

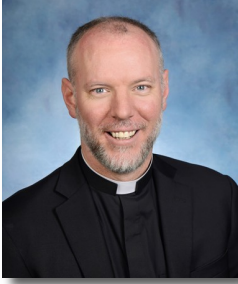
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 5, 2026

SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

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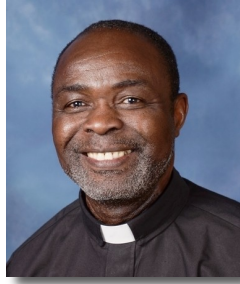
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

EASTER SUNDAY | DOMINGO DE PASCUA



Meydenbauer Center • Bellevue, WA
May 16, 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** - Easter Monday/Tuesday • APR 6/7
- **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA** – St. Brendan Nave • Join us as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena every day at 3PM until Divine Mercy Sunday, APR. 12.
- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** – APR. 12 • St. Brendan Nave.
 - o 2PM - Adoration
 - o 3PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - o 3:15PM - Benediction.
- **WOMEN'S GROUP** – Thursday, APR. 9
- **STORY TIME with MRS ABRAHAM** - Sunday, APR. 12 • after the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, APR. 15 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR GROUP** - Wednesday, APR. 15 • 10:30AM • St. Brendan. • RSVP • Pg. 5
- **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY** - Thursday, APR. 16 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room.
- **APOLOGETICS STUDY GROUP** - Saturday, APR. 25 • 11AM • St. Teresa of Calcutta
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL AUCTION DINNER** - Saturday, APR. 25
See page 10 for details and QR Code.

Alleluia HE IS RISEN!

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory. -Col 3:1-4



Congratulations and Welcome

. . . To all the new members of God's Family, the Holy Catholic Church. You have been baptized into new life, sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and are one with Christ in the Eucharist. May God continue to bless you through the fullness of the Body of Christ

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION to everyone who helped make Holy Week wonderful – from the environment committee, choirs, lectors, sacristans, altar servers, catechists, ushers, extraordinary ministers, soup supper volunteers, Knights of Columbus, to the parish family staff, Deacon Armando, Deacon Leon, and especially Fr. Peter and Fr. Wichert. It takes a large effort and many generous hands to make all this happen, and we could not do it without all of these people! **THANK YOU!**

EXODUS 90 | FIAT 90

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the men and women who have complete EXODUS and FIAT 90. May the graces you have received during these 90 days continue!

LOURDES PETITIONS

Do you have a prayer petition for Our Lady of Lourdes? All are welcome to fill out a prayer card that will then be hand delivered to the grotto in Lourdes, France, where our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Blank prayer cards are available in the **Saint Teresa narthex until April 26**. Place your petition in the box or mail it to the address on the petition.

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.
(Ps 118)

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 • Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 • Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 • Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 • Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-10, 11 • Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 • Ps 33:4-5, 18-20 and 22 • Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 • Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 • Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 • Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 • Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12 • Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a • Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 • Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21 • Mk 16:9-15

LET US PRAY FOR . . .

The Sick

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless them so that they may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Criselda Bush • Joan Dedman • Arturo Gonzalez • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Gail Hurd • Yamileth Leiva • Jesus Lopez Lopez • Larry Molloy • Terry Podany • Alexandra Marie Rocio-Hays • Sofia Villasenor • 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.

Fidela (Dely) Aguilar • David Nicolas Bravo • Arjimiro Cortez • Rosalia Garcia Maldonado • Dominga Tomasa Olmos Padilla • Paul Pioli • Joseph Sabella • Alfredo Sanchez Alcalá • Ruben Sanchez Huerta • Ed Schatz • Jeffrey T. Smith.

TO **HIM** ALL THE PROPHETS BEAR WITNESS,
THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN **HIM**
WILL RECEIVE FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH
HIS NAME. (ACTS 10:43)



O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE

MASS INTENTIONS

Easter Sunday, April 5

STB

7:45AM For Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM + Dakota George

12:15PM + Christian Solis

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

Easter Monday, April 6

STB - 8:30AM + Souls in Purgatory

STOC - NO MASS

Easter Tuesday, April 7

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Easter Wednesday, April 8

STB - 8:30AM + Cleopatra Narag

STOC - 9:00AM + William "Boyd" Hilliard

Easter Thursday, April 9

STB - 8:30AM + Elia Nava

STOC - 9:00AM The Jensen Family

Easter Friday, April 10

STB - 8:30AM Craig Carleton

STOC - 9:00AM + Bill Zinsley

Easter Saturday, April 11

STB

8:30AM Anlly Cordova

5:00PM Serlin Binny & Binny John

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

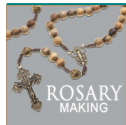
• St. Teresa of Calcutta - admin@saintteresa.org



MOMS GROUP

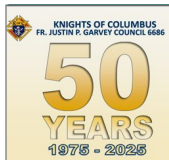
Guided by Mary, we aim to be a space where mothers can find connection and community with other mothers as they seek to grow in their relationship with God and deepen their faith.

We meet every other Wednesdays at **9:30AM in the St. Brendan nursery**. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, APR. 15** All children are welcome up to 10 years of age. Please bring any toys or snacks your child may need. You can email stbmomsgroup25@gmail.com with questions or for more information.



ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

The Rosary Making Ministry will have its next meeting on **Thursday, APR. 16 in the St. Teresa of Calcutta Commons Room**. We meet **every third Thursday of the month at 10AM** through May. Join us and learn how to make rosaries.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 6686 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

- The applications for the Knights of Columbus post-secondary education scholarships are due no later than April 30. Applications are still available in the kiosks located in the narthex and the rear of the church. Two scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded.
- Are you looking for a place to host a wedding reception, shower, birthday or graduation party? Look no further. The Bothell Rental Hall is a great place to hold an event. Contact Cindy Roeter at 425-418-3185 for availability.
- 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 or look for a Knight in a blue vest or contact Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Claire Cook • Megan D'sa Fuller • Megan Fryhover • Hannah Galvan Bockel • Lauren Green • Taylor Lockman • Yohaly Lucas • Lauryn Manning • Jennifer McVicker • Scareth Meija • Avika Nash • Elizabeth Nguyen • Bethany Nicasio • Michaela Sheehan • Shelby Teter • Alex Tolossa • Chrissy White Cuda

Congratulations to: Isaac & Kim ANDERSON on the birth of their daughter, Juliette Marie • Korey & Taylor HAUG on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Joy. 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.

EASTER BLESSING

Dear **LORD**,

Where there has been death, bring new life!
Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories
with **YOUR goodness and grace**. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always.
Amen.



STORY TIME

Mrs. Abraham is hosting Story Time in the **St. Brendan Nursery on the first Sunday of each month after the 10AM Mass**. All children are welcome to come and listen. The next Story Time is **this Sunday, APR. 12**.

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

In 1958, UW Professor Arthur Kruckeberg & his wife Mareen started a garden in Shoreline which is now a 4-acre botanical paradise with over 2,000 species of plants (native and exotics). **Join us on Wednesday, APR. 15, for a private tour of the Kruckeberg Botanical Garden, which begins at 1PM. Please meet in the St. Brendan narthex by 10:30AM.** We will be going to a Shoreline restaurant (Vault 177) for an early lunch before the tour.

The tour (ADA accessible) will provide us with interesting information about its history and plant collection. **Ticket Price: \$10. Call Donna (206-335-4469) before Sunday, April 12, to reserve your seat on the bus and at the restaurant.**

NOCTURNAL ADORATION FOR MEN

St. Brendan will be offering Nocturnal Adoration in English for men. This monthly vigil before the Blessed Sacrament is a time for prayer, reflection, and resting in the Lord's presence. The group will meet on the **first Saturday of each month**, beginning after the Eucharistic Revival on May 16. The target start date is **JUN. 6, beginning at 8:30 PM and concluding with the Rosary at 6:30 AM on Sunday morning**. Men interested in participating may contact Tom Gray at gwtom@att.net or (206) 799-0397.

PARISH NEWS

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

Two Months - "I'm Dancing!"

Our spiritually adopted babies and now 8 weeks old. Every organ is present and the kidneys are functioning. As early as 7 weeks the nerve cells in the brain begin to touch one another. 100,000 new nerve cells are created every minute. Brain waves can be recorded in an EEG during this month. The baby responds to touch. If the baby's nose is tickled, the baby will flex his head backward away from the stimulus. During the second month baby teeth form & fingers and toes are developing. Ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. The taste buds are forming. The baby can hiccup, make a fist, wake and sleep. All this at only 8 weeks old! The completed skeleton begins to change from cartilage to true bone. Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring and jump-the baby's first dance steps!

"Your hands have formed me and fashioned me. With skin and flesh you clothed me, with bones and sinews knit me together" (Job 10:8:11)

PRAYER OF AN EXPECTANT MOTHER

Lord Jesus, I bring to you with love the sweet hope that I carry within my womb. You have given me the gift of this tiny living being within me. I thank you for choosing me as your instrument of love. As I wait in expectation, help me to surrender myself joyfully to your will. Make my heart pure, strong and generous. To you I offer my preoccupation about what is to come, along with my fears, anxieties and expectations about the little one which I do not yet know fully. Grant that my baby may be born healthy. Keep every bodily illness away and above all, preserve my baby from spiritual harm.

O Mary, you who experienced the ineffable joys of a holy motherhood, obtain for me a heart capable of transmitting a life of ardent and living faith. Sanctify my expectation, bless my joy-filled hope so that the fruit of my womb may grow in virtue and holiness with your prayers and the grace of your son. Amen

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3. Choose > 10051 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA.
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For questions, please contact: James and Bridget at 206-713-8324
or email bridgetg25@yahoo.com

Live Your Best Life in Love

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

Join your fellow Young Catholic Professionals for Coffee and Connections on **Sunday, APR. 19!** We will attend the **9AM Mass at St. Alphonsus** and afterwards meetup at Woodland Coffee in Ballard. Woodland Coffee is 3 blocks from St. Alphonsus so you can walk, or opt to drive as there is free parking on NW 54th St and 14th Ave NW.



YOUNG CATHOLIC
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SEATTLE ARCHDIOCESE CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL

Coming Soon! We are hoping to put together a St. Brendan team this year and are looking for some advance feedback to gauge interest ASAP.

Members of any Catholic parish age 21 and older are eligible to play**

- Games take place between June and August
- Registration opens at the end of April.
- For more info, please visit <https://teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyc/content/148/Adult-Softball>

For questions and additional information or if you are interested in joining and/or managing the team, please let us know ASAP by contacting Ena Demeter at cyosecretary@saintbrendan.org.

**some exceptions apply

ADORATION - ST. BRENDAN CHAPEL

Come and spend an hour with Jesus in the St. Brendan Adoration Chapel. We need two or three people on the following days:

Monday 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM • 5PM to 6PM.
Tuesday 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 5PM to 6PM
Wednesday 1PM to 2PM • 3PM to 4PM | **Thursday** 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM • 5PM to 6PM | **Friday** 11am to Noon • Noon to 1PM • 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM. | **Saturday** 12AM to 1AM • 1AM to 2AM • 4AM to 5AM • 6AM to 7AM.

Adoration is seen as a way of life that provides, spiritual protection and nourishment. If you'd like to sign up or have questions, please contact Christina Plantilla at 425-486-3376.

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

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)



APOLOGETICS STUDY GROUP

Join us at our next meeting on **Saturday, APR. 25, at 11AM** at

St. Teresa of Calcutta. 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.** Contact: Mark Perez (markperez8523@gmail.com)

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

CHRIS STEFANICK (YouTube)

- [Having Faith BEFORE the Miracle Happens](#)
- [God Is Not Punishing You \(The Truth About Suffering\)](#)
- [He Thought Catholics Were Wrong About Everything...Until He Encountered the Truth](#)
- [Why God Isn't Shocked By Your Sin | Woman at the Well Reflection](#)
- [Hidden Male Crisis](#)

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- [Lectio: God](#)
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- [Introduction to the Cardinal Virtues](#)
- [Formed Daily Reflections](#)
- [Practicing Catholic Podcast](#)
- [The Heart of Prayer](#)

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YouTube)

- [Jesus Wept](#)
- [The Light of the World](#)
- [Thirsting for God](#)

ASCENSION PRESENTS

- [The Lie Modern Men Keep Believing \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)
- [Catholic Mass 101: Learn Every Part of the Mass and What It Means \(w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz\)](#)
- [Hope for the Church After Vatican II \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)
- [Is Heaven ONLY for Catholics? \(w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz\)](#)
- [Your Fasting is Doing More Than You Think](#)
- [What I Learned from the Rosary in a Year Podcast \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ HOMILIES

- ["Autobiography: Epilogue" | 5th Sunday of Lent](#)
- ["Autobiography: Who Will You Be?" | 4th Sunday of Lent](#)
- ["Autobiography: The Middle" | 3rd Sunday of Lent](#)
- ["Autobiography: Title" | 2nd Sunday of Lent](#)
- ["Autobiography: Co-Author" | 1st Sunday of Lent](#)

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- [Littlest Saints](#)
- [The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello](#)

GROWING IN FAITH

LOVE IS THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

By Zoltan Abraham

In the midst of our beautiful celebration of Easter, we should remember that, in a way, each Mass is also Easter. On the one hand, each Mass celebrates the fullness of our faith. On the other hand, the Church has given us the gift of the Liturgical Year, a cycle of seasons and feasts, which helps us to focus in on different aspects of our faith. At Easter, we celebrate in a special way the resurrection of Christ.

But just as each Mass is Easter, each Mass is also Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Holy Thursday is rooted in the Jewish Passover celebration. When the Israelites were captives in Egypt, Pharaoh persistently refused to let them go. In response, God sent 10 plagues to overcome Pharaoh's resistance. The last plague involved the Angel of Death flying over Egypt and striking down the first born male in every household. The Israelites could escape this punishment by sacrificing and eating a lamb and smearing its blood on the doorframe of their houses. When the Angel of Death saw the blood on the doorframe, he passed over each of those homes, thereby sparing the family inside.

The Passover ritual also involved eating unleavened bread, which symbolized that the Israelites had to eat their meal in haste so as to be ready to escape as soon as Pharaoh relented, and therefore did not have time to wait for the dough to rise. The meal included the drinking of wine as well, which was the staple drink of the time. After their escape from Egypt, the Israelites were to observe the Passover celebration every year. Throughout his life, Jesus also participated in the Passover yearly. At the end of his earthly ministry, during his last Passover meal and through his sacrifice upon the Cross, Jesus reformulated the meaning of the Passover itself. On Good Friday, Jesus allowed himself to be crucified, offering himself up for our salvation. By doing so, he bridged the division between God and humanity that had been brought about by human sin and offered us freedom from the bondage of sin.

As he reformulated the Passover, Jesus made himself the lamb that was sacrificed. Instead of the flesh of the animal lamb, he has given us his Body and Blood to eat and drink in the Eucharist, where the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ through the words of the priest. Instead of being protected by the blood of the sacrificial lamb upon our doorframes, we are now saved by the Blood of Christ shed for us. The reformulated Passover ritual continues today in the form of the Mass, which is a mystical participation in the sacrifice of Christ upon the Cross.

Jesus, who is God Incarnate, made the ultimate sacrifice for us, giving his life upon the Cross so that we could all have life. But his death was by no means the end of the story. On the third day, on Easter Sunday, Christ rose from the dead. The ignominy of the Cross was followed by the glory of the resurrection. When Christ came among us, he knew the suffering that awaited him. In the desert, Satan tried to derail his mission by tempting him to grasp at the glory before its time, before Christ had undergone the necessary anguish of the Cross. But Christ persisted, knowing that he must be crucified before he would claim the glory. Self-sacrificial love precedes the exaltation of Heaven. As we celebrate Easter this Sunday, let us remember that we are also celebrating Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We cannot get to Easter Sunday without the other two days. Just as Jesus had to suffer before the glory of Easter, we also need to experience the Cross in this life before the glory of Heaven. We need to give of ourselves in self-sacrificial love. We need to sacrifice ourselves for one another in small ways and great ones. Then and only then can we expect to receive the glory that awaits us.

But, we might ask, what is that glory? Why should we hope for it? Why should we strive for it? At the heart of our faith about the future as

Catholics is the resurrection of the dead. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we too will rise. When our earthly body dies, our physical being is destroyed, but our soul lives on and our sense of self continues in our spiritual existence. Then, when Christ returns at the end of the world, we will receive our physical bodies back in the resurrection. Our new bodies will be like and unlike our current ones. As we see from the resurrection narratives, the resurrected body of Christ is still physical. He is able to eat with the disciples. He invites Thomas, who is initially doubtful, to touch his wounds. At the same time, his resurrected body also transcends the restrictions of our physical world. He can appear and disappear. He can enter the room despite the locked door.

In the resurrection, our physical body is perfected and is reunited with our soul. For those who have embraced God's love and have chosen to be eternally united with God, the resurrected body will create a sense of completion. The wholeness of our being is restored, which deepens our experience of the joy, peace, and contentment of Heaven. Unlike in our earthly life, our physical body will no longer be a source of suffering. We will no longer grow tired or hungry. We will not age or get ill. We will never die again. But in Heaven, we do not merely just keep living as in the human world, with the suffering removed. In Heaven, we are raised to a whole new order of being, living in God's infinite love.

Catholic theology starts with the premise that God is one. God has one, indivisible nature. At the same time, we also believe that God has three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who are distinct from each other and yet share that one indivisible nature. We do not have three gods, but only one. At the same time, the three persons of the Holy Trinity are not merely modes of expression in God, but are actual persons. So God is both indivisibly one, and yet has three distinct persons. One way to try to conceptualize the mystery of the Holy Trinity is to start with the premise that God is infinite love. Love, by its very nature, requires a love dynamic. In God, there is the Father, who is the One Who Loves. His love is received and reciprocated by the Son, who is the Beloved. The love that exists between the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is an eternal exchange of infinite love, which is not bound by time, but takes place in the eternal timeless now of God's infinite nature.

Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who has taken on a human nature, becoming one of us, without losing or lessening his divinity. By doing so, Jesus established the closest possible union between the Creator and his creation. What is more, in the Gospel of John, Jesus compares the love he has for us with the love that exists between him and the Father. Jesus loves us with the same eternal, infinite outpouring of love that exists within the Holy Trinity. When we are baptized into Christ, we enter into the closest possible union between us, created beings, and God, our Creator. Jesus then shares with us the infinite, eternal outpouring of divine love that is the Holy Trinity. We are to live and have our being in that divine love. We are to be partakers of God's infinite, eternal love without end, without limit.

That is what heavenly glory is about. Furthermore, in Heaven, not only do we individually experience God's love, but that infinite exchange of love will flow through us to all who are in Heaven. The exchange of love within the Holy Trinity will now be a vast web of infinite love shared eternally among all the blessed ones living forever in heavenly glory. The loved ones we have lost, all the holy ones who have gone before us - in Heaven, we will see them again. Our reunion will be an eternal, infinite exchange of perfect love in Christ.

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

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PRACTICE SCHEDULE - Begins April 15

MEET SCHEDULE

- May 9 – Preliminary Meet (Renton Memorial Stadium)
- May 16 – 8th Grade Pentathlon (TBD)
- May 17 – Qualifying Meet #1 (Renton Memorial Stadium)
- May 30 – Qualifying Meet #2 (Renton Memorial Stadium)
- June 6 – Championship Meet (Renton Memorial Stadium)

**Meets typically run most of the day. Detailed event schedules will be shared closer to each meet date.*

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THE 55TH ANNUAL ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL AUCTION DINNER *Under the Emerald Lights*

An evening to shine bright for St. Brendan will be on **Saturday, APR. 25** at the **Columbia Collective** in Woodinville. All parishioners, families, and friends are welcome to attend, and your support will make a difference for the children at St. Brendan Catholic School.



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