

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 PARISH FAMILY**
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 14, 2026

JESUS sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, *"Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."* —Mt 10:6-8



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

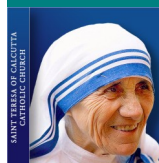
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

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 | **NO 5PM**

DAILY MASS - Tuesday to Friday | 9AM |

ADORATION

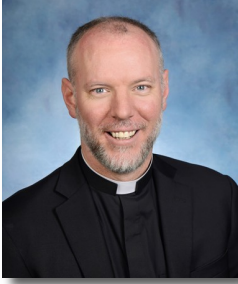
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

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

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

PARISH DIRECTORY



PASTOR

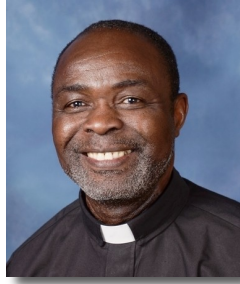
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• Office - 10051 NE 195th St., Bothell, WA 98011-2931

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ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8AM to 4PM

Wednesday | 8AM to 3PM

• 10049 NE 195th St., Bothell, WA 98011

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School Secretary | Karyn Murnane | secretary@school.saintbrendan.org

COVER ART

TITLE: *The Calling of the Apostles*

ARTIST - Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1481-82 SOURCE - [Web Gallery of Art](#)

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:

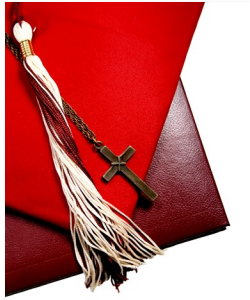
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FATHER'S DAY** - Sunday, JUN. 21
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - JUN. 22-26 >>>
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, JUN. 24 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **STORY TIME with Mrs. Abraham** - Sunday, JUL 5. • St. Brendan • After the 10AM Mass.
- **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** - Due Friday, JUL. 31 • Pg. 5
- **CYO Registrations OPEN** – Soccer • Cross Country • Volunteer Opportunities • Pg. 9.
- **SAVE THE DATE - ST. BRENDAN HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** - Saturday, NOV. 14.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

LOVING GOD, we thank you for all who graduate from grade school, high school and college this time of the year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education.



Help them to look forward to their next steps: continuing in their education or entering the work world. Particularly help those who are seeking employment to find a job suitable to their education.

Give them faith and a sense of purpose in their next steps.

Show them how to serve others in effective ways.

And may they be always be aware in everything they do that they will find fulfillment in doing your will, that you will be with them always, and that you will bring to completion the good work you have begun in them. **AMEN.** SOURCE: Marquette.edu

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register your children now for Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School is for children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade. **Join us from Monday, JUN. 22 > Friday, JUN. 26 at St. Brendan Church from 9AM to NOON.**

We are still looking for an adult volunteer to help prepare snacks and we are still accepting teen volunteers to help with camp. Both Adult and Teen Volunteers can receive 18 to 20 hours of community service time for volunteering.

Please see the flyers/handouts in the narthex and around both churches for online registration or scan the QR Code below.



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.

***TRANSPORTATION IN THE MORNING WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ST. TERESA TO ST. BRENDAN.**

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 2026

WE ARE HIS PEOPLE: THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK . (Ps 100)

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a • Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 • Rom 5:6-11 • Mt 9:36-10:8

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 • Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6ab-7 • Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 • Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11,16 • Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 • Ps 31:20, 21, 24 • Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 • Ps 97:1-7 • Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 • Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 • Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 • Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 • Mt 6:24-34

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.

Elizabeth Adoko • Joan Dedman • Samantha Deitch • Toyo Erickson • Don Galloway • Luz Gutierrez • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Mary Anne Hunt • Dianne Osmialowski • Sully Mills • 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.

Steven Engel • Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez • Deanna McCoy • Olga Obdulia Costilla • Ron Runyon • Jacob Santiago Bautista • Bob Stevenson • Angelica Maria Valdez Velasquez • Shirley Wichert

BUT **GOD** PROVES **HIS** LOVE FOR US
IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS
CHRIST DIED FOR US

(ROM 5:8)

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 14

STB

8:00AM Dominic Anderson

10:00AM + Fidela "Dely" Aguilar

12:00PM Saint Brendan Parish

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, June 15

STB - 8:30AM Mike & Julie Rice

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, June 16

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Maddy Schafer

Wednesday, June 17

STB - 8:30AM Mary Deitch

STOC - 9:00AM + Eugene Pender

Thursday, June 18

STB - 8:30AM + Larry Simons

STOC - 9:00AM Adam Young

Friday, June 19

STB - 8:30AM Stephanie Bloch

STOC - 9:00AM Alyssa & Andrew Duncan

Saturday, June 20

STB

8:30AM + Josefina de Santiago

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **June Knight of the Month** – **Bob Curry**
- **June Family of the Month** – **Bill and Donna Nash**
- **Correction to the date:** The next Casino Night for the residents of Fairwinds Brittany Court in Woodinville take place on **Thursday, JUN. 18, from 5PM to 8PM.** We are in need of helpers to make this a successful event. Please contact Grand Knight Joe Osmialowski at joe_osmialowski@yahoo.com or 248-343-9021 if you can help. No experience is needed.
- Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus Scholarship contest: **Thomas Davenport**, High School Senior, Son of Lance & Mari Davenport • **Ariana Juritz Berrios**, College Junior, Daughter of Ivan Berrios & Myriam Juritz
- **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, graduation party or some other event? Look no further. The Bothell Rental Hall is a great place to hold any 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.

Greg Schmidt Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by St. Teresa of Calcutta Knights of Columbus



ESSAY CONTEST

Available to all high school graduates and current college students in the parish who will be attending an accredited college or university in the fall of 2026.

2026 Essay Theme

How has being Catholic influenced your daily life?

Requirement ~

Write a 250-500 word essay on this theme.

The essay must be submitted to the parish office along with this application form **no later than Friday, July 31st.** Please paper clip the essay to this application, but do not put your name on the essay.



FIRST PLACE
\$500 scholarship



SECOND PLACE
\$250 scholarship

Scholarship Applicant:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Current school (2025-2026 School year): _____

2025-2026 grade level (i.e. HS senior, college soph.): _____

Planned school for 2026-2027 school year: _____

Planned Major: _____

I, _____, attest that this essay is my own work.
I acknowledge that the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered apps, or other AI-powered writing tools, is strictly prohibited for the purposes of this scholarship.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL SUPPORT!

Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our regional Church by supporting the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal! Our journey as Catholics is not undertaken alone. We are all a part of this one body of Christ and your generosity speaks to the impact that our community can have. Whether it is supporting parish staff through centralized services, supporting seminarian formation and education, or uplifting youth and young adult programs and events, your generosity matters. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there's still time!

You can use a pew envelope or donate online by scanning the QR code >>> or visiting archseattle.org/giveaca.



SUMMER BREAK

As we enter the summer season (June through August), the following parish family ministries are taking a well-deserved break:

- Apologetics
- BBQ & Brothers
- Rosary Making
- Women's Group

We wish our volunteers and families a blessed and restful summer.

PARISH NEWS

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Hannah Galvan Bockel • Sydney Covello • Erin Dolenc • Sarah Hill • Taylor Lockman • Lauryn Manning • Jennifer McVicker • Scareth Meija • Meron • Elizabeth Nguyen • Joy Stanley • Chrissy White Cuda

Congratulations to: Tyler & Claire COOK on the birth of their daughter, Riley Camille • Reid & Megan FRYHOVER on the birth of their son, Colter Theodore • Frank & Megan D'sa FULLER on the birth of their son, Thaddeus Franklin • Ryan & Lauren GREEN on the birth of their son, Callahan Howard. • 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.



MINISTRY AT ST. BRENDAN & ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

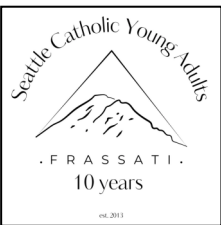
Supports families in need by providing diapers and clothing for children from birth to school age. We are located in the **lower Brendan House and are open on Tuesdays from 9AM to 11AM**. If you are in a housing or food crisis or in need of other immediate assistance, please call the State of Washington Services at 2-1-1 for help—it's FREE; they are open 24/7 and multilingual. **If you would like to make a financial donation to PREPARES, please write St. Teresa Prepares on the check.** Please contact Lori Wirtz (loriwirtz@gmail.com) with any questions.

NEED: Diapers: Size - 4T and 5T • Diaper Wipes



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 **next Sunday, JUL. 5**.



Calling YOUNG ADULTS!

Come join a group of Catholic young adults from around the Puget Sound area who want to grow closer to Christ together in community. See <https://www.frassatiseattle.org/> for more information about groups, events, and retreats.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Romuald

ABBOTT



In the midst of a wasted youth, St. Romuald watched his father kill a relative in a duel over property. In horror he fled to a monastery near Ravenna. After three years, some of the monks found him to be uncomfortably holy and eased him out.

Romuald spent the next 30 years going about Italy, founding monasteries and

hermitages. He longed to give his life to Christ in martyrdom, and got the pope's permission to preach the gospel in Hungary. But he was struck with illness as soon as he arrived, and the illness recurred as often as he tried to proceed.

During another period of his life, St. Romuald suffered great spiritual dryness. One day as he was praying Psalm 31 ("I will give you understanding and I will instruct you"), he was given an extraordinary light and spirit which never left him.

At the next monastery where he stayed, Saint Romuald was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman he had rebuked for a dissolute life. Amazingly, his fellow monks believed the accusation. He was given a severe penance, forbidden from offering Mass, and excommunicated—an unjust sentence that he endured in silence for six months.

The most famous of the monasteries St. Romuald founded was that of the Camaldoli in Tuscany. Here began the Order of the Camaldolese Benedictines, uniting the monastic and eremitical lives. In later life Romuald's own father became a monk, wavered, and was kept faithful by the encouragement of his son.

Father, through St. Romuald you renewed the life of solitude and prayer in your Church. By our self-denial as we follow Christ, bring us the joy of heaven. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FEAST DAY: JUNE 19

PATRON SAINT OF: Hermits, Hermitages, Monasteries

Source: franciscanmedia.org

PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP

Dear Jesus,

You've called every soul to yourself, aware of our faults and failures, but also our gifts, perspectives, our talents, and our dreams. As we grow to know you, help us to more fully understand ourselves and, in doing so, to use our unique positions to spread your love to the world. Amen.

LEGION OF MARY

MARIAN PROCESSION - SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH (SEATTLE)
JUN. 20 • 9AM to 11AM.

Procession Route: from the Sacred Heart parking lot to the Seattle Center, (Seattle Center campus)

For more information on parking information, and other updates, please contact Rose Tanudtanud, rtanudtanud2009@gmail.com

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)

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigette Blair

Chris Stefanick

- [Eucharistic Miracles, Scientific Evidence, & What it all Means for YOU](#)
- [The Pope vs. The Terminator: What the New Encyclical Really Says About AI](#)
- [Lonely-Proofing Yourself and the World](#)
- [Stop Protecting Your Kids From Everything — With Outdoor Adventurer Tom Zimmer](#)
- [How to Become a River of Peace | Pentecost Sunday Reflection](#)
- [Why Hating Your Worst Self Is Making Everything Worse | Dr. Peter Malinoski](#)

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

- [From the Exodus to the Eucharist](#)
- [The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit](#)
- [Tongues of Fire](#)

Ascension Presents

- [You Need Rest, Here's How | Sr. Mary Grace](#)
- [What I'd Tell Someone on Their Deathbed | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [Why Be Catholic? | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [The Sin Jesus Spoke About Most Seriously | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [Fr. Mike Schmitz & Dr. Arthur Brooks Discuss Magnifica Humanitas](#)
- [Pray with Us | Prayers to Protect Us: A Collection of Prayers, Litanies, Hymns, and Readings](#)

Miscellaneous - [Catholics, Pride Month, and the Truth About Identity](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["May They Be One" | Corpus Christi Sunday](#)
- ["Understanding...or Trust?" | Holy Trinity Sunday](#)
- ["Near Occasion of Grace" | Pentecost 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

EXTRAORDINARY LOVE

By Zoltan Abraham

In Old Testament times, God established a covenant with the Israelites, making them his chosen people. He offered them protection and support, in exchange for their loyalty and fidelity to him. The goal of this special relationship was that the Israelites would become an example for the whole world of being in right relationship with God. They were to be a light to the nations, and through their example, the other nations would come to worship God as well.

God also offered the Israelites the land of Canaan, the Promised Land, where they could build their society. As they entered Canaan, the land was divided among eleven of the twelve tribes of Israel. One tribe, the Levites, did not get land, because they became the priestly tribe, whose inheritance was the Lord himself. However, the possession of the land was contingent on fidelity to the Lord.

For centuries, the Israelites proved unfaithful to God by worshipping the false gods of the surrounding nations, performing horrific rituals, such as offering their own children in human sacrifice. God punished the Israelites in many ways, and in the end, he took the land from them, forcing them into exile in Babylon. After 70 years, God allowed the Israelites to return. He let them rebuild the temple and the city of Jerusalem. But the Israelites were not able to establish political autonomy again. They were ruled by successive occupiers - the Persians, the Greeks, and the Romans.

But God promised them a Savior, the Messiah, who would liberate them. The Israelites assumed that their liberation would be political. They envisioned the Messiah as a great military king, who would physically overthrow their oppressors and would make Israel into a mighty kingdom, ruling over the other nations. But when the Messiah came, he was a very different Savior.

The word Messiah means the Anointed One. In Greek, the word is Christos, that is to say Christ. The long awaited Messiah was Jesus Christ himself. He wasn't just a great man who would perform impressive deeds. Jesus is God himself, who became incarnate, taking on our human nature, without in any way losing his divinity. He came not to liberate the Israelites from the bondage of political oppression, but to liberate all of humanity from the bondage of sin.

He took all the sins of humanity upon himself and suffered the punishment for all human sin through his sacrifice upon the Cross. Christ established the New Covenant in order for us to experience his salvation. We enter into the New Covenant by being baptized into Christ, and we stay in the covenant relationship by living out the life of the Church that Christ established, the Catholic Church.

In the Gospel reading for today, we see that Christ selected twelve men to be twelve Apostles, who would then become the first leaders of the Church. At first the Apostles are sent to the

nation of Israel to proclaim the Good News of salvation to them. But the message of salvation is not limited to the Israelites. The twelve leaders of the New Covenant show the transition from the twelve tribes of the Old Covenant. The Israelites are invited into the New Covenant first, but after that, the invitation is opened up to all the nations of the world. We see this progression in the New Testament, as the disciples start to evangelize in the Jewish community, and then begin to preach the Gospels to the Gentiles as well.



Since the New Covenant is not about military liberation from political oppression, the focus of the New Covenant is no longer the Promised Land, the physical land of the Israelites. Instead, the focus is on the new Promised Land, the New Jerusalem, which is Heaven itself. The goal of our lives is to accept the salvation of Christ and to proclaim his Good News to all the world.

This Sunday, we observe the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. After the seasons of Lent and Eastertide, and the special feasts of Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi, we are now in a long stretch of Ordinary Time through the summer and the fall, all the way to Advent. But, as mentioned before, the phrase "Ordinary Time" can easily be misconstrued in English. The phrase does not mean plain, old ordinary. Instead, the phrase means that the Sundays are named after the ordinals, as in second, third, fourth, etc.

There is nothing ordinary in the plain old sense about this time. Throughout this period we are still constantly being invited into the extraordinary grace that Christ has given us. As St. Paul says in the Second Reading for this Sunday: "But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life." (Romans 5:8-10)

Let us focus during these weeks of Ordinary Time on God's extraordinary love for us. He created us out of love to share his love for us. When we went astray, he did not leave us to the darkness we ourselves created but came among us as one of us and died upon the Cross for our sins. He now offers us complete freedom from our sins if we accept his love and live a life of loving him in return. Let us say yes to his love and be channels of his love to everyone in our lives.

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

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