

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 PARISH FAMILY**
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 3, 2026



Philip said to him,
*"Master, show us the Father, and that
 will be enough for us."*

Jesus said to him,
*"Have I been with you for so long a time
 and you still do not know me, Philip?
 Whoever has seen me has seen the
 Father. How can you say, 'Show us the
 Father'? Do you not believe that I am in
 the Father and the Father is in me? The
 words that I speak to you I do not speak
 on my own. The Father who dwells in
 me is doing his works. Believe me that I
 am in the Father and the Father is in
 me, or else, believe because of the
 works themselves. Amen, amen, I say
 to you, whoever believes in me will do
 the works that I do, and will do greater
 ones than these, because I am going to
 the Father." — JOHN 14:8-12*

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

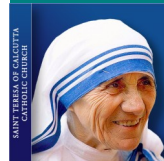
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

CONFESSION

- Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
- Saturday | 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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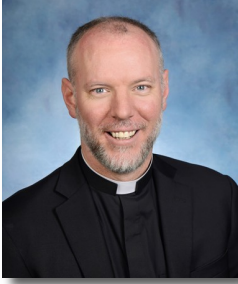
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

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

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

PARISH DIRECTORY



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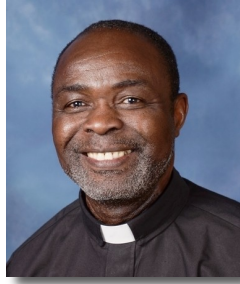
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ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL

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COVER ART

TITLE *Address to Saint Philip, Allocution à Saint Philippe, 1886-1894*

ARTIST - James Tissot | SOURCE - BrooklynMuseum.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



ASCEND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - REGISTER NOW •
Go to ascendeucharisticrevival.church or scan the QR Code above.

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at St. Teresa** - Sunday, May 3 • 11AM Mass.
- **STORY TIME with MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, MAY 3 • After the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan Nursery. • Below.
- **SILVER ROSE PROGRAM** - Friday, MAY 8 • 8:30AM Mass • STB • Pg. 5.
- **KNIGHT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Mother's Day • Sunday, MAY 10 • After the 8AM/10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **MAY 15, 18, 19, 25 - Parish Offices CLOSED.**
- **SATURDAY, MAY 16 - NO MORNING OR VIGIL MASS • NO Confessions • At both parishes due to the ASCEND Eucharistic Revival.**
- **SUNDAY, MAY 17 - NO 5PM Mass 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** • Pg. 6.
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL is HIRING** - See Pg. 10
- **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.**

PLANT & BAKE SALE

St. Brendan's Annual Plant and Bake Sale this weekend, 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.



ASCEND

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Coming to Bellevue, WA | May 16, 2026



REGISTER NOW!



In Him, We Rise.

This moment is a time to refresh and renew our hearts in hope and ignite a deeper love for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We are called to become a beacon of Christ's love for humanity in our struggling world.

ASCEND is a ticketed, limited-seating event. Please sign up for alerts to be notified when registration opens.

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

**LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US,
AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU . (Ps 33)**

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7 • Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 • 1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 • Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 • Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 • Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 • Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 • Ps 122:1-3, 4abcd-5 • Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 • Ps 96:1-2ab, 3, 10 • Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 • Ps 57:8-10 and 12 • Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 • Ps 100:1b-3, 5 • Jn 15:18-21

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 • 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.

Bonaventure Ellis • Derik Hansen • Ann Reilly • Dennis Ancheta Siazon • Cheryl Zahajko

THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS
REJECTED HAS BECOME THE
CORNERSTONE. (1 PT 2:7)

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 3

STB

8:00AM + Beverly Messerol

10:00AM Saint Brendan Parish

12:00PM + Susana Barrientos

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, May 4

STB - 8:30AM + Fidela (Dely) Aguilar

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, May 5

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Maria Sabrina dos Remedios

Gaspar dos Remedios

Wednesday, May 6

STB - 8:30AM Marion Anderson

STOC - 9:00AM + Service Members killed in Iran

Thursday, May 7

STB - 8:30AM Natalia Anderson

STOC - 9:00AM Frank Livingston

Friday, May 8

STB - 8:30AM + Thelma Lee Sloan

STOC - 9:00AM Avery Lulla • Adi Widjaja

Saturday, May 9

STB

8:30AM Joan Dedman

5:00PM + Robert Fich

STOC - 5:00PM 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

BLESSING OF PEACE

Dear **LORD**,

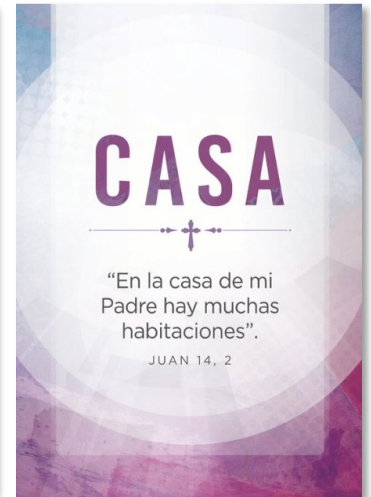
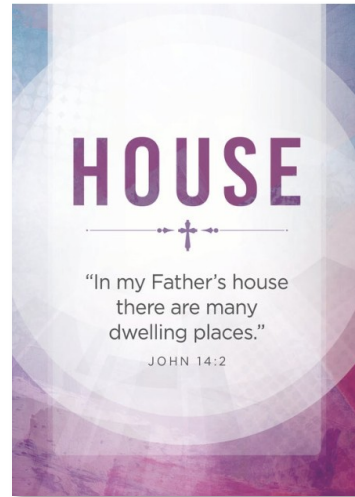
YOU have said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” Bless me with **YOUR peace**. Fille my heart with trust in **YOU**, and hope in **YOUR promises**. Be my rock in times of distress, my light in times of darkness, and my rest in the storm. **Amen**.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

In January, many of our parishioners spiritually adopted newly conceived babies, making a commitment to pray daily for them. They are now twelve weeks old. Their feet are perfectly shaped. Eyelids, nails and fingerprints are already developed. Their entire body is sensitive to touch and can feel pain. Our spiritual adopted babies sleep and wake regularly. Vigorous activity show distinct individuality. The baby can kick, turn their heads, open their mouths and press their lips tightly together. They “breathe” amniotic fluid to help develop their respiratory systems, all pretty amazing for only twelve weeks old! Please remember to pray daily for these little ones!

Truly You formed my inmost being: You knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. — PSALM 139: 13, 14

Check the kiosk each month for a beautiful poster-sized picture of our developing babies.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **MAY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** - Glen Podany
- **MAY FAMILY OF THE MONTH** - Jason & Katherine Shelton
- The next Business meeting is **Thursday, MAY 7, 7PM at the Bothell Rental Hall.**
- **The Silver Rose will be at St. Brendan on Friday, MAY 8, at the 8:30AM Mass.** The silver Rose program is one of seven silver roses that travel the country promoting Life and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and collecting your prayer requests. The roses and your requests converge at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine on December 12, in Mexico City.
- **The next Pancake Breakfast is Mother's Day May 10 after the 8AM and 10AM Mass at St. Brendan.**
- 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.

BBQ & BROTHERS | WOMEN'S GROUP

There will be no dinner meetings this month, instead please join us at the ASCEND Eucharistic Revival on Saturday, MAY 16, at the Meydenbauer Center as we . . .

Experience a powerful day of encounter with Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Procession, inspiring talks, relics veneration, and praise and worship. Let us refresh and renew our hearts in hope and ignite a deeper love for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Come be part of the movement!

In Him, We Rise.



ASCEND
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

PARISH NEWS

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 • Joy Stanley • Chrissy White Cuda

Congratulations to: Ryan & Lauren GREEN on the birth of their son, Callahan Howard. • Jacob & Yohaly LUCAS CAMACHO 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. • Kahlen & Michaela SHEEHAN on the birth of their son, Liam Andrew • 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.

“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



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, MAY 13** 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.

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.**

SEATTLE ARCHDIOCESES CO-ED ADULT SPORTS

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>

***some exceptions apply*

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



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.

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

Chris Stefanick

- [How to Hear God's Voice \(and Tune Out the Rest\)](#)
- [How Having No Arms Helped Me Embrace The Cross | John Foppe](#)
- [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](#)

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Bishop Barron Sunday Sermon

- [Cut to the Heart](#) • [The Pattern and Presence of Jesus](#) • [Both His Wounds and His Peace](#)

Ascension Presents

- [Priest Responds to Bryan Johnson's "Never Die" Vision | Fr. Mark-Mary Ames](#)
- [I Thought I'd Get Married But... | My Vocation Story | Fr. Mark-Mary Ames](#)
- [My Message For All Catholics | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [What Priests Want You to Know, but Can't Really Say | Fr. Rob Mulderink](#)
- [Been Away from Confession for a While? | Fr. Mark-Mary Ames](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["The Next Road" | 4th Sunday of Easter](#) • ["The Next Mass" | 3rd Sunday of Easter](#) • ["The Next Confession" | Divine Mercy Sunday](#) • ["Everything is Restored" | Easter Sunday](#)

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GROWING IN FAITH

THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

By Zoltan Abraham

One of the false claims of secular culture is that Jesus was merely a great teacher who said insightful things about human life but never claimed to be divine. On the contrary, throughout the Gospels, Jesus clearly and unambiguously presents himself as divine, as he does in the Gospel reading for this Sunday. He states: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:19). If a mere human were to say that, we would consider the statement blasphemous. Only Jesus, who is God Incarnate, can make such a claim.

The Gospel passage for today was a key element of the development of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. 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.

The Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, became Incarnate, taking on a human nature, coming among us as Jesus Christ. Jesus, therefore, is the visible face of the Holy Trinity for humanity. On the one hand, the Holy Trinity is the deepest mystery, which defies human understanding. On the other hand, God became one of us so that we could encounter him face to face.

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Jesus says: "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). This is another statement that would be preposterous and blasphemous unless spoken by God Himself. Jesus is the Truth, because he is God, who is the Truth himself. God is the Creator. The world exist only because God has brought it into being and because he sustains it. Our entire existence is contingent on God and is meaningless without union with God.

Jesus is also the Life. True life exists in God alone. True life is the eternal love dynamic that is the Holy Trinity. Outside of that love dynamic, we have mere existence; we are not truly alive. But that is exactly why Jesus came among us. He became one of us to atone for our sins upon the Cross and thereby open the way for us to be able to enter into the eternal love dynamic of the Holy Trinity. When we are baptized into Christ and live out our lives in the Church he established, the gate is open for us to enter into the inner life of the Holy Trinity. Through Christ, who is the Way, the true and only way, we become partakers of the inner life of God, which is infinite, unending, all-encompassing love.

Throughout the Old Testament, we see a bridal image used for the relationship between God and Israel. Israel is depicted as the bride or wife of God, who in turn is depicted as the divine bridegroom or husband. In the New Testament, the concept of Israel is transferred to the Church. In New Testament theology,

Israel is no longer thought of as a specific nation or land, but as the body of believers who have embraced the Good News of Christ. Furthermore, Christ is depicted as the divine bridegroom. The new bridal image is now between Christ and the Church, the new Israel.

In the Gospel passage for today, Jesus says: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 14:2-3)

These words of Jesus use the metaphor of Israelite wedding customs. In Middle Eastern society at the time of Jesus, and to some extent even now today, families lived in large compounds. When a young man and a young woman were to be married, an engagement feast was held at the bride's family's home. The groom then would go back to his family's home and build a section where he could welcome his wife and the children who would start coming into the world. In the Gospel passage, Jesus speaks in the persona of the bridegroom, who will go to Heaven to prepare a place for his bride, the Church. We see the culmination of this image in the final work of St. John the Evangelist, the Book of Revelation, which ends with the marriage of Christ and the Church.

Our mission as disciples is to invite the whole world into this most intimate union with God. We should not rest until we have proclaimed to Good News of Christ to every person on the planet. If we truly love our fellow human beings, we will want everyone to experience the true Life that only comes through union with Christ.

As we proclaim Christ to the world, we must always guard against hypocrisy. We must practice what we preach, or else, far from converting others, we might end up driving them away from Christ. Having said that, the First Reading for this Sunday shows that Christ can bring good even out of our human failures. In the passage from The Acts of the Apostles, we see that the early Church is composed of Greek and Hebrew members. But the Greek widows are starting to be discriminated against by those distributing food and other necessary items, in favor of the Hebrew widows.

The division could have torn the community apart. But instead, the Holy Spirit used this moment of dysfunction in the human side of the Church to bestow another great gift upon the faithful. The solution to the problem was the creation of the diaconate, whose ministry would revolve around helping those in need in the community. Thus, God answered a moment of human brokenness with abundant grace. Of course, God's willingness to bring good out of our failures does not mean that we should be okay with failing. We must always seek to do our best, with God's grace. But we should always pray, as my wife, Julie, likes to put it, that God may bring triumphs out of tragedies.

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

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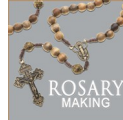
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Please prayerfully consider becoming a Vincentian. If you have any questions feel free to call Margie Inghram at 425-486-8953

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ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

The Rosary Making Ministry will have its next meeting on **Thursday, MAY. 21 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.



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 either St. Brendan or St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Family? Financial Assistance is available to help with registration fees, please contact CYOad@saintbrendan.org for details. For more information on CYO and the programs offered at St. Brendan, please reach out to Ena Demeter at cyosecretary@saintbrendan.org.

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- Grades 3-8
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Practice Schedule

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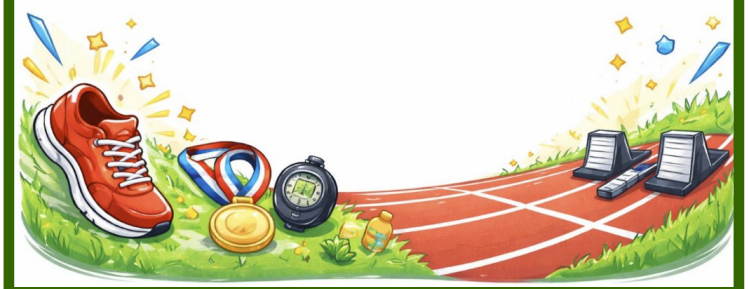
Meet Schedule

- **May 9** – Preliminary Meet (Renton Memorial Stadium)
- **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 and more information will be shared closer to each meet date.*

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AGES 5-12 Years Old
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QUESTIONS? sean@otathletics.com

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