

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 PARISH FAMILY**
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - ASCENSION OF THE LORD
 MAY 17, 2026



Go and teach all nations, says the LORD; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

SAINT BRENDAN PARISH | STB



SUNDAY MASS

- Saturday Vigil | 5PM
- Sunday | 8AM | 10AM* | **12PM*** (Misa en Español)
- * LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK | **MAY 24 - 12:15PM MASS**

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

ADORATION

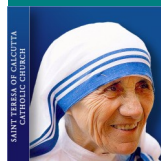
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

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 | **MAY 17 - NO 5PM MASS**

DAILY MASS - Tuesday to Friday | 9AM |

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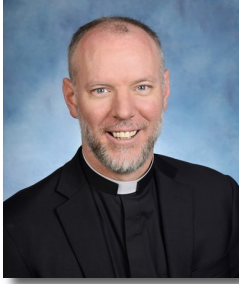
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

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

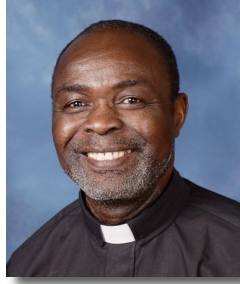
"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

To arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, call the Ministry of Pastoral Care of the Eastern Deanery at 425-655-3200.

To arrange for Holy Communion for the sick or homebound, call the parish office.

MINISTERIO PARA LOS ENFERMOS Y LAS PERSONAS CONFINADAS EN CASA

Para concertar el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, llame al Ministerio de Atención Pastoral del Decanato Oriental al 425-655-3200.

Para concertar la Sagrada Comunión para los enfermos o las personas confinadas en casa, llame a la oficina parroquial.

FUNERAL MASSES AND BURIAL RITES

To arrange for a funeral Mass, please contact the Parish Office, or ask the funeral director to do so.

MISAS PARA FUNERALES Y RITOS DE ENTIERRO

Para hacer arreglos para Misa para funeral, por favor contacte la Oficina de la Parroquia, o pregunte al director de los servicios funerarios.

PARISH NEWSFLASH

If you would like to receive the weekly St. Teresa Newsflash over email, please let us know at admin@saintteresa.org.

To submit a bulletin announcement:

- Due Thursday a week before the target weekend.
- St. Brendan > bulletin@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

To submit a Mass announcement or Mass intentions:

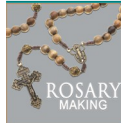
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UPCOMING EVENTS



MASS TIME CHANGES

- On Sunday, **MAY 24**, the **St. Brendan Noon Mass** will begin at 12:15PM. | El domingo **24 de mayo**, la misa del mediodía en honor a **San Brendan** comenzará a las 12:15PM.
- Please note the summer Mass schedule change: the **St. Teresa of Calcutta 5PM Mass on Sundays** will be suspended from **JUN. 7 through SEP. 6**. and will resume on **SEP. 13**.



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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH FAMILY PARISHIONERS AND OCIA MEMBERS!

SAVE THE DATE - MAY 30, 2026

On **Saturday, May 30**, after the **5PM Vigil Mass at St. Brendan**, we will be welcoming our new parishioners and OCIA members with a delicious dinner. The evening will start after the Saturday 5PM Mass and wrap up around 8PM. Current parish members will share information about our vibrant parish and ways to get involved. *Families are welcome.* Evites have been sent and phone calls will be made to the newly registered. If you are not able to join us for dinner, we would like to welcome you with a folder of information about the parish.

Please RSVP to **Joyce Von Feldt 425-236-6550 by phone, text, or email (jyvonfeldt@aol.com) by MAY 23**. May God bless you, and we hope to see you there!



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, JUN. 7**.



- **SUNDAY, MAY 17 - NO 5PM Mass at St. Teresa of Calcutta.**
- **MAY 18, 19, 25 - Parish Offices CLOSED.**
- **ROSARY MAKING** - Thursday, MAY 21 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room. • Pg. 9.
- **NO BBQ & BROTHERS** - Sunday, MAY 21.
- **PENTECOST SUNDAY** - Sunday, MAY 24
- **MASS TIME CHANGE - Sunday, MAY 24 - St. Brendan Noon Mass will be at 12:15PM.**
- **CONFIRMATION MASS** - Sunday, MAY 24 • during the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **MEMORIAL DAY** - Monday, MAY 25 • NO Confession • Mass at 8:30AM.
- **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS** - Wednesday, MAY 27 • 10:30AM **RSVP by MAY 24** • Pg. 6.
- **WELCOME DINNER to NEW PARISHIONERS/OCIA MEMBERS** - Saturday, MAY 30 • After the 5PM Mass • RSVP • Read >>> for details.
- **STORY TIME with MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, JUN. 7 • After the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** - Sunday, JUN. 7.
- **MASS TIME CHANGE - Sunday, JUN. 7 • NO 5PM Sunday Mass through SEP. 6 at St. Teresa • See next column.**
- **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** - Sunday, JUN. 7 • After the Noon Mass.
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL is HIRING** - See Pg. 10
- **PARISH FAMILY 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - ASCENSION

MAY 17, 2026

I BELIEVE THAT I SHALL SEE THE GOOD THINGS OF THE LORD
IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. (Ps 27)

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 • Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 • Eph 1:17-23 • Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 • Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab • Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 • Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 • Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 • Ps 68:29-30, 33-35abc-36ab • Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 • Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 • Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 • Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab • Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 • Ps 11:4, 5, 7 • Jn 21:20-25

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 Family • Joan Dedman • Samantha Deitch • Don Galloway • Arturo Gonzalez • Rosemarie Gottlieb • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Jim Kridelbaugh • Hannah Therese Leone • Deanna McCoy • Dona Moran • Belinda Octavo • Dianne Osmialowski • Gregorio Rendon • Alexandra Marie Rocio-Hays • 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

MAY THE EYES OF YOUR HEARTS BE
ENLIGHTENED, THAT YOU MAY KNOW WHAT
IS THE HOPE THAT BELONGS TO **HIS** CALL.

(EPH 1:18)

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 17

STB

8:00AM Kathryn Jensen

10:00AM Josh Stutzman

12:00PM Saint Brendan Parish

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM NO MASS

Monday, May 18

STB - 8:30AM + *Souls in Purgatory*

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, May 19

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Tara Hannah

Wednesday, May 20

STB - 8:30AM + *Gary Blair*

STOC - 9:00AM Camillo Lim & Family

Thursday, May 21

STB - 8:30AM + *Guadalupe Celedonio*

STOC - 9:00AM Leon Kopet

Friday, May 22

STB - 8:30AM + *Tracey Kastner*

STOC - 9:00AM + *Auston Barboza*

Saturday, May 23

STB

8:30AM + *Tom Beckman*

5:00PM Saint Brendan Parish

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

The Ascension
OF THE LORD

✠

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:18b-19

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1990 CCC

La Ascensión
DEL SEÑOR

✠

"Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo".
- Mt 28, 18-19

Lectonario (p. 197) Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano

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.**



ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA & ST. BRENDAN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
hosted at
SAINT BRENDAN*

JUNE 22 - 26, 2026 | 9AM TO NOON

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 5

\$25 PARISHIONERS • \$50 CAP FOR FAMILIES
\$50 OUT-OF-PARISH PARTICIPANTS



<<< USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER TO SIGN UP OR VOLUNTEER.

***WE'RE LOOKING INTO PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION IN THE MORNING FROM ST. TERESA TO ST. BRENDAN.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **MAY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** - Glen Podany
- **MAY FAMILY OF THE MONTH** - Jason & Katherine Shelton
- Welcome to our newest Knights: Mike Trupiano, Brent Nerby, Aidan Alba, Sean Chung.
- The next Corporate Communion and breakfast is **Sunday, MAY 31 at the 8AM Mass.** Join your brother Knights at Mass followed by Breakfast at Brittany Park in Woodinville.
- **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.
- 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.

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.

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. • 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.

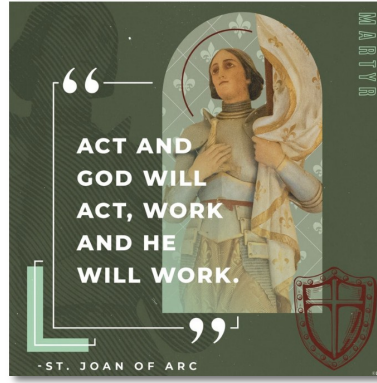
If you are expecting a baby and would like your church family to pray for you, please contact Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

Together in Faith

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our shared mission – to help one another encounter Christ and put the Gospel into concrete action. Your gift is integral to bringing faith formation programs to life, inviting youth and young adults into the Church, fostering a welcoming community, and providing for the spiritual and physical needs of every person we encounter.

Thank you to all who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledges and gifts, as well as those who are recurring monthly donors. It's easy to give to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. Scan the QR code >>> or visit archseattle.org/giveaca.



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.

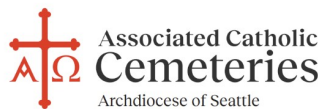


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Contact us today at
206-366-8834 or
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Calvary Cemetery Seattle | Holyhood Cemetery Shoreline | Gethsemane Cemetery Federal Way | St. Patrick Cemetery Kent



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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3. Choose > *10051 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA*.
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EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

Chris Stefanick

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GROWING IN FAITH

EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION

By Zoltan Abraham

The Gospel passage for this Sunday ends with the Great Commission, the final instruction that Jesus gives to the disciples before ascending into Heaven: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19). The words of Jesus are straightforward. We are not to rest until we have brought the Gospel to all the peoples of the world.

But the question arises, has our missionary zeal weakened over the centuries? Are we still on fire with the desire to bring all people to Christ? In discussing the health of the Church, both globally and locally, the phrase "mission vs maintenance" often comes up. The temptation is for us to settle into a pattern of maintenance, where we focus on keeping the status quo going but do not seek growth. But as Pope Francis and many others have emphasized, maintenance is not enough. The Church is to be a Church of mission, always going forth, always proclaiming the Gospel and calling people to Christ.

Today, we see a lot of emphasis on dialog - dialoging with Christians of other denomination and with people of other faiths. Dialog is important, but it is not the end goal. Dialog can help us to get to know each other, to diffuse generational conflict, and to establish civil discourse. But, as Jesus instructs us, we must go beyond dialog to evangelization, calling others to conversion to Christ.

One danger of too much focus on dialog is indifferentism, the idea that it doesn't matter to what religion, if any, a person belongs, as long as they are a good person. Indifferentism assumes that all roads lead to Heaven, as long as each person adheres to a basic sense of decency. The problem with such a perspective is that it denies the role of Christ in salvation.

Christ makes it very clear in the Gospels, as does the Catholic Church in her teachings, that he is the only path of salvation. True, the Second Vatican Council is open to the concept of invincible ignorance, the idea that if a person does not choose Christ through no fault of their own, then their failure will not be held against them and they will be judged on choosing that which they recognized to be good. But even so, the person in question would be choosing Christ implicitly, without full understanding, and will encounter Christ in his fullness in the afterlife. Salvation comes only from Christ. Every person who reaches Heaven does so only through Christ.

Indifferentism is sometimes presented as a form of love. If, the argument goes, we truly love our brothers and sisters outside of the Church, we would just support them in whatever path they are pursuing and not seek to bring them to Christ. But, quite to the contrary, not sharing Christ with someone shows the greatest possible lack of love for the person. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is our only true fulfillment, the only source of ultimate, eternal joy, peace, and contentment. Not to share Christ with someone is to cause the greatest possible injury to that person.

To go further, our belief is not in a generic sort of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that the fullness of Christ is found in the Catholic Church. To encounter Christ as fully as possible in this life, we need to be members of the Catholic Church, live according to the teachings and precepts of the Church, and immerse ourselves in the sacramental

and prayer life of the Church. Thus, to share Christ with others, we need to be calling them to the Catholic faith.

But, the question will no doubt arise, how can we do so in our everyday lives? We are not all priests or missionaries or Catholic YouTubers. What can we do if we have an ordinary job and lead an ordinary life?

To begin, we need to love our faith fully. We cannot give that which we don't have. The first step to evangelization is to proclaim Christ with who we are, with our very being. Let us let Christ shine through us to the world around us. As we do, our day-to-day decision making, in both small and large matters, should be grounded in Christ. Whatever action we take, we should consider if that action will lead us closer to Christ or not. Our motivation should always be ever-deeper union with Christ.

The next step toward everyday evangelization is to speak in a way consistent with our love of Christ. Do our words reflect our commitment to Christ? Do we ever say things that undermine our relationship with Christ and act to scandalize others? Furthermore, when we interact with others, are we willing to defend Christ and his teachings with our words? We don't have to argue with everyone but if someone makes a statement contrary to Christ and expects us to agree with it, we need to draw a line and speak up. We can do so with gentle love, but we need to speak up.

Furthermore, our love for Christ should be reflected in our social media posts, in the way we dress, in the way we decorate our homes, and the entertainment we consume and invite others to share with us. When our entire life is grounded in Christ, everything about us will invite others into his love.

But we shouldn't just be passive. We should actively invite others to Christ in whatever ways we can, even if we are not leading a ministry as evangelists. We can invite them to Mass and to parish events. We should always share our faith in the right moments, always asking the Holy Spirit to guide our words. We can offer to pray for them and with them when the right opportunity arises. We should also pray daily for others in our lives and for all of humanity to come to Christ. Moreover, let us remember the power of fasting. Fasting, when offered as a sacrifice to God, unlocks great spiritual graces. Fasting for others so that they may open their hearts to Christ is a powerful way to help them. What is more, whenever we offer up the spiritual value of our suffering for others, we are gifting them with great blessings. That is especially true if we offer up for their spiritual healing the suffering that they themselves have caused us. That is what Christ did upon the Cross, when he offered up for our salvation the suffering that all of us have caused him through our sins.

In the Gospel passage for today, we also see that the disciples "worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). We too will be beset by doubts at various times. But the key is to persevere in the midst of doubts. St. Therese of Lisieux, one of the greatest saints of the modern era, experienced such an oppression of doubts at one point in her life that she wrote down the Creed with her own blood, so as to keep the dark thoughts at bay. St. Mother Teresa too was beset with immense spiritual desolation through most of her ministry, but she kept on keeping on. The most important thing for us to remember is that we are not expected to succeed on our own. Victory comes only through the strength of Christ. Let us call him into our lives daily, incessantly, trusting in his words from the Gospel passage for today: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

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