

WELCOME TO  
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA  
 PARISH FAMILY**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 MAY 10, 2026



Jesus said to his disciples,  
*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you."* — JOHN 14:15-20

**SAINT BRENDAN PARISH | STB**



**SUNDAY MASS**

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 8AM | 10AM\* | 12PM\* (Misa en Español)
- \* LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK

**DAILY MASS** Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 8:30AM

**ADORATION**

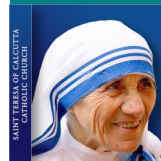
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM\*
- \*WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION | **NO ADORATION ON FRIDAY, MAY 15.**

**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

**ADORATION**

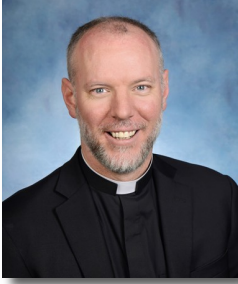
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

**CONFESSION**

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

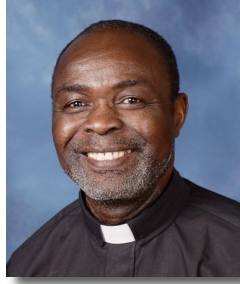
*"Do small things with great love"*—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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## COVER ART

TITLE *The Last Sermon of Our Lord* | *Dernier Sermon de Notre-Seigneur*, 1886-1894 | ARTIST - James Tissot | SOURCE - [BrooklynMuseum.org](http://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](mailto:admin@saintteresa.org).

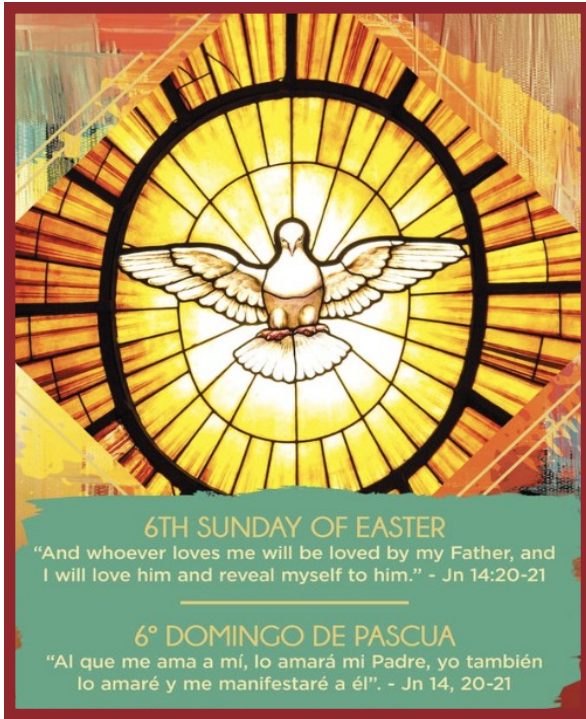
### To submit a bulletin announcement:

- Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.
- St. Brendan > [bulletin@saintbrendan.org](mailto:bulletin@saintbrendan.org)
- St. Teresa > [admin@saintteresa.org](mailto:admin@saintteresa.org)

### To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

- St. Brendan > [receptionist@saintbrendan.org](mailto:receptionist@saintbrendan.org)
- St. Teresa > [admin@saintteresa.org](mailto:admin@saintteresa.org)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## ASCEND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Coming to Bellevue, WA | May 16, 2026

**REGISTER NOW!**

**LAST DAY TO SIGN UP - MAY 15TH.**

[AscendEucharisticRevival.church](https://AscendEucharisticRevival.church)

### BLESSING FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Dear **LORD**,

Pour **YOUR goodness** and **grace** upon the women of our community today in a special way. • For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing. • For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow. • For those who have hoped for children: surround them with **YOUR love**. • For those who have lost a mother: may they know **YOUR comfort**. • For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation. • Bless all women this day. Thank **YOU** for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. **Amen.**

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- ASCEND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - REGISTER NOW** • Go to [ascendeucharisticrevival.church](https://ascendeucharisticrevival.church) or scan the QR Code >>>. May 15th is last day of registration.
- **KNIGHT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Sunday, MAY 10 • After the 8AM/10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
  - **SPECIAL HOLY HOUR** - MAY 15 • 8PM • **St. Jude** • Pg. 5.
  - **MAY 15 - NO ADORATION** at 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.
  - **PENTECOST SUNDAY** - Sunday, MAY 24
  - **CONFIRMATION MASS** - Sunday, MAY 24 • during the 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 SPORTS** - Softball/Volleyball Teams- Pg. 6.

# PRAYER AND READINGS

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026

LET ALL THE EARTH CRY OUT TO GOD WITH JOY. (Ps 66)

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 • Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 • 1 Pt 3:15-18 • Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15 • Ps 149:1b-2, 3-6a, 9b • Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34 • Ps 138: 1-2abcde-3, 7c-8 • Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 • Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14 • Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 • Ps 113: 1-8 • Jn 15:9-17

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18 • Ps 47:2-7 • Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28 • Ps 47: 2-3, 8-10 • Jn 16:23b-28

## 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.*

Rudy Agpalo • Chavarin Ruiz Family • Tina Dahlman • Joan Dedman • Don Galloway • Arturo Gonzalez • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Dona Moran • Belinda Octavo • Dianne Osmialowski • Jacob Santiago Bautista • 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.*

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

FOR **CHRIST** ALSO SUFFERED FOR SINS  
ONCE, THE RIGHTEOUS FOR THE SAKE OF  
THE UNRIGHTEOUS, THAT **HE** MIGHT  
LEAD YOU TO **GOD**. (1 PT 3:18)



O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, May 10

**STB**

8:00AM Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM + Venus Peterson

12:00PM + Rita Bustos

**STOC**

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM Saint Teresa Parish

### Monday, May 11

**STB** - 8:30AM + Mr & Mrs. Harrington

**STOC** - NO MASS

### Tuesday, May 12

**STB** - NO MASS

**STOC** - 9:00AM Mike Vlahovich

### Wednesday, May 13

**STB** - 8:30AM + Fatima Imbuido

**STOC** - 9:00AM + Juliana Lee

### Thursday, May 14

**STB** - 8:30AM + Fidela Aguilar

**STOC** - 9:00AM Susan Tolish

### Friday, May 15

**STB** - 8:30AM Belinda Octavo

**STOC** - 9:00AM + Ruben Sanchez Huerta

### Saturday, May 16 - ASCEND Conference

**STB**

8:30AM NO MORNING MASS

5:00PM NO VIGIL MASS

**STOC** - 5:00PM NO VIGIL MASS

+ = 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



You are invited to a very special Holy Hour offered for the success of the ASCEND Eucharistic Revival!

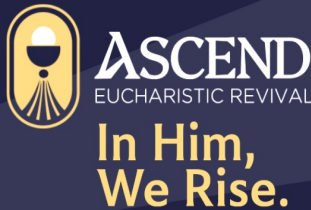
**St. Jude Catholic Church, Redmond**  
**May 15, 2026 8-9PM**

A Holy Hour led by musical guests Floriani Sacred Music, the acclaimed men's vocal ensemble who performed at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and who will chant the Mass at the ASCEND Eucharistic Revival. Please join us for this special evening of prayer and sacred music.

Join us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anytime from 9:30AM until 12 Midnight at St. Jude.

Register for ASCEND, happening May 16, 2026:

[AscendEucharisticRevival.church](https://AscendEucharisticRevival.church)



Scan here to learn more or register



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER**  
 (Council 6686)

- **MAY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** - Glen Podany
- **MAY FAMILY OF THE MONTH** - Jason & Katherine Shelton
- **Help Wanted:** We are in need of a part-time handy man or woman to perform maintenance at the Bothell Rental Hall. Contact Cindy Roeter at 425-418-3185 if interested.
- **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](http://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 . . .

## SPRINGTIME PRAYER

Lord God, in this time of longer, warmer days, soft rains, and gradual greening, we recognize anew that we are surrounded by your gifts. Winter gives way to spring, darkness gives way to light, and dormancy gives way to new life. Hear our prayer of praise and gratitude, remembering especially those who cultivate the land, those who plant and gather, who feed our vast nation and peoples. —REVELATION 22:13



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!*



# PARISH NEWS

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers:** Claire Cook • Megan Fryhover • Hannah Galvan Bockel • Taylor Lockman • Lauryn Manning • Jennifer McVicker • Scareth Meija • Elizabeth Nguyen • Joy Stanley • Chrissy White Cuda

**Congratulations to:** Frank & Megan D'sa FULLER on the birth of their son, Thaddeus Franklin • 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. • 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](mailto:rdhcoll@aol.com).

## 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](mailto:gwtom@att.net) or (206) 799-0397.



## YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GIFT IS VITAL

Thank you to all those who have made a gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal! Your support is vital for building up the future of our Church, whether it is through our youth and young adult ministries, teaching the faith and sharing in the beauty of the Gospel, or providing our priests and staff with training, including administrative services needed to support our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider filling out a pew envelope or making your gift online by scanning the QR code. >>>



It's easy to give to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit [archseattle.org/giveaca](http://archseattle.org/giveaca).

## 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](mailto: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



**CORRECTION** - There is an error in the St. Brendan annual calendar that was released at the end of last year. May 24, 2026 was listed as Palm Sunday, instead of Pentecost Sunday.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

May they always cherish the gift of the Bread of Life to feed every hunger and thirst of their souls and spirits throughout their journeys of faith and life.

We also extend our sincere thanks to our priests, catechists, teachers, volunteers, the parents, godparents, relatives, and friends who have inspired and helped our First Communicants in achieving this important step in their initiation into the Body of Christ and His sacramental mysteries.



## 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 Echevery](#)

### Chris Stefanick

- [Practicing Heaven and a Prayer | Theo Von](#) • [Never Lose Hope for Your Kids | Gordy Demarais](#) • [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 \(No One Talks About This\)](#)

### FORMED

- [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 Dwelling Place of God](#) • [Cut to the Heart](#) • [The Pattern and Presence of Jesus](#)

### Ascension Presents

- [Praying Like this Changed My Life | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [Is This God's Voice or My Own Thoughts? | Dave VanVickle](#)
- [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](#)

Miscellaneous - [Interview with Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT](#)

### Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["The Next Goodbye" | 5th Sunday of Easter](#) • ["The Next Road" | 4th Sunday of Easter](#) • ["The Next Mass" | 3rd Sunday of Easter](#)

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

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## CAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE DEVELOP?

By Zoltan Abraham

The central theme of the New Testament is the offer of God's infinite love for us and the invitation to requite his love with our whole being. In his First Letter, St. John the Evangelist states that God is love. As I have discussed in prior reflections, 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.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus states: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." (John 15:9) Jesus tells us that his love for us is the same eternal, infinite love that exists within the Holy Trinity. We receive his love by requiting his love with our whole lives. But, we might ask, what does it look like to love Jesus? In the Gospel passage for today, Jesus tells us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) In another passage in the Gospel of John, he also states: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34) The answer then is that we love Jesus most fully when we love each other as he has loved us, becoming conduits of his love for all.

But how does Christ love us? The passage from the Gospel of John where he tells us to love one another as he has loved us is in the context of the Last Supper narrative. He has just demonstrated servant leadership by washing the feet of his disciples, instructing them, and through them us, to do the same for each other. But the washing of the feet is just the beginning. On Good Friday, Jesus offers himself up upon the Cross, laying his life down for all of us. To love each other as he has loved us means to be willing to lay our lives down for one another. We must be ready to be crucified for one another. That is the true love of Christ. That is the love we are to show each other in order to be able to love Christ fully.

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Jesus also says: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (John 14:16-17) Later in the Last Supper discourse, Jesus adds: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name - he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)

The Church has always interpreted this passage to mean that, throughout history, the Holy Spirit guards the Church from falling into error. God's revelation started in the Old Testament era and it concluded with the end of the New Testament period. Since then, God has not given us any new revelation. At the

same time, the Holy Spirit has guided the Magisterium, which is the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, to come to deeper and deeper insights into the faith that has already been revealed.

Thus, the Church never teaches anything truly new, but only a deeper understanding of something already taught before. For example, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, which holds that she was conceived without Original Sin, was authoritatively proclaimed only in the 19th century, but the concept of Mary's sinlessness is rooted in a doctrine established in the early Church - that the Virgin Mary is the Mother of God.

In light of the theory of evolution regarding the natural world, some have proposed the idea of the evolution of Catholic doctrine as well. Here we must be careful. Catholic doctrine can evolve or develop only in the sense described above, that we come to a deeper understanding of what is already established. A good analogy would be seeing a car from afar. At first, we can tell little more than the fact that it is a car. But as we get closer, we can tell the make and model. Eventually, we can describe the interior and even the special features the car might have. However, we will never get to a point where we discover that the car is really a helicopter or a submarine. Likewise, the development of the doctrine of the Church can never entail the contradiction of earlier established teachings. If something was wrong in the second century, it is still wrong today. If something was true in the past, it is still true today.

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, also plays a key role in the sacramental life of the Church. In each of the sacraments, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us in a profound, life-changing manner. We especially associate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the First Reading for this Sunday we see that in Samaria many had been baptized but had not yet received the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we now call Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the completion of our baptismal transformation. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation enables us to live out our baptismal vocation, as long as we are grounded in the intimate union with Christ offered to us in the Eucharist.

A part of loving one another as Christ has loved us is to invite everyone into this deepest possible union with Christ. The Second Reading for this Sunday instructs us to do so always with love. If we act in a way that is not loving when we are calling others to Christ, we will most likely drive them away. I am sure we have all encountered Christians whose behavior was a counter-signal, something that would make most people flee. Instead, as we invite others into Christ's love, let us be examples of his love in the way we speak, in the way we act, in the way we live the whole of our lives.

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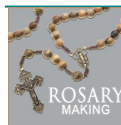


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