

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH FAMILY**
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026



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

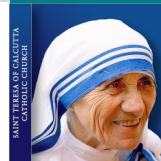
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

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

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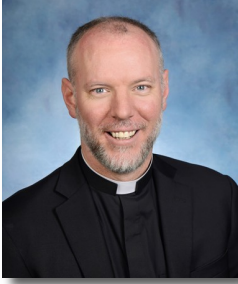
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

- Saturday | 3PM to 4:30PM
- Other: By Appointment.

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

PARISH DIRECTORY



PASTOR

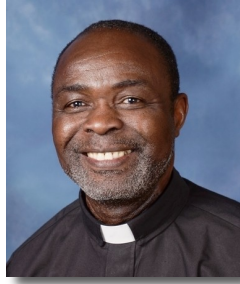
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COVER ART

TITLE - *The Divine Mercy* | ARTIST - Adolph Hyla

SOURCE - thedivinemercy.org

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA



Meydenbauer Center • Bellevue, WA
May 16, 2026

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



ASCEND

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

REGISTER NOW!

Get the details and stay updated at:

AscendEucharisticRevival.church

Scan here to get alerts on registration!



ASCEND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - Registration is now open. • Go to ascendeucharisticrevival.church or scan the QR Code above.

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** — APR. 12 • St. Brendan Nave.
 - o 2PM - Adoration
 - o 3PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - o 3:15PM - Benediction.
- **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 • **Event CANCELED, will be rescheduled.** • Pg. 5.
- **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY** - Thursday, APR. 16 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room. • >>>
- **BBQ & BROTHERS** - Thursday, APR. 16 • 6PM • St. Brendan.
- **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.
- **ST. TERESA FLOWER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY** - Pg. 5.
- **ARCHDIOCESE ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM** - Pg. 6.

PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O BLOOD AND WATER THAT REDEEMS AND SAVES, HAVE MERCY ON US!

O BLOOD AND WATER THAT HEALS AND RESTORES, HAVE MERCY ON US!

O BLOOD AND WATER THAT STRENGTHENS AND RENEWS, HAVE MERCY ON US! AMEN.



RICE BOWL – THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl this weekend or donate online at crsricebowl.org.



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**.



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.

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.



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.

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

APRIL 12, 2026

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.** (Ps 118)

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 • Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 • 1 Pt 1:3-9 • Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31 • Ps 2:1-6, 7ab-9 • Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 • Ps 93: 1abcd-2, 5 • Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 • Ps 34:2-9 • Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 • Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 • Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42 • Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 • Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 • Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 • Jn 6:16-21

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 • Tina Dahlman • 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 • Cheryl Zahajko

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 Alcala • Ruben Sanchez Huerta • Ed Schatz • Jeffrey T. Smith.

ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN **HIM** YOU LOVE **HIM**; EVEN THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE **HIM** NOW YET BELIEVE IN **HIM**, YOU REJOICE WITH AN INDESCRIBABLE AND GLORIOUS JOY, AS YOU ATTAIN THE GOAL OF YOUR FAITH, THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS. (1 PT 1:8-9)



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 12

STB

8:00AM + Frank Javier Narag

10:00AM For Saint Brendan Parish

12:00PM + Vicente Ortega

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, April 13

STB - 8:30AM Mildren Prevost

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, April 14

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Janice Dyer

Wednesday, April 15

STB - 8:30AM Brandon Chapman

STOC - 9:00AM + Auston Barboza

Thursday, April 16

STB - 8:30AM + Jeanne Harrington

STOC - 9:00AM David Young

Friday, April 17

STB - 8:30AM Ian Ayson

STOC - 9:00AM Pat King

Saturday, April 18

STB

8:30AM Brent Jensen

5:00PM Zane Carlton & Clarice Gill

STOC - 5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

+ = deceased.

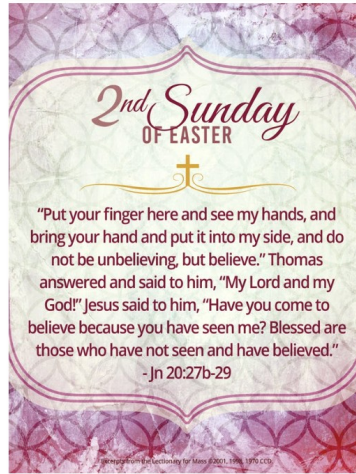
To submit a Mass intention, contact the parish office at the following email address.

- St. Brendan - receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa of Calcutta - admin@saintteresa.org

SECOND EASTER SUNDAY BLESSING

Dear **LORD**,

YOUR redemption has been known in every age. **YOU** have never stopped inviting us closer into your presence. Fill us anew this Easter season, bringing new hope, new life, and new light into our journey. **Amen.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **APRIL KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** - Austin Amort
- **APRIL FAMILY OF THE MONTH** - Callen & Sarika Mascarenhas
- 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.

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.

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 • Elizabeth Nguyen • Bethany Nicasio • Michaela Sheehan • Shelby Teter • Chrissy White Cuda

Congratulations to: Isaac & Kim ANDERSON on the birth of their daughter, Juliette Marie • Tim & Avika NASH on the birth of their daughter, Odette Sloane • Pablo & Alex TOLOSSA on the birth of their son, Fyodor Valentine. 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.

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

The planned private tour of the Kruckeberg Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, April 15, has been **canceled**. It will be rescheduled. Please check future bulletins for the new date.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA - FLOWER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

If you enjoy seeing the bouquets that adorn the tabernacle altar and like working with flowers, St. Teresa Flower Ministry has a place of you!

Currently there are five parishioners who provide bouquets. If interested in joining us please contact Karen Luhn, hluhn@comcast.net or 425-868-5970.

PARISH NEWS

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.



Seattle Weekend Experience

For: All married couples who want to make their good marriage great!

When: April 24-26, 2026

Where: Hampton Inn, Everett

Apply at www.wwme.org
(Search Seattle, WA under Apply)

For questions, please contact: James and Bridget at 206-713-8324
or email bridgetg25@yahoo.com

Live Your Best Life in Love

SEATTLE ARCHDIOCESES 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/seattlecyo/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

“ —
LET NO ONE DOUBT CONCERNING THE GOODNESS OF GOD. EVEN IF A PERSON'S SINS WERE AS DARK AS NIGHT, GOD'S MERCY IS STRONGER.
— ”
QUE NADIE DUDE DE LA BONDAD DE DIOS; AUNQUE SUS PECADOS FUERAN TAN OSCUROS COMO LA NOCHE, LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS ES MÁS FUERTE.
— ”
- ST. FAUSTINA
- STA. FAUSTINA

project rachel
Peace starts here

If you are suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk alone.

Project Rachel offers a compassionate and confidential environment for those who suffer the effects of an abortion.

Find *hope and healing* after abortion.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™
June 5-7, 2026-Spanish
September 25-27 2026 -English
October 10-11, 2026 MENS RETREAT

For more information about the Project Rachel ministry or our healing retreats, please call Frances at (206) 920-6413 (English) O Alejandra en (206)450-7814 (en Espanol)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
SERVING PEOPLE OF ALL BELIEFS

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 | **Thursday** 4PM to 5PM | **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

ASCEND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SPEAKERS

We will be updating the links below each week with additional videos from our speakers featured at the ASCEND Conference. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

- [Formed Daily Reflections](#) (with Dr. Tim Gray)
- [Emotional Virtue](#) by Sarah Swafford
- [Understanding Hebrews/Old Testament connections to New Testament](#)
- [Best Catholic Dating Advice](#) (w/Andrew and Sarah Swafford)
- [Beyond Translation: Unlocking the Evangelizing Power of Latino Culture](#) with Deacon Charlie Echevery

CHRIS STEFANICK (YOUTUBE)

- [The Shroud of Turin: 15 Facts Science Still Can't Explain](#)
- [Stop Giving Yourself a Free Pass | Palm Sunday Reflection](#)
- [The Science of Motivation and Doing What You Should | Dr. Tom Zimmer](#)
- [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](#)

FORMED

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

BISHOP BARRON SUNDAY SERMON (YOUTUBE)

- [The Earthquake of the Resurrection](#) • [God Enters Into Our Darkness](#) • [Jesus Wept](#)

ASCENSION PRESENTS

- [What Priests Want You to Know, but Can't Really Say \(w/ Fr. Rob Mulderink\)](#)
- [Been Away from Confession for a While? \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)
- [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 \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ HOMILIES

- ["Everything is Restored" | Easter Sunday](#)
- ["Everything is Taken" | Good Friday](#)
- ["Autobiography: Owning the Ending" | Palm Sunday](#)

[The Catholic Parent - FORMED](#)

FOR KIDS—FORMED

- [Chime Travelers](#) • [Awesome Animals & Mini Me](#) • [God's Knights](#) • [God's Princesses](#) • [Zack and Yalla](#) • [Brother Francis \(English & Español\)](#) • [Littlest Saints](#) • [The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello](#)

GROWING IN FAITH

DIVINE MERCY RESHAPES HISTORY

By Zoltan Abraham

One of the most significant sites for human history is the Upper Room, located in the Mt. Zion area of Jerusalem. It was in this room that Jesus ate the Last Supper with the Apostles. It was here that Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, when they were hiding behind closed doors. And it was in the Upper Room that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost. The original building is no longer there, but in the 12th century, the Crusaders, who worked hard to preserve the holy sites of Christianity in the Holy Land, erected a new structure in its place.

Today, the Upper Room is under the control of the state of Israel. Pilgrims and tourists are welcome to visit the building, but Christians are usually not permitted to hold services there. One rare exception was Pope Francis, who was allowed to say Mass in the room. Today, Christians are limited in their access to this holy place; whereas the first disciples were afraid to leave it, for fear of being arrested.

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, which is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, we see Jesus appearing to the disciples in the Upper Room on the evening of Easter day, after his resurrection. He had appeared to some of the disciples already and now he appears to the apostles gathered together. He greets them with the words "Peace be with you" (John 20:19).

We should remember that all but one of the apostles had abandoned Jesus as he was being tortured to death upon the Cross. If we were in a similar situation, would our first words be so peaceful toward our friends who had run away in our time of torment? I know I would struggle to be so gracious. One might argue that the great miracle of Easter is not simply that Jesus rose from the dead, but that he still wanted to be with us after his resurrection. But Jesus underwent his suffering out of love for all of us, offering his pain for the spiritual healing of all of humanity. He took our sins upon himself so that we can be cleansed.

Instead of anger and chastisement, when Jesus appears to the disciples, he offers them his peace. He shares his divine peace, not the uneasy peace of the secular world, which is a mere, temporary absence of conflict. By contrast, the peace of Christ is our participation in the divine order - right relationship with God and right relationship with one another and all of the created realm. The Church is to be a sign, example, and conduit of the divine peace of Christ in the world.

During his apparition in the Upper Room, Christ also breathes on the disciples and says to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22). His words have deep, cosmic significance. In Genesis, when God creates Adam, he forms him out of the dust of the ground and blows into him the breath of life. Later in the Book of Ezekiel, God gives the prophet a vision of dry bones coming back to life through the breath of God, as a prophecy of the remaking of fallen humanity.

In the Gospel of John, we see that the incarnation, the coming of Christ into our world, is compared in significance to God's creation of the world. Through his incarnation, through his taking on our human nature, God begins the process of restoring and remaking all of creation. Through his death and resurrection, human nature is restored and all of humanity is offered this new life through baptism into Christ. The process of the remaking of the world will conclude at the end of time, when Christ returns in glory and creates a New Heaven and New Earth, the New Jerusalem.

All this and more is contained in Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in the Upper Room. Christ then also says: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" John 20:23. The Church has always understood these words to have been spoken to the Apostles and their successors, as Christ entrusted to them the power and responsibility of governing the Church.

The First Reading for this Sunday, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, gives us a description of the life of the early Church: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). The disciples formed a Christian community, rooted in the teachings of Christ, which they received through the apostles. They cultivated a life of prayer, focusing especially on the breaking of the bread, that is to say, the Holy Mass.

We can see that the life of the community was simple, yet profound. They followed a beautiful routine, which did not vary much from day to day. Reflecting on the life of the early Church is instructive for us. They did not follow strange and sensational prophecies. They kept on with the humble practice of their faith every day. Today, especially in light of tumultuous events in the Middle East, we might be tempted to engage in esoteric interpretations of prophetic texts regarding current events, seeking to decipher elements of the end times. But such exercises are not the practice of the Church and are likely to become a serious distraction from the consistent daily living out of our faith.

We also see in the description found in the First Reading that the first Christian community, in its early days, was idyllic, a foretaste of Heaven. However, due to human sinfulness, the perfect harmony was soon broken. Ever since then, the human side of the Church has experienced disharmony over the centuries. But the divine side of the Church, which is Christ himself, is perfect and will forever be. Our challenge as the Church is to embody the divine perfection of Christ in our communal life. We will attain the fullness of that perfection only in Heaven, but we need to strive for it continuously, every day.

We must also remember that divine perfection comes only from Christ. We cannot make it happen on our own. In modern times, various movements have attempted to build a perfect society without Christ. Such efforts are doomed from the start. The hippie communes fell apart after degenerating into unbridled over-indulgence. The socialist and Communists systems that were intended to be utopias instead came to be characterized by oppression, exploitation, and horrific violence. Humanity without God will always be the polar opposite of perfection.

The imperfection of human communities brings us back to the question of mercy. As Christ showers his divine mercy upon us, he expects us to be merciful toward each other too. At the heart of Christ's teaching is love - loving even our enemies. Christ teaches us to respond to evil with good, to hatred with love. Human history has been characterized by a cycle of violence, an ever-escalating cycle of revenge, with more and more terrible retribution. But the love of Christ puts an end to the cycle. When we respond to hatred with love, the violence stops. When we allow the merciful love of Christ to flow into the world through each of us, we change the course of human history.

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

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