

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
 PARISH FAMILY**
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JUNE 21, 2026

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
 Yet not one of them falls to the ground
 without your Father's knowledge.
 Even all the hairs of your head are counted.
 So do not be afraid; you are worth more than
 many sparrows." —Mt 10:29-31*



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

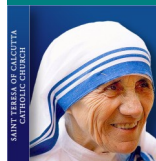
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
- *WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

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

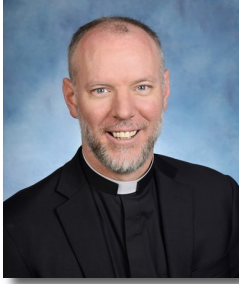
- Tuesday - Friday | 8:30AM (Prior to Daily Mass)
- Benediction just before 9AM Mass

CONFESSION

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

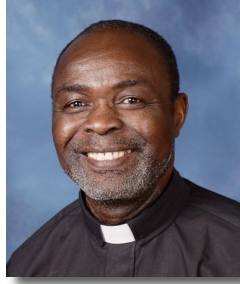
"Do small things with great love"—SAINT MOTHER TERESA

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ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL

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

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COVER ART

TITLE: *He Sent Them Out Two By Two | Il les envoya deux à deux*

ARTIST: James Tissot, 1886-1896 **SOURCE:** BrooklynMuseum.org

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH (STOC)

Monday - Friday | 9:30AM - 3PM

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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:

- St. Brendan > receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa > admin@saintteresa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FATHER'S DAY** - Sunday, JUN. 21
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - JUN. 22-26 >>>
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, JUN. 24 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery.
- **24-HOUR ADORATION** - Friday, JUL 3 • 10AM • St. Brendan.
- **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 FATHER'S DAY

HEAVENLY FATHER, today we lift up our fathers to You with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for the gift of fatherhood, both the men who gave us physical life and the spiritual mentors who have guided our souls.

For our biological fathers: Thank You for their sacrifices, their provision, and the love they poured into our upbringing. Grant them continued strength, wisdom, and good health. Where there have been hardships, we ask for Your healing, grace, and reconciliation.

For our spiritual fathers: Thank You for the pastors, mentors, and elders who have nourished our faith, prayed over our lives, and modeled Your truth. Bless them for their patience and for faithfully pouring into the next generation of believers.

Lord, surround all of these men with Your shield of protection. Fill them with Your peace, and remind them daily of their immense value to their families and communities. May they always reflect Your unconditional love, compassion, and grace. In Your Holy Name, we pray. **AMEN.** SOURCE: XAVIER.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.**

happy
FATHER'S DAY

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 21, 2026

LORD, IN YOUR GREAT LOVE, ANSWER ME. (Ps 69)

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13 • Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 • Rom 5:12-15 • Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 • Ps 60:3-5, 12-13 • Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 • Ps 48:2-3abcd-4, 10-11 • Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10 • Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17 • 1 Pt 1:8-12/ Lk 1:5-17 **Day:** Is 49:1-6 • Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14abc-15 • Acts 13:22-26 • Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 • Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9 • Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12 • Ps 137:1-6 • Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 • Ps 74:1b-2, 3-7, 20-21 • Mt 8:5-17

LET US PRAY FOR . . .

The Sick

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless them so that they may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore them to health, and lead them to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Elizabeth Adoko • Joan Dedman • Samantha Deitch • Toyo Erickson • Don Galloway • Luz Gutierrez • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Mary Anne Hunt • Rebecca Jacobson • 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.

Gilberto Cruz • Steven Engel • Regina Malloy Shriver • Olga Obdulia Costilla • Ron Runyon • Jacob Santiago Bautista • Bob Stevenson • Shirley Wichert

BUT THE GIFT IS NOT LIKE THE
TRANSGRESSION. FOR IF BY THE
TRANSGRESSION OF THE ONE THE MANY DIED,
HOW MUCH MORE DID THE GRACE OF **GOD**
AND THE GRACIOUS GIFT OF THE ONE MAN
JESUS CHRIST OVERFLOW FOR THE MANY.

(ROM 5:15)



O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 21

STB

8:00AM Wes Schatz

10:00AM John Moroso

12:00PM + Josefina Gonzalez Sanchez

STOC

9:00AM Special Intention

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, June 22

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, June 23

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Maria Leong Dos Remedios

Wednesday, June 24

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Christina Anderson

Thursday, June 25

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Isabella Young

Friday, June 26

STB - 8:30AM + Phil Vandenberg

STOC - 9:00AM + George Estephan

Saturday, June 27

STB

8:30AM + Venus Peterson

5:00PM + Julie Stoltenberg

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

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- June Knight of the Month – **Bob Curry**
- June Family of the Month – **Bill and Donna Nash**
- 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time

TOGETHER IN FAITH, WE CAN BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

"For we are all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body." (Corinthians 12:13) As we wrap up the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal, each one of us makes up the body of Christ, and all gifts matter! If you have already given, we are incredibly grateful. If you have not made your contribution, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift today. 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.



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**.



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

ST. BRENDAN KIOSK

Misplaced a water bottle, a prayer book, a toy, or a jacket from last winter?

The kiosk drawers in the St. Brendan Narthex are stuffed with items found through the church. Please come take a look and see if there is anything there you or your family may have forgotten.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John the Baptist



John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. He was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah

was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God.

John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, *"It is I who need baptism from you."*

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, *"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians.

Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife.

This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

FEAST DAY: JUNE 24

PATRON SAINT OF: converts, prophets, and those who seek a deeper life of prayer and penance

Source: vaticangift.com

BLESSING FOR SUMMER

Praise God!

Pour Your mercy upon this season, Lord. As the days fill with sun, fill our hearts with the fire of Your love. As we gather to share story and song, campfires, and connection, be with us. Bless our work, our rest, and our play in Your goodness. **Amen.**



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.

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:

FIRST FRIDAY 24-HOUR ADORATION JUL 3 - Starting Friday at 10AM to Saturday, JUL. 4, ending with Saturday devotion.

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

NICENESS VS LOVE

By Zoltan Abraham

For many years in the past, I ran an RCIA program (which is now called OCIA). The goal of such a program is to work with adults who seek to become Catholic. One participant, who came from a multi-generational Mormon background, took a long time to discern whether or not he wanted to join the Catholic Church. He started the program, then left, then came back, and eventually he was received into the Catholic faith. At one point, he told me that he had been a Mormon missionary and he had learned all the tricks, as he put it, of getting someone to commit to something. He said, with great surprise, that I was not using any of those tricks in my program.

I told him that I took his words as a compliment. I would never want to trick anyone into believing the Catholic faith and joining the Catholic Church. We should continually invite, but we should never trick, manipulate, or coerce. Following Christ should always be a free choice. The same perspective on interacting with non-believers applies to all of us. However, as Catholics, we are very good about not tricking, manipulating, or coercing others to share our faith. But we are not so good about inviting others to Christ. Perhaps we are too shy or afraid or polite. Or we might think that it is not nice to try to change another person's life in some way. Perhaps, seeking to be nice, we have a live-and-let-live attitude, hoping to live in a world where everyone just goes about their business, encouraging each other in whatever life project they might be embarked upon. But there are two fundamental problems with that perspective.

One is that those who are diametrically opposed to our faith do not want to just live-and-let-live. They want to win over us. They want our faith, and the Catholic Church as a whole, gone from the world. As I like to say, you can't play for a draw with an opponent who wants to win. Another problem with a live-and-let-live approach is that it assumes that every path is equally good, and that, at the end of the day, every religion or ethical path, is a way to blessedness. However, both our faith and our experience teach otherwise.

In the Gospels, Christ states in no uncertain terms that he is the only source of salvation and that without him, humanity is on a course of self-destruction. His words are confirmed by the world around us. The more Christ has been pushed out of our society, the greater the dysfunction that has plagued Western Civilization. Family breakdown, crime, addiction, environmentally induced mental illness - all of these severe problems and more have been increasingly proliferating as faith in Christ has receded.

Our society needs Christ, and we need to be the ones who proclaim Christ to our world. In the First Reading for today, we see a glimpse into Jeremiah's struggle. Jeremiah was the prophet sent to the Kingdom of Judah to warn them that if they did not repent of their sins, if they did not stop their unjust behaviors, God would punish them by allowing the Babylonians to conquer them, including Jerusalem, the royal seat of the monarchy and the city of the Temple. The people did not heed Jeremiah's words. Instead, they hated and reviled him, accusing him of being a traitor to his nation.

Throughout his life, Jeremiah struggled greatly. He did not like his mission of having to deliver such stark truths to his contemporaries. But he persisted, even as they denounced him. In the end, he watched with grief as his prophetic words came true, as Jerusalem fell and the Temple itself was destroyed.

Our situation is similar to Jeremiah's. We too are to call upon our society to turn away from sin, from self-destructive behavior, which keeps plunging our country into more and more severe forms of dysfunction. At the same time, we are to proclaim the fullness of Christ's love to the world, that he is the only fulfillment of the human heart, that he is the only true solution to the problems of humanity.

As stated above, we should never try to trick, manipulate, or coerce others into accepting Christ. But we should never cease to invite others to Christ both with our words and actions, with the way we live our lives. We might be hated and reviled for our efforts, but we must remember that proclaiming Christ to others is a profound act of love. Since Christ is the answer to the longings of the human heart and Christ is our only true happiness, not sharing Christ with others is the utmost cruelty. We might think that we are just being nice when we don't speak of Christ to those who are of a different perspective - but in reality we would be showing a complete lack of love for them. Not sharing the true meaning and fulfillment of human life with someone is what a vengeful person would do to their worst enemy. Let us not show such utter lack of love for others.

As I have explored in previous reflections, proclaiming Christ to the world can be done in many ways: The way we talk, the way we make decisions, the way we dress and decorate our homes. The way we interact with others and engage with various situations. The kind of media and entertainment we consume and expose others to. The way we use social media. The way we act at home, at work, and in public in general. The sort of ministries we support or participate in. Our praying and fasting for others. All these and more are elements of proclaiming Christ. The key is to make it a goal in our lives to spread the love of Christ to those around us.

Prayer and fasting are especially important and powerful. Recently, the US bishops consecrated the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The power of that prayer should not be underestimated. We should follow suit by praying for our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus frequently. Also, let us consecrate our homes, our families, and our lives to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. An important part of such a consecration is to enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart in our homes, thereby declaring Christ to be the King of our lives. When we openly embrace Christ as our King, our whole lives will be oriented toward proclaiming his love to all.

(Please see the Saint Teresa website at saintteresacalcutta.org for prayers of consecration to and enthronement of the Sacred Heart.)

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

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OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is in need of the following items.

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Can always use: Toothpaste • under-arm deodorant • shampoo • bar soap (*Dial* or other anti-bacterial bath soaps) • cleaning supplies such as spray cleaner (*409*, *Windex*, *Clorox* and others) • sponges • furniture polish, • jams and jellies • packaged meals (e.g., chili, rice pilaf and other rice dishes, potato dishes, stuff you mix with hamburger or other proteins) • mixes for baking (corn bread is always a good one, but occasionally we get a request for cake mix/frosting for a family birthday) • *Bisquick* or similar baking mix • single meal-sized boxes of rice (e.g., *Minute Rice* or *Uncle Ben's*). **We appreciate your generous support!**



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