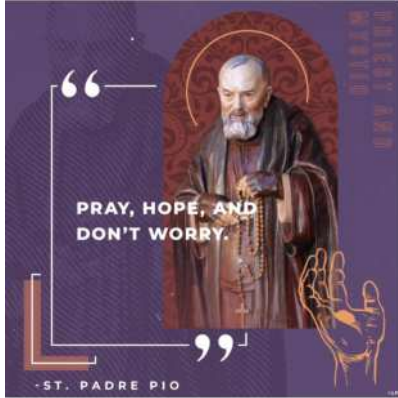
5:00PM + David Luecke

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.



## PRAYER FOR TRUST

JESUS,

With YOUR gentle mercy, build my trust. Help me to believe YOU when YOU say YOU want good for me. In every season, give me grace. In every need, be my answer. AMEN.

## 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)



OCIC



## LIFE CHAIN

Join us on **Sunday, OCT. 5 from 1:30PM to 3PM.** We will hold signs and pray for an end to abortion along **Bothell Everett Highway.** Meet at **McMenamins** on the corner across from **Cafe Ladro.**

Life Chain is a peaceful, powerful, and prayerful event. We will provide the signs. Hope to see you there! Families welcome! We all need to do our part to end abortion. This is a good start! For more information contact Colleen Danforth at [rdhcoll@aol.com](mailto:rdhcoll@aol.com)

## YOUNG-AT-HEART SENIORS

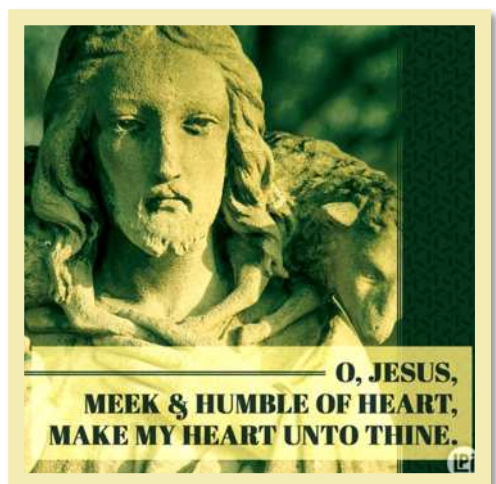
In July, a number of parishioners from St. Brendan and St. Teresa of Calcutta joined Fr. Wichert on a **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage** to Italy. Come join us on **Wednesday, SEP. 24**, to learn about the sites visited as well as the impact of the trip on five of the pilgrims. Please join us in the **St. Brendan Narthex** at **10:30AM that Wednesday** to also learn about the events planned for the 2025-2026 year, to hear about the Pilgrimage experience, and to feast on delicious Italian foods afterwards. **Please contact Donna (206-335-4469) if you're planning to attend.** *If you're interested in planning, preparing, or providing food for a light Italian lunch, please let Donna know.*

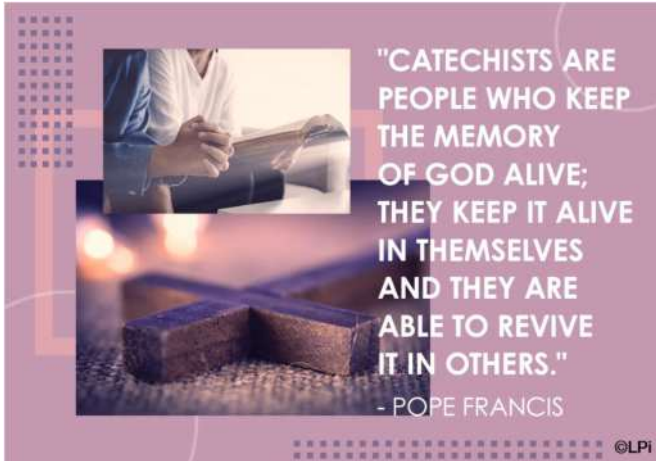


*Happier marriages take time and work. We, Marriage Encounter, can help married couples take time and lead them in work to enjoy happier marriages. We also encourage them to be more involved in their parish. They*

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





## BOOK STUDY / SMALL GROUP SHARING

**RETURN: HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILD BACK TO THE CHURCH BY BRANDON VOGT**

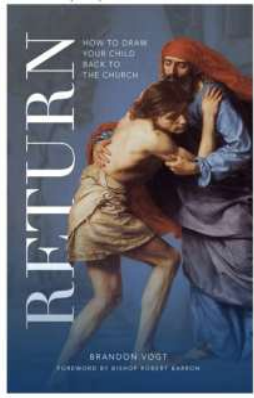
**Start Date:** Tuesday, September 30

**Time:** 1:00PM -2:30PM

**Place:** St. Brendan Church Library

**Length of study:** Approx. 15 weeks

The statistics are troubling: 6.5 people leave the Catholic Church for every one that joins, and 50% of young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today. Few things are more painful for us than the longing for our children to come home to the church. *What are the top 5 reasons they leave the church?*



We need to understand the real reasons why people drift away and in this book Brandon demolishes the myths and presents his game plan to bring them home. He gives us support, sound tools, and practical answers. He lays out a prayerful and practical step by step plan for helping the lost sheep come back.

Join us as we read this book aloud together week to week, discuss what we read, and share thoughts, experience, and hope in a small group setting. No homework required!

Books will be on sale for \$20 at the first meeting.

**It's not too late to register - join us at the first meeting. Call Anne Chapman at 206-234-5849 for more information.**

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers:** Taryn Beard-Killari • Megan Carlin • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Allison Danforth Reisinger • Dalia Davis Elledge • Eustorgia Felipe • Alexis Fuller • Robbi Ann Gray (Buendia) • Mildred Hranek • Rhianna Kofmehl • Avika Nash • Shelby Teter • MaryKate White Benshoof • Melissa White Harrow.

**Congratulations to:** Andrew & Jaycee ARPIN on the birth of their daughter, Eliana Theodosia. • Kevin & Sandra BARNETT on the birth of their son, Patrick Sheen • Mac & Katy 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) • Pete and Colette (Lambert) TREPERINAS on the birth of their son, George Pete. 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).



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

- **September Knight of the Month:** Ben Anstey
- **September Family of the Month:** Bobby and Roxanne Buendia
- The next Pancake Breakfast is **Sunday, September 28 after the 8AM and 10AM Masses** in the **St. Brendan narthex**. Setup begins at 7AM. *We need your help to make this an enjoyable and successful event.*
- Are you looking for some inspirational reading? Check out the *Building the Domestic Church* kiosk located next to the drinking fountain in the St. Brendan narthex.
- One of the benefits of being a Knight is access to Fraternal Benefit Events. Webinars are available **every night at 7PM** at [www.kofcpacific/fbn](http://www.kofcpacific/fbn) (English) and [www.kofcpacific/fbe](http://www.kofcpacific/fbe) (Spanish). The council will receive credit towards the Founders award by your watching the webcast, completing the survey at the conclusion and, notifying Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski [joe\\_osmialowski@yahoo.com](mailto:joe_osmialowski@yahoo.com) so that the activity can be reported.
- What does it mean to be a Knight? It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Join 2 million Catholic men on a mission. To learn more, go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) or look for a Knight in a blue vest or contact Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021.



## BECOMING ONE WITH JESUS THROUGH MARY LEGION OF MARY RETREAT

*To grow in union with Jesus by journeying with Mary, allowing the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and guide our healing.*

**Date:** October 24 - 26, 2025

**Place:** Black Diamond Camp  
19830 SE 328th PL, Auburn, 98092

**Contact:** Sr. Claudia Dickinson  
claudiad169@gmail.com  
206-427-3413

**Fee:** \$25 deposit to secure your spot.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*  
PRIEST



Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956. Padre Pio died at the age of 81 in 1968, and in 2002, Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, pray for us.*

**FEAST DAY:** September 23

**PATRON SAINT OF:** Adolescents, Civil Defense Volunteers, Stress Relief, Pietrelcina.

## EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

### CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- [How the Cross Rewrites Today's Headlines | Charlie Kirk Assassination, 9/11, Arena Zerutska](#)
- [A Response to Charlie Kirk's Assassination](#)
- [What Do You Need to Evangelize? w/Chris Stefanick](#)
- [Divorce, Annulment, and the Catholic Faith - What No One Tells You](#)

### 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?](#)
- [How to Be as Free as a Dead Man: The Path to Spiritual DETACHMENT?](#)
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# GROWING IN FAITH

## LIVING WITH A SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS

By Zoltan Abraham

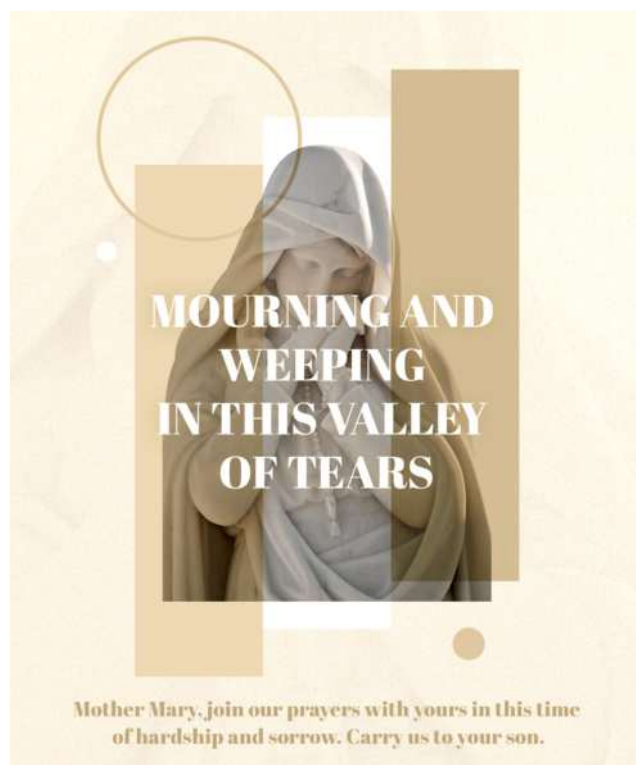
One significant theme in the writings of the Old Testament prophets, a theme we see in this Sunday's first reading as well, is the condemnation of the exploitation of the poor. Dishonest business practices are immoral in any situation, but they are especially reprehensible when the people defrauded lose everything. Most people in ancient times lived in a subsistence-based agricultural economy, with very little margin to protect against starvation. The passage from Amos lists several business practices that were used by some unscrupulous merchants to take advantage of such vulnerable families. Then, once a family's livelihood was destroyed, those who exploited them could force them into slavery, causing them to work for the benefit of others on their own ancestral lands. Amos and the other prophets decried such exploitative practices in no uncertain terms.

The Psalm for this Sunday goes further. In this passage, we see the depiction of a new social order, in which the poor are lifted up and are seated with princes. We see the creation of a new social order without the stratified economic divisions that have characterized most societies in history, where birth determined one's economic condition for life. The fullness of the vision might only come to fruition in Heaven, but God wants us to strive for bringing about a more just society already here on earth.

The Second Reading, taken from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy, adds more, showing the centrality of Christ in human life. The positive transformation of society can only come through Christ. Basic human good will is not enough. A humanistic reliance on the human intellect alone will not work in the long run. We need the supernatural grace of Christ. As we face the accelerating decay of our society, where horrific shootings dominate headlines, where political assassinations are celebrated, we must remember that Christ alone is the answer. Christ alone can heal our society, reshaping it according to his perfect vision. To bring about such change, we must, as St. Paul indicates, be ceaselessly praying.

But, we might wonder, why then does Jesus speak of dishonest wealth? What could he have meant by the parable of the dishonest steward? The answer has to do with a phenomenon that, I think, we have all observed at one point or another. When we look at the lives of career criminals, we see that they put a great deal of ingenuity, dedication, and hard work into their evil pursuits. Surely if they would put the same into an honest occupation, they would succeed spectacularly.

Jesus is pointing out to the disciples just how hard the children of the world work to achieve their ends. He instructs us all to learn from the children of the world, not in terms of what they are pursuing, but in terms of their dedication to what they want.



We should rival them in our dedication to Christ, in pursuing and seeking to build the kingdom of God.

A part of working toward the kingdom of God is being good stewards of the resources that God has entrusted to us and managing well the temporal affairs that are our responsibility, given our station in life. Historically, sometimes Christians have focused on Heaven at the exclusion of fulfilling their temporal responsibilities or they have sometimes focused so much on the temporal that they have neglected Heaven, which is our true home and desired destination.

But the Church has been clear that the eternal and the temporal are not either-or. Historically, the Church has held the focus on both in dynamic tension, which is captured succinctly by the Benedictine motto "ora et labora," meaning "pray and work." We are to work as if we were to spend all of eternity in this world. But we are to pray as if our lives were to end in this moment and we were about to meet God face to face.

The Gospel passage is also clear that we cannot serve two masters. If Christ is not our Master, someone or something else will be. In all things we do, in all that we are, we must be Christocentric, always putting Christ in the center of our lives. Christ is the source of all life, of all goodness, joy, peace, and true fulfillment. Therefore, the central task of our life is to make Christ the center of our lives. To do so, let us do as St. Paul urges us to do and pray always, day and night.

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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).



## Student Led Masses

Our students lead Mass during the school week on Fridays, and we have student-led Masses on one Sunday a month for the whole parish and school community. This is one of the ways we are working toward community building and engagement, and growing as a faith community. **One class each month will do the readings and sing at Mass.**

### Save the Date!

9/28 (10am Sunday Mass) – 8th Grade  
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Please visit [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org) and use "find a troop" button to contact us!



## CYO SPOTLIGHT

Hey, Parents - did you know that your children are eligible and welcome to participate in all St. Brendan CYO sports programs simply by being registered parishioners? For more information on CYO and the programs offered at St. Brendan, please reach out to Ena Demeter at [ena322@yahoo.com](mailto:ena322@yahoo.com).

## CYO BASKETBALL

**4TH - 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL** - Registration is **NOW open!** Games will begin NOV. 8TH. All players and coaches must register using the *Team Sideline* ([www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/current-programs](http://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/current-programs))

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**To enroll players and volunteer coaches for 4th - 8th Grade:**

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**QUESTIONS?** Please reach out to our school CYO Basketball Coordinator Krista Torrey ([kristatorrey@gmail.com](mailto:kristatorrey@gmail.com)).



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During our troop meetings, we have fun while working on badges, socializing, praying and building a beautiful Catholic community. Together we learn new outdoor skills, complete service projects, and celebrate many Feast days.

If you are interested in learning more please visit [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org) and use the "find a troop" function to contact us.

We would love to meet your daughter and family!



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