

WELCOME TO SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." — LUKE 21: 5-6, 8-19

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 | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |
- **NO Adoration on NOV. 27/28. The chapel is open.**

CONFESSION

- Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
- Saturdays | 2:30PM - 4PM

"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.

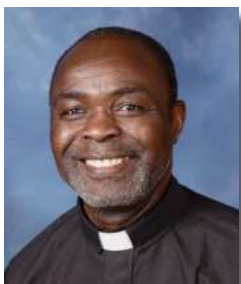
"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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COVER ART

Title: *Jesus Speaks Near the Treasury (Jésus parle près du trésor)*, 1886-1896 | Artist: James Tissot | Source: [Brooklyn Museum](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org).

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, call the Ministry of Pastoral Care of the Eastern Deanery at 425-655-3200.

To arrange for Holy Communion for the sick or homebound, call the parish office.

MINISTERIO PARA LOS ENFERMOS Y LAS PERSONAS CONFINADAS EN CASA

Para concertar el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, llame al Ministerio de Atención Pastoral del Decanato Oriental al 425-655-3200.

Para concertar la Sagrada Comunión para los enfermos o las personas confinadas en casa, llame a la oficina parroquial.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ADVENT CALENDAR** - Now available in the narthex.
- **COAT & BLANKET DRIVE** - NOW through DEC. 14 • See below for drop-off locations.
- **WREATH SALE** - Pre-order on the weekend of NOV. 15/16 • St. Teresa Knights of Columbus • See next column.
- **HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD FOR SALE** - Weekend of NOV. 15-16 • St. Brendan Narthex. • Next column below.
- **WELL-READ MOMS** - *New Ministry* • Tuesday, NOV. 18 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room • See pg. 5.
- **ROSARY MAKING** - Thursday, NOV 20 • 10AM • St. Teresa of Calcutta Commons Room. • Pg. 7.
- **BBQ & BROTHERS** - Thursday, NOV 20 • 6:00PM • St. Brendan Narthex • Below.
- **ST. BRENDAN GARDEN** - Work Party on Saturday, NOV. 22 • Pg. 6 for more info.
- **PIES FOR SALE** - Weekend of NOV. 22/23 • St. Teresa • Pg. 5.
- **APOLOGETICS MINISTRY** - Sunday, NOV. 23 • 4PM • St. Brendan Narthex.

BBQ & BROTHERS

Come and join us on **Thursday, NOV. 20 at 6PM** in the **St. Brendan Narthex**. Guest Speaker, Deacon Leon Garcia-Martinez, will be sharing with us his insights on *SPIRITUAL COMBAT*. Main course will be provided. Desserts are always welcome.

St. Brendan's Annual

Coat & Blanket Drive

November 12 - December 14

Collecting new and gently used coats and blankets, new socks, and new underwear.



Help local families stay warm this winter!

Three Drop Off Locations:
St. Brendan Narthex and St. Teresa Narthex
or outside St. Brendan school office

Questions? Please contact Chrissy Mandley at christinemandley@gmail.com

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE ST. TERESA'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Spread Holiday Cheer with a Fresh Evergreen Wreath!

- **Presale orders taken after each Mass on NOV. 15-16 or scan QR Code below. Last date to order is NOV. 17.**
- Order anytime online using the QR codes on our posters throughout the parish. Payment options: cash, check, or card.
- Wreaths will be available in the St. Teresa Social Hall after Thanksgiving during normal parish hours.
- A portion of proceeds benefit *Heartbeat for Wounded Warriors Christmas*.
- **Two sizes:** 30-inch = \$40. | 36-inch = \$55



HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS FOR SALE

We are having olive wood carvings available to purchase after **all Masses at St. Brendan on NOV. 15-16.**

The proceeds from these sales support Catholic families in the Holy Land, for whom this is a major source of income, which can help them stay in their homeland.



More than 75 families in Bethlehem hand carved these beautiful and unique items: Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, and Statues. The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades - this sale is a way to support them to stay there.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.



PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE EARTH WITH JUSTICE. (PSALM 98)

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a • Ps 98:5-9 • 2 Thes 3:7-12 • Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 • Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 • Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 • Ps 3:2-7 • Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 • Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15 • Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 • Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 • Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 • 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abcd-12abcd • Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 • Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 • Lk 20:27-40

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.

Marguerite Capps • Yenya Chavez • Beth Compton • Joan Dedman • Carrol Desharnis • MaryLynn Gardner • Gini ("Jeanie") Harmon • Daniel Heidrich • Norman Hradec • Esmeralda Marin • Alexandra Marie Rocio-Hays • Rocio Robles Ornelas • Barbara Schiellmann • Cassie Smith • Lucia Swager • Elena Torres • Lorena Villasenor • Sarah Watson • Shirley Wichert.

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.

Casilda Abreu • Fr. Jay DeFolco • Brian Espinal • Steven Espinal • Alan Jesus Gutierrez • Eleazer Meshesha • Fran Rairdin • Carmen Ramirez • Julia Rodriguez • Maritza Rosario • Barbara Ruger • Doreen Salzano • Guillermo Serrato Vargas • Arnulfo Torres • Peter VanDong Ngo

"RATHER, WE WANTED TO PRESENT OURSELVES
AS A MODEL FOR YOU, SO THAT YOU MIGHT
IMITATE US. " —2 THES 3:9

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY
O SACRAMENT DIVINE
ALL PRAISE AND
ALL THANKSGIVING
BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 16

STB

8:00AM For Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM + Rosalyn Deede

12:00PM Jose Luis Fernandez Huranga

STOC

9:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, November 17

STB - + Alecia Alvarado

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 18

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Adam Young

Wednesday, November 19

STB - 8:30AM + Eleazer Meshesha

STOC - 9:00AM + Frank Ribik

Thursday, November 20

STB - 8:30AM Jenna Wohlwend

STOC - 9:00AM Guadalupe Young

Friday, November 21

STB - 8:30AM + Alberto Plantilla

STOC - 9:00AM + Baltazar Dos Remedios

Saturday, November 22

STB

8:30AM + Lito Saturnino

5:00PM + Maritza Rosario

STOC - 5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

+ = deceased.

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



REMINDER FOR THOSE SEEKING THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For this Parish and the other Parishes in the Eastside Deanery, the fastest and most reliable way to request a Priest is by calling the number listed below.

425-655-3200

You will be connected immediately to a Lay Minister who will get the necessary information, and then contact the On-Call Priest.

Please make note of this special number somewhere convenient so that you will be able to find it quickly.



WELL-READ MOMS

Do you love literature? **Please join us on this new and exciting ministry every third Tuesday of the month at 10AM in the St. Teresa Commons Room.** The group follows the structure of Well-Read Mom, a national organization, but, *despite the name, our group is open to all adults, not just moms or women.*

Well-Read Mom accompanies us in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. It can be a challenge to make time to read in a world that never stops. Developing and maintaining the ability for deep reading is not something we can take for granted. Millions of Americans won't read a single book this year, but if you join us, you won't be one of them.

Our first meeting is at 10AM on Tuesday, NOV. 18. Our focus that day will be poetry, so no advance reading is required for that session. For subsequent meetings, we will be reading one book per month.

PIES FOR SALE

Just in time for Thanksgiving! American Heritage Girls from our parish will be selling delicious Willamette Valley Pie Company pies **after ALL Masses at St. Teresa on the weekend of November 22-23.** All proceeds go to support our Catholic troop's activities.



These pies are delicious! They are made with all natural non-GMO ingredients and farm fresh fruit.

Please bring cash, but we can also accept Venmo. We will have Dutch Caramel Apple, Marionberry, Cherry Church, a 4-pie vegan variety pack and NEW this year, Cheesecakes! **Each 9" pie is \$20.**

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Kim Anderson • Taryn Beard-Killeri • Kay Bodmer Grasseschi • Megan Carlin • Madeline Castro Dempsey • Claire Cook • Dalia Davis Elledge • Eustorgia Felipe • Megan Fryover • Alexis Fuller • • Lauren Green • Taylor Haug • Mildred Hranek • Rhianna Kofmehl • Yohaly Lucas • Lauryn Manning • Shannon Meek • Avika Nash • Bethany Nicasio • Michaela Sheehan • Hailey Schock • Shelby Teter • Alex Tolossa • MaryKate White Benshoof.

Congratulations to: Mike & Robbi Ann (Buendia) GRAY on the birth of their daughter, Pax Buendia • Cody & Rebecca HARBURN on the birth of their daughter, Faelynn Irene • West and Larissa JOHNSON on the birth of their son, Alexander Lucas • Rhianna and Nick KOFMEL on the birth of their son, Giovanni William • Erik & Allison REISINGER on the birth of their twin daughters, Valerie Jean & Lorraine Olivia •

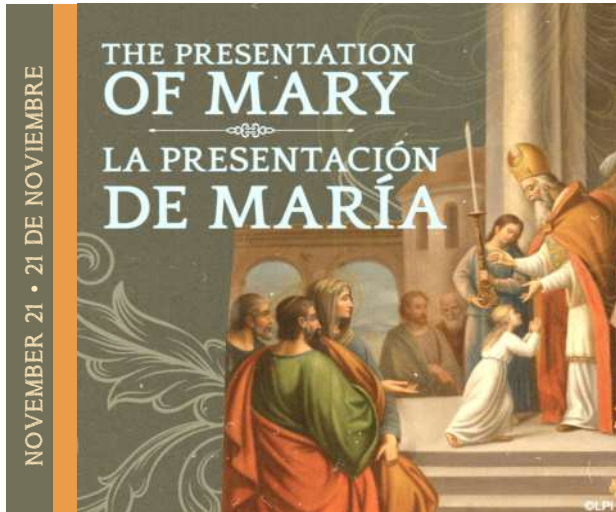
We ask that God bless you and bring you much joy as you raise your little one. If you are expecting a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com.

St. Brendan Parish
invites you to a:
THANKSGIVING
DINNER
NOVEMBER 27 AT 11 AM

Please come join our parish and
 community as we celebrate with
 a Thanksgiving Meal.

*All are welcome
 and encouraged to attend!*

Please sign up to bring side dishes in the Narthex
 or call Jenn Anderson at 425-877-1051



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **NOVEMBER Family of the month:** Wes & Joan Schatz

- **November Knight of the Month:** Oscar Maya Heredia.
- Knights are needed for the making of the Cookies in a Jar recipes taking place at the **Bothell Rental Hall on Monday, NOV. 17 at 6PM.** Contact Bill Nash if you have any questions at billnash307@gmail.com.
- The next Pancake Breakfast takes place on **Sunday, NOV. 23, after the 8AM/10AM Mass times.**
- What does it mean to be a Knight? It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, and a life worth living. **Join 2 million Catholic men on a mission.** To learn more, go to www.kofc.org, look for a Knight in a blue vest, or contact Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021.

Reclaiming Advent

by Zoltan Abraham

Our culture begins celebrating Christmas the day after Thanksgiving or even after Halloween. But for the Catholic Church, the four weeks leading to December 25 are the season of Advent, the preparation for Christmas. We consider Christmas so important that we need a full month to prepare spiritually for the great feast.

In this talk, Zoltan Abraham explores the true nature of the Advent season, with practical ideas for how to celebrate Advent and how to grow spiritually during the season, with a special emphasis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7:00pm, Thursday, November 20
St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Spiritual Adoption Program for these past nine months. Your prayers are so helpful in saving precious little babies from abortion. Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid thanks you for all your generous gifts to help local moms in need. May God bless you for your prayers and generous gifts.



ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

Our final all-parish work party will be on **Saturday AM, NOV. 22** (Please note change of date from the 15th). Goal is to clean up fallen leaves on the church grounds, especially along the street and in the playfield/playground areas. **We are in need of trucks, trailers, and many volunteers. Please bring gloves and whatever tools you might need.** We pray to God that the weather cooperates this time. Lunch will be provided. Any questions? Contact Anneliese (425-770-2103).



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 - 6th. • 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 are still OPEN.** *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.

OCIA



OCIA (ESPAÑOL)



OCIC



WHAT IS BLOCK ROSARY?

It is a Catholic devotion that involves praying the rosary as a family and moving a statue of the Virgin Mary from home to home. The Block Rosary aims to bring the families together and encourages everyone, young and old, to pray daily for their own intentions and for the community. Call or text Christina Plantilla (425-486-3376) if you have questions.

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)

STB - EL GRUPO DE ORACION VEN A MI (STB - COME TO ME PRAYER GROUP)

El Grupo de Oracion Ven a Mi en Espanol los invita todos los **viernes de 7pm a 9pm** a reflexionar la palabra de Dios, a Orar y Alabar a Dios, hay Evangelizacion de Jovenes y Niños. Nos reunimos dentro de la Parroquia.

Vengan a mi y yo los aliviare. —Mateo 11:28

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- Heaven on Earth: Saintly Relics and Your Call to BE the Church
- How to Build Lasting Friendships That Make You a Better Person
- How to Face Suffering Without Losing Hope | Dave VanVickle
- The Good News About Death—Souls, Purgatory, and the Power of Prayer
- How God Used a "Nobody" to Convert 10 Million People at Guadalupe

FORMED

- How to Advent
- Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well
- Can Social Media Bring People to Christ? with John Donahue
- What Catholics Believe About Sports: Faith, Competition & Virtue Explained
- True Reformers
- Practicing Catholic Podcast

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

- The Place of Right Praise
- Why We Pray for All Souls
- Are You Revolving Around God—Or God Around You?

ASCENSION PRESENTS

- A Catholic Take on KPop Demon Hunters (w/ Fr. Mark-Mary)
- The Most Heartbreaking Flight of My Life (w/ Jeff Cavins)
- How to Get Better Friends (w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz)
- How Being a Christian Will Affect Your Life (w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz)

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ HOMILIES

- "Meant to Be" | Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- "After This" | All Souls Day (Fr. Mike's Homily) #allsoulsday
- "I Got Nothin'" | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CATHOLIC PARENT—FORMED

FOR KIDS—FORMED

- God's Knights
- Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer
- God's Princesses
- Zack and Yalla
- Brother Francis (English & Español)
- Littlest Saints
- The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello
- 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

WHY DID JESUS GET ANGRY?

By Zoltan Abraham

The Catholic liturgical year runs from the First Sunday of Advent to the Feast of Christ the King, which we will celebrate next Sunday. As we get close to the end of the liturgical year, the readings at Mass focus on the end of the world. Predicting when the world will end is something of a pastime in some parts of American culture. However, the Catholic Church has never tried to predict the time of the end of the world, since Christ has clearly told us that it is not for human beings to know when the world will end.

Instead, we are to live with the expectation that the world might end at any time, while still being focused on our day-to-day responsibilities. A good way to approach the question is with the Benedictine Latin motto "ora et labora," which means to pray and to work. We should pray as if we were about to die in any moment, as if Christ were to return right now. At the same time, we should work as if we were to live in this world indefinitely.

Sometimes Christians focus on one or the other of these two objectives. Some Christians get so focused on Heaven that they forget about the work that we are expected to perform in this life. In the Second Reading, St. Paul the Apostle addresses this problem. In the community of Thessalonike, which he himself had founded, some had stopped working, relying on others to feed them, while they were awaiting the coming of Christ. St. Paul tells them in no uncertain terms that all able bodied persons must work for a living.

Applying the words of St. Paul to our own cultural context, we can differentiate different types of work situations. For many, work entails a job or business that brings money into the home. For some, work might mean working in the home as a homemaker or caregiver. Others might engage in spiritual work, such as some cloistered religious who spend their time praying for the world and receive charitable donations from others for their spiritual labor. Our society has also developed a retirement system, not yet known in the ancient world, allowing people to live on pensions or savings built up during their working years. Our cultural categories might be somewhat different from those of St. Paul, but the overarching point still obtains. No one who is of working age and is able to work should be idle and expect others to feed them.

Nor should our focus on Heaven keep us from seeking to fix the problems of the world. We should not say that we don't need to make our cities safer because the world will end one day anyway. Or that we don't need to solve the problem of homelessness because the homeless will end up in Heaven one day. Or that we don't need to feed those who cannot get food because Christ is about to return soon.

At the same time, some Christians get absorbed in solving the problems of the world so completely that they forget that our eternal destiny is Heaven. They want solutions in the here and

now without anticipating the Second Coming of Christ and without looking to Christ as the King of the world. The danger for such Christians is that eventually they stop praying altogether and become no different from a secular NGO. Eventually, they may even end up promoting causes and projects that are fundamentally at odds with the teachings of Christ.

While we are to strive for a better world as long as we are alive upon this earth, the Gospel Reading for this Sunday also makes it clear that this world is not our final home. We can expect being persecuted for being Christians. We can expect to be hated for Christ. Indeed, while some speak of "Christian privilege," Christianity is the most persecuted religion in the world today. Christians can be reviled and excluded in American culture today in ways that no other religion could ever be treated. Globally, more Christians are being martyred today than at any other time in history. In Nigeria, a full-scale genocide is being waged against Christians. But where are the protests in the West against this genocide? Where are the Nigerian flags in people's social media bios? Where are the students disrupting speakers who have not denounced the mass killing of Nigerians? Clearly, the lives of Nigerian Christians do not matter to many Western activists today.

But we should not lose hope. Christ has made it clear that his will be the victory in the end. But before that time, we Christians can expect to suffer for his name. But he will always watch over us, even in our hour of greatest challenge. He says in this Sunday's Gospel Reading: "not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (Luke 21:17-18). That does mean that we will not suffer or even experience martyrdom. But if we hold steadfast to Christ, he will raise us to new life in eternal glory.

Christ also says in the same passage: "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute" (Luke 21:14-15). The implication is not that we should not study and know our faith. Quite the contrary; we should work hard to shape our minds according to the teachings of the Church. However, we should not rely on our human understanding and thought processes to help us give testimony. We should unite our souls so completely with Christ that when we face challenges to our faith, he can work through us, he can speak through our words.

We do not know when the end of the world will happen. It could be tomorrow or two million years from now. But we will all experience the end of our personal world. We will all die one day. That day could be decades from now or it could be tomorrow - or even today. In that sense, from a historical perspective, the end is near for all of us. Whatever we do, we should be ready. We should be ready to meet Christ face to face any moment.

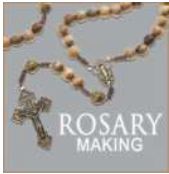
If you would like to read more of Zoltan's writings, you can find them at www.zoltanabraham.com.

PRAYER IN SEASON OF TRUST

Dear **LORD**,

Give us eyes to see the depth of grace **YOU** Provide to **YOUR CHURCH**. May that goodness ignite in us fire to share the truth of **YOUR MERCY** with every souls we encounter. Amen.

ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY



The Rosary Making Ministry will have its first meeting this **Thursday, NOV. 20** in the **St. Teresa of Calcutta Commons Room**. We meet **every third Thursday of the month at 10AM** through May (except December). Join us and learn how to make rosaries.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We need your help again! Our pantry that we share with St. Teresa parish is running low on food and cleaning supplies. We are also preparing meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas for our neighbors. **Please donate some of the following items in the hamper in the Narthex at either church:**

NEED: Canned fruit • canned chicken or tuna • peanut butter • jam/jelly • saltine crackers • spaghetti sauce • noodles • canned pumpkin • evaporated milk • brown sugar • gravy mix • cranberry sauce • dressing mix • green beans • shampoo • bar soap • laundry soap • dish soap • toilet paper.

We also have a family that needs a used clothes dryer if you know of one. Thank you for your generosity, ~Margie Inghram, 425-486-8953

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House and are open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 11AM. If you are in a housing or food crisis or in need of other immediate assistance, please call the State of Washington Services at 2-1 -1 for help—it's FREE; they are open 24/7 and multilingual. **If you would like to make a financial donation to PREPARES, please write St. Teresa Prepares on the check.** Please contact Lori Wirtz (loriwirtz@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for your support! **NEED: Diapers: Size - 4T and 5T • Diaper Wipes**

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- STB - Joe Osmialowski | 248-343-9021
- STOC - Joe Bussman | bussman5@msn.com

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Respect Life | Colleen Danforth - rdhcoll@aol.com

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- STB - Margie Inghram | 425-486-8953
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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 at St. Brendan or St. Teresa? For more information on CYO and the programs offered at St. Brendan, please reach out to Ena Demeter at ena322@yahoo.com.

CYO BASKETBALL

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade Basketball registration is OPEN

Practices will be 1x/week in the St. Brendan Gym beginning in December; games will begin in January through the Mill Creek YMCA. Register with the steps below:

1. Visit Seattle CYO Website: <https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/current-programs>
2. Select the red Enroll box, next to the basketball image.
3. Select '4-8 Basketball 2025-2026' from the dropdown menu in the Program field.
4. Under the Offering field, select 'St. Brendan K-3rd Grade.'
5. Continue to complete registration & pay.



Coaches & Assistants please register on the Team Sideline website above as a Volunteer.



Practice Schedules for Kindergarten – 3rd Grade have not been created. Practices are typically 1x/week and are held after school is out.

? Questions? Contact CYO Basketball Coordinator Krista Torrey, kristatorrey@gmail.com.

♥ Financial Assistance is available to help with registration fees, please contact CYOad@saintbrendan.org for details.



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If you've already made your commitment—thank you! If not, we invite you to join us. Let's continue to grow together in faith and mission. Please make your pledge today by going online or completing the commitment card in the pew. Thank you.

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 somewhat 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 (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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