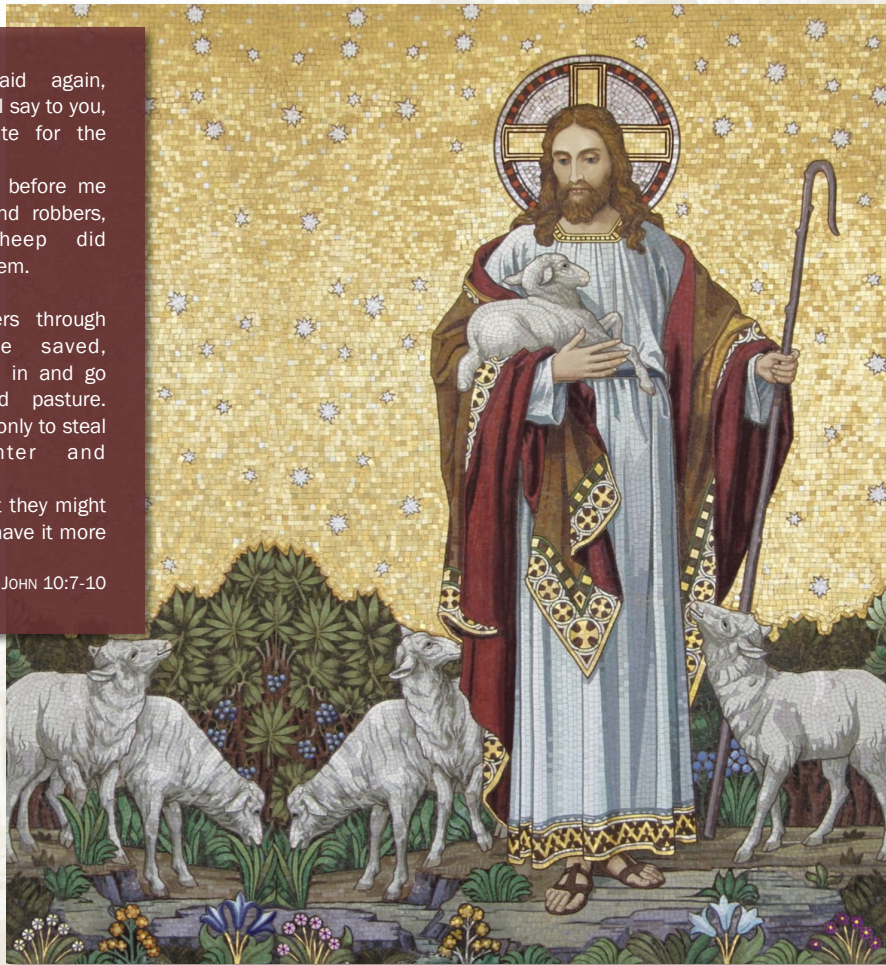


WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 PARISH FAMILY**
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

So Jesus said again,
 "Amen, amen, I say to you,
 I am the gate for the
 sheep.
 All who came before me
 are thieves and robbers,
 but the sheep did
 not listen to them.
 I am the gate.
 Whoever enters through
 me will be saved,
 and will come in and go
 out and find pasture.
 A thief comes only to steal
 and slaughter and
 destroy;
 I came so that they might
 have life and have it more
 abundantly."
 — JOHN 10:7-10



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

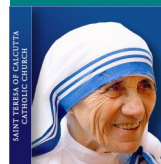
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

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

ADORATION

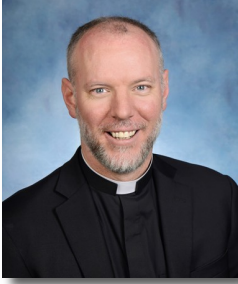
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

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

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

PARISH DIRECTORY



PASTOR

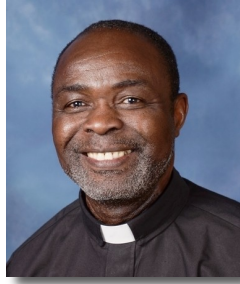
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Wednesday | 8AM to 3PM

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COVER ART

TITLE - *I am the Good Shepherd / Ich Bin Der Gute Hirt*

ARTIST - Unknown | SOURCE - NorthTexasCatholic.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

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!



World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "**Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest**" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. 2026 marks the 63rd Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. [SOURCE: USCCB.](#)

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

GOD OUR FATHER,
You call each of us
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

Inspire your people
with desire to know you,
the grace to understand your will,
and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit,
the courage to respond
with love and freedom.

Send workers into your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached, the poor
are served with love, the suffering are comforted,
and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

- **KNIGHTS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Sunday, APR. 26 • After the 8AM/10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, APR. 29 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery. • Next column.
- **INTO THE BREACH Video for Men of the parish** • Saturday, MAY 2 • 7AM • St. Brendan Library • Pg. 5
- **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION | MAY CROWNING** - MAY 2 • After the 8:30AM Mass • St. Brendan • Pg. 5.
- **ST. BRENDAN GARDEN - Plant & Bake Sale** - Weekend of May 2/3 • Pg. 5
- **STORY TIME with MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, MAY 3 • After the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan Nursery. • Below.
- **NO Morning Mass | NO Confessions | NO Vigil Mass - Saturday, MAY 16 • At both parishes due to the ASCEND Eucharistic Revival. Also, NO 5PM Mass on Sunday, May 17, at St. Teresa of Calcutta.**
- **ROSARY MAKING** - Thursday, MAY 21 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room. • Pg. 9.
- **CONFIRMATION MASS** - Sunday, MAY 24 • 10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS** - Wednesday, MAY 27 • 10:30AM • RSVP by MAY 24 • Rescheduled Event • Pg. 6.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Save the Date** - June 22-26 • St. Brendan.
- **ARCHDIOCESE ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM** - Pg. 6.



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, MAY 3.**



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. 29** 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.

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT. (Ps 23)

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Ps 23:1-3ab, 4-6 • 1 Pt 2:20b-25 • Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 • Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 • Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 • Ps 87:1b-3, 4-7 • Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a • Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 • Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 • Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 • Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 • Ps 2:6-7, 8-11ab • Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 • Ps 98:1-2, 3abcd-4 • Jn 14:7-14

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.

Criselda Bush • Tina Dahlman • Joan Dedman • Arturo Gonzalez • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Belinda Octavo • Ann Reilly • 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 • Arjimiro Cortez • Bonaventure Ellis • Derik Hansen • Dennis Ancheta Siazon • Cheryl Zahajko



O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 26

STB

8:00AM + Ed Schatz

10:00AM + Marcelino De Vera

12:00PM + Graciela Hernandez Peña

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM For Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM For Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, April 27

STB - 8:30AM Santhiago Machuca Silva

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, April 28

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Calvin Kopet • Caden Lulla

Wednesday, April 29

STB - 8:30AM + Dely Aguilar

STOC - 9:00AM Carole Hammonds

Thursday, April 30

STB - 8:30AM Zoltan Abraham

STOC - 9:00AM + Raquel de Parra

Friday, May 1

STB - 8:30AM Katy & Mac Staley

STOC - 9:00AM + Pius Barboza • + Benedict Martis

Saturday, May 2

STB

8:30AM Audrey Kozel

5:00PM + Adam Hopkins

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

BY **HIS** WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED.

FOR YOU HAD GONE ASTRAY LIKE SHEEP,

BUT YOU HAVE NOW RETURNED TO

THE **SHEPHERD** AND **GUARDIAN**

OF YOUR SOULS. (1 PT 2:24-25)

MAY 1 - FIRST FRIDAY 24-HOUR ADORATION

Spend time in the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: start after the 8:30AM Friday Mass, continue through the night, and finish the following day with First Saturday devotion at 7:30AM ended with Benediction followed by Mass. Please call/text Christina 425-486-3376 if you have questions.

Be with our Lord this First Friday: 11AM to NOON • NOON to 1PM • 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 5PM to 6PM • 8PM to 9PM • 10PM to 11PM.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Join us on this coming **Saturday, MAY 2**, for the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary **after the 8:30AM Mass, outside at the St. Brendan patio.**

WHY WE DO FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION ?

First Saturday devotion is a Catholic practice of reparation requested by Our Lady of Fatima to atone for sins against her Immaculate Heart, specifically blasphemies, indifference, and insults against her. It consists of Confession, Holy Communion, the Rosary, and meditation, promising the graces necessary for salvation at death. In addition:

Reparation: To console the Immaculate Heart of Mary and make reparation for the ingratitude and sins of humanity.

Saving Souls: The devotion is a direct response to Our Lady's plea to save sinners from hell.

Promise of Grace: Jesus and Mary promised to assist at the hour of death with necessary graces those who complete five consecutive First Saturdays.

World Peace: It is intended to bring about peace in the world and, as such, is a key part of the Fatima message.

PLANT & BAKE SALE

St. Brendan's Annual Plant and Bake Sale will be on Saturday/Sunday, May 2/3. This is a fundraiser for expenses (e.g., mulch, fertilizer, plants, etc.) associated with caring for the church grounds. **Please consider being part of this "community-building" event by baking goodies for the bake sale, sharing plants from your garden, helping with the setup and selling, and, of course, purchasing.** Please call Anneliese (425-770-2103) if you have questions.

ST. BRENDAN NEIGHBORHOOD

Due to recent concerns, we must ask all parishioners and visitors to only park in designated church parking spots. Please do not park on our neighbors' lawns or in their driveways. Unauthorized vehicles blocking drives may be subject to towing by the owner. We appreciate your help in maintaining good relations with our community.

FOURTH EASTER SUNDAY BLESSING

Dear **JESUS**,

Be the **Good Shepherd** in my life. Help me to know **YOUR voice** and to respond. Help me to find **YOUR fold and the paths** on which **YOU** lead. Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters. Refresh my soul. **Amen.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **APRIL KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** - Austin Amort
- **APRIL FAMILY OF THE MONTH** - Callen & Sarika Mascarenhas
- The next Planning meeting is **Thursday, APR. 23, at 7PM at the Bothell Rental Hall.**
- **Last Call for Scholarship Applications!** The applications for the Knights of Columbus post-secondary education scholarships are due **no later than APR. 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.
- **Attention men of the parish.** The next episode of the **NEW** Into the Breach video series is being shown on **Saturday, MAY 2, at 7AM in Lower Brendan House.** Come and view the newest version of this long running program.
- Are you looking for a place to host a wedding reception, shower, birthday or graduation party? 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.

PARISH NEWS

“Search & Serve” Retreat

May 20 - 25, 2026

San Francisco Bay Area

*Explore your Vocation with Us!
Is God Calling You to be a Sister?*



Stay with us! Serve with us!

*Search your Heart during this Prayerful Retreat.
Serve those Living in Poverty with Us.*

See what it is like to be a Sister.

Meals, Housing & Daily Transportation is provided.

For Single Catholic Women 18-40

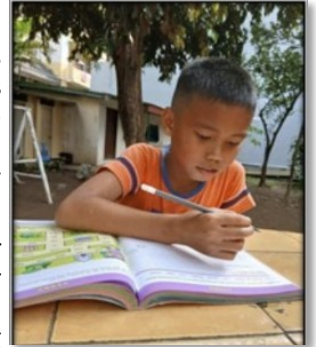


CHILD OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2026

Little Missionaries of Charity

Yasser Prince San Diego - Yasser is a diligent, kind, and simple boy. He is someone who needs love from others and enjoys sharing his love in return. He is 9 years old, having been born on November 27, 2016 and currently attends grade 4 in elementary school.

Yasser is not alone as he and his sister are together as their parents can no longer care for them. He is very active and regularly participates in the feeding center, where he enjoys spending time with other children. He thrives on attention, love, and the opportunity to play, study, learn from peers, and share meals. He finds joy in a simple environment filled with love. He dreams of studying hard and achieving a better life in the future, including helping his sister.



SEATTLE ARCHDIOCESES

CO-ED ADULT

SOFTBALL

We are looking for a team manager and a preliminary roster. Please contact Ena Demeter at cyosecretary@saintbrendan.org ASAP if you are interested in managing or joining the team.

- Members of any Catholic parish age 21 and older are eligible to play.**
- Games take place between June and August
- Registration opens April 27th
- For more info, please visit <https://teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/content/148/Adult-Softball>

ADULT CYO VOLLEYBALL!

Games run **September - October!**
1 Game Per Week vs Other CYO Teams!

Interested in Joining?
Email kristatorrey@gmail.com
to be added to the "Interested in More Information" List!

Register by Mid-August!

SEATTLE CYO ATHLETICS

**some exceptions apply

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Claire Cook • Megan D'sa Fuller • Megan Fryhover • Hannah Galvan Bockel • Taylor Lockman • Lauryn Manning • Jennifer McVicker • Scareth Meija • Elizabeth Nguyen • Michaela Sheehan • Chrissy White Cuda

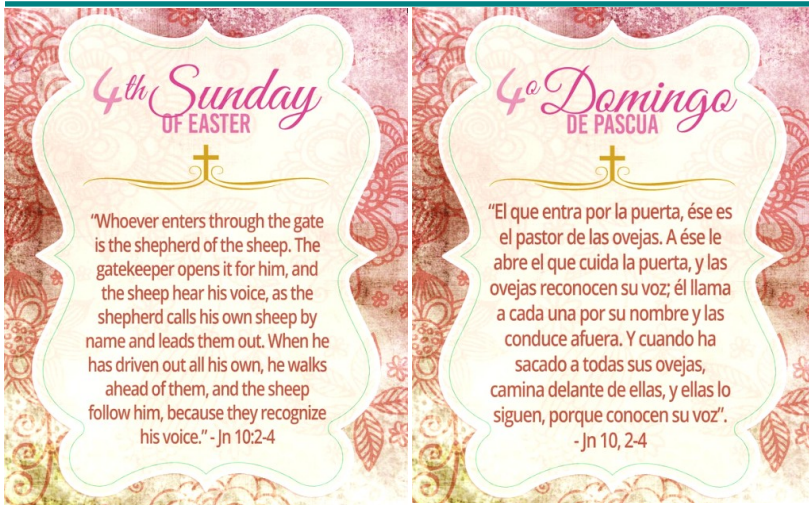
Congratulations to: Ryan & Lauren GREEN on the birth of their son, Callahan Howard • Jacob & Yohaly LUCAS on the birth of their son, Thomas Jacob • Tim & Avika NASH on the birth of their daughter, Odette Sloane. • Samuel & Bethany NICASIO on the birth of their daughter Madeline Goretti • Shelby TETER on the birth of her daughter • 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

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, MAY 27, for a private tour of the Kruckeberg Botanical Garden, which begins at 1:00PM. 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, MAY 24, to reserve your seat on the bus and at the restaurant.**



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.

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)

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1. Go to - <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Input parish > St. Brendan.
3. Choose > 10051 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA.
4. Add your name and email address to set up the free account.

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 - Formed \(with Dr. Tim Gray\)](#)
- [Tim Gray - Sanctity of Life Acceptance Speech](#)
- [Emotional Virtue by Sarah Swafford - Formed](#)
- [Best Catholic Dating Advice \(w/Andrew and Sarah Swafford\)](#)
- [Beyond Translation: Unlocking the Evangelizing Power of Latino Culture with Deacon Charlie Echeverry](#)

Chris Stefanick

- [Stop Trying to Figure it Out](#)
- [The Hidden Addiction in Fitness Culture \(No One Talks About This\)](#)
- [Years of Sin Wiped Clean in an Instant | Divine Mercy](#)
- [The Hidden Grace of Divine Mercy Sunday | Fr. Chris Alar](#)
- [The Shroud of Turin: 15 Facts Science Still Can't Explain](#)
- [Stop Giving Yourself a Free Pass | Palm Sunday Reflection](#)

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- [Lectio: God](#) • [The Art of Living](#) • [Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist](#) • [Practicing Catholic Podcast](#) • [Does God Send People to Hell? The Truth About Mercy](#) • [The Heart of Prayer](#)

Bishop Barron Sunday Sermon

- [The Pattern and Presence of Jesus - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon](#) • [Both His Wounds and His Peace](#) • [The Earthquake of the Resurrection](#)

Ascension Presents

- [I Thought I'd Get Married But... | My Vocation Story \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)
- [My Message For All Catholics \(w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz\)](#)
- [What Priests Want You to Know, but Can't Really Say \(w/ Fr. Rob Mulderink\)](#)
- [Been Away from Confession for a While? \(w/ Fr. Mark-Mary Ames\)](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["The Next Mass" | 3rd Sunday of Easter](#)
- ["The Next Confession" | Divine Mercy Sunday](#)
- ["Everything is Restored" | Easter Sunday](#)

The Catholic Parent - [The Catholic Parent - FORMED](#)

For Kids

- [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

CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY

By Zoltan Abraham

Psalms 23, the Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday, is arguably the most well-known and beloved psalm from the Holy Bible and one that is often sung at funerals. The central image of this psalm is that of the Lord as the Good Shepherd, which is the theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter every year.

The metaphor of the Lord as the Shepherd runs through the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. In the Gospels, as we see in the passage for this Sunday, Christ applies the image of the Shepherd to himself. He is the Good Shepherd, and we, his followers, are his sheep. In the context of the biblical tradition, for Christ to call himself the Shepherd is to claim divine authority. Christ makes it clear that it is through him and only through him that we can have eternal life. The doctrine of Christ being the only path to salvation is stated very clearly in the New Testament, especially in the Gospel of John. The biblical teaching is clear: There is no way to eternal life in Heaven without Christ.

But, one might ask, does this mean that all non-Christians are necessarily lost, condemned to Hell for all eternity? The Second Vatican Council offered a nuanced understanding of this teaching. The Council affirmed that Christ is the only means of salvation. At the same time, the Council also upheld a concept known as invincible ignorance, which means that if someone does not know Christ through no fault of their own, their ignorance will not be held against them. They will be judged with regard to whether or not they embraced that which they recognized to be the highest good in their earthly lives. This teaching is still fundamentally rooted in Christ, because the Church recognizes Christ as the source of all good in the world. Thus a non-Christian who chooses that which they genuinely understand to be good is in reality making an implicit choice for Christ, even if they themselves do not consciously realize it.

As Christians, we should also remember that building a relationship with Christ does not happen in isolation. It's never just me and the Lord and the Bible. Just as sheep, who represent discipleship in the Gospels, are meant to be in herds, so also we are meant to be together with each other as we seek to build an ever-deeper relationship with Christ. The sheep herd is a metaphor for the Catholic Church, led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd.

After his ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Christ has led the Church through the Apostles and through their successors, the bishops. That is why the bishop's crozier, the long staff he carries, is shaped to resemble a shepherd's crook. Christ entrusted his teachings to the Apostles, who then went forth to proclaim the Gospel message to all the world. Throughout Church history, the teachings of Christ have been mediated for us through the Magisterium, that is to say, the teaching authority of the Church.

If we seek to understand Christ's teachings alone, independently of the Church, we can easily fall into error. It's not enough for us to seek to understand the Holy Scriptures alone, in isolation. During the Protestant Reformation, Luther and the other reformers claimed that each person could just read the Scriptures without the guidance of the Church, relying instead entirely on the guidance of

the Holy Spirit. But the result has been a shattering of unity among Christians. Since the initial split brought about by the Reformation, Christianity has fragmented into an estimated 40,000 denominations. The Holy Spirit, who desires the unity of the Church, is clearly not guiding such individualized interpretations of the Word of God.

Instead, the Holy Spirit guides our understanding through the Magisterium, that is to say, the teaching authority of the Church, which is exercised by the Pope and the bishops in communion with him. It is through the teachings of the Church that we encounter the teachings of Christ. Some might see such a structure as limiting, but in reality, the teaching authority of the Church is a powerful protection from human error. The Magisterium, guided by the Holy Spirit, ensures that we do not fall into error.

As we have seen, seeking to interpret the teachings of Christ opens us up to the danger of going astray. We see the same with churches that do not have the teaching authority of the Catholic Church. They fall prey to the various cultural trends that sweep through society. We see this especially, but not exclusively, in the mainstream Protestant churches in the Western world, which are continually embracing new ideological trends, presenting them as biblical values, even when these trends are deeply contrary to the Holy Scriptures. To hear the voice of Christ, we need to listen to the bishops of the Catholic Church, especially their leader, the Bishop of Rome, the Holy Father, the Pope. Only then are we safe from straying into error.

As we reflect on our lives as disciples, we should ask ourselves: Whose voice are we listening to in our lives? Are we guided primarily by politicians? By cultural commentators? By the entertainment industry? By movie quotes and music lyrics? By popular books from the secular culture? Or are we guided by the voice of Christ speaking through the Church?

In the Gospel passage for today, Christ also speaks of robbers and thieves, who enter the sheepfold to cause destruction. We should ask ourselves: Who are the robbers and thieves in our own lives? Who is seeking to pull us away from Christ? Are there such people in our lives? What are the institutions or cultural forces that are trying to do so? We must always be on our guard not to let any influence take us away from Christ.

In the passage for today, Christ also refers to himself as the gate. As discussed above, Christ is the only source of salvation, of eternal life. We should ask ourselves: Are we truly seeking the gate that is Christ? How are we tempted to enter through false gates that do not lead to Christ and the life that he offers to us? The enemy is constantly tempting us to turn away from the true path and to find fulfillment in another way. But we must not be fooled. We must focus on Christ and Christ alone, the Good Shepherd, who brings us to safety, feeds us with his own being, and invites us into eternal life, living in his unending, infinite love.

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

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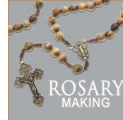
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