

WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH FAMILY**
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2026

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

—Mt 13:44-46



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

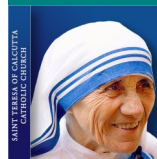
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
*WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

CONFESSION

- Monday, Wednesday - Saturday | 7:45AM - 8:15AM
- Saturday | 2:30PM - 4PM or By Appointment.

"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

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

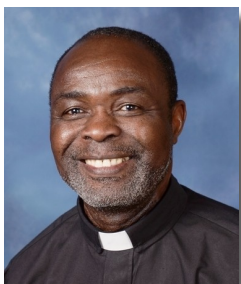
SEE DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE ON PAGE 3.

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ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8AM to 4PM
Wednesday | 8AM to 3PM

CLOSED for the summer. Please call to make an appointment.

- 10049 NE 195th St., Bothell, WA 98011
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COVER ART

TITLE: *Parable of the Hidden Treasure*, 1630.

ARTIST - Rembrandt **SOURCE** - Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH (STOC)

Monday - Friday | 9:30AM to 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

- **STORY TIME WITH MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, AUG. 2 • After the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **GOLF FORE SEMINARIANS TOURNAMENT** - Tuesday, AUG. 4 • Redmond Ridge • pg. 9
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, AUG. 5 & 19 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan. • Below.
- **CYO Registrations OPEN** — Soccer • Cross Country • Volunteer Opportunities • Pg. 9.

SAVE THE DATES

- **PARISH FAMILY & SCHOOL PICNIC** - AUG. 23 • See below for more information.
- **PARISH FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL**- St. Teresa • Sunday, SEP. 20 • NOON • Stay tuned for further details.
- **PARISH/SCHOOL MARINERS GAME** - SEP. 6 • See page 10 for ticket info.
- **ANNUAL CHARITY ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT** - SEP. 19 • Pg. 10.



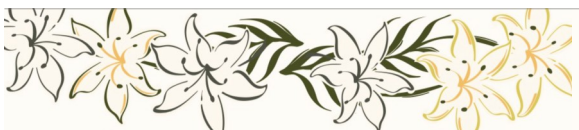
THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS TIMES

This week's daily Mass will be at St. Teresa of Calcutta on Monday, and Wednesday thru Friday at 9AM. Daily Mass and Confessions at St. Brendan will only be on Saturday, AUG. 1, at the usual scheduled hours. No changes for the Sunday Mass times.



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 **Sunday, AUG. 2**. [Join her in September at St. Teresa!](#)



MOMS GROUP

Guided by Mary, we aim to be a space where mothers can find connection and community with other mothers as they seek to grow in their relationship with God and deepen their faith.

We meet every other Wednesdays at **9:30AM in the St. Brendan nursery**. Our next meetings are **Wednesday, AUG. 5 and 19**. Children are welcome! Please bring any toys or snacks your child may need. You can email stbmomsgroup25@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

250 YEARS

1776 - 2026

St. Teresa & St. Brendan

PARISH FAMILY & SCHOOL PICNIC

SUNDAY

23

AUGUST

AFTER THE

10AM

MASS

FAMILY • FRIENDS • FOODS • GAMES • FUN

St. Brendan Baseball Field

MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2026

LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS. (Ps 119)

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 • Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 • Rom 8:28-30 • Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11 • Dt 32:18-21 • Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22 • Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13 • Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21 • Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 • Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6 • Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab • Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9 • Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 • Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24 • Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 • Mt 14:1-12

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 • Freddy Alley • Juan Avila • Sheila Barnes • Harrison Carlin • Joan Dedman • Tim Dickison • Toyo Erickson • Don Galloway • Luz Gutierrez • Hannah Joy Haug • Dan Heidrich • Norman Hradec • Patricia Hutchison • Terry Losh • Anne Marie • Michelle Martinez • Tom Nickolson • Dianne Osmialowski • Marilyn Phelps • Auggie Stutzman • Jerald Uy • Sarah Watson • Dave Whitman

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 • Patrick Guentert • Chuck Kahler • Regina Malloy Shriver • Olga Obdulia Costilla • George Pittenger • Ron Runyon • Freddy Weller • Bob Stevenson • Shirley Wichert

WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK FOR
GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE **GOD**,
WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING
TO **HIS** PURPOSE. (ROM 8:28)

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 26

STB

8:00AM Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM Hannah Rose Bockel

12:00PM + Victor Barrientos

STOC

9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM + Consolacion Villanneva

Monday, July 27

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - Ken & Melissa Fabrizio

Tuesday, July 28

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Wednesday, July 29

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Tim Dickison

Thursday, July 30

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Shirley Wichert

Friday, July 31

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM Brendan Van Hollebeke

Saturday, August 1

STB

8:30AM + Rudy Agpalo

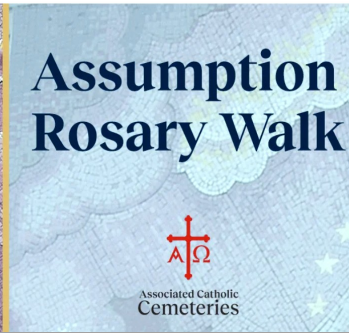
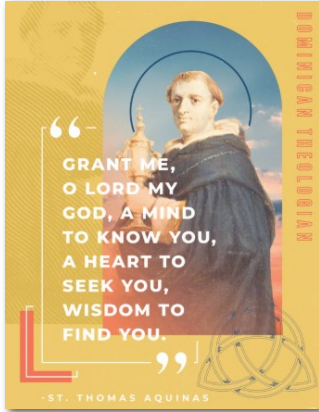
5:00PM + Martha Romero

STOC - 5:00PM + Andrew & Monica Lee

+ = 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



ASSUMPTION ROSARY WALK AT HOLYROOD

Wednesday • AUG. 12 • 11AM to 12:15PM

Holyrood Catholic Cemetery

205 NE 205th Street, Shoreline, WA 98155

All Catholics are invited to join us at Holyrood Cemetery for a Rosary Walk in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Bring your rosary as Fr. Wichert leads us through the grounds to pray for loved ones.** Rosary walks are beautiful, reverent, guided walks through the cemetery where participants pray the Rosary together, stopping briefly at designated points (stations) for each decade.

A Rosary walk through the cemetery's sacred ground emphasizes peace and contemplation, hope in the Resurrection, and reminds us that a cemetery is a place of active prayer, not just burials and rest.

The Rosary Walk should take about 60 – 75 minutes and is free to attend. Just bring your Rosary and meet us in front of the Chapel Mausoleum. For any questions, please contact Alana Niemi, Outreach Office Manager for Associated Catholic Cemeteries at alan@mycatholccemetery.org.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

St. Brendan Bus Ministry is seeking volunteer bus drivers for the Saturday 5PM and Sunday 10AM Mass routes. Our ministry currently provides transportation for residents of several senior living communities in Bothell, helping them attend Mass each week.

All volunteers must be pre-approved and current with Safe Environment requirements through the Archdiocese of Seattle. For more information or to apply, please contact Brigette Blair at (425) 483-9400 ext. 2645 or email brigetteb@saintbrendan.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.

PARISH NEWS

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

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

Congratulations to: Alex & Hannah Galvan BOCKEL on the birth of their daughter, Alannah Rose • Ryan & Lauren GREEN on the birth of their son, Callahan Howard • Tim & Jennifer MCVICKER on the birth of their daughter, Lucille Joan. 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.



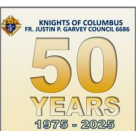
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Food Delivery

SOS (Serving our Savior) makes meals for homeless shelters every week at St. Brendan, and is in need of help. Someone has to deliver the meals on Thursday afternoons between 3PM and 4PM. It only takes about an hour and if there are enough who sign up, volunteers will only be needed once a month. Please help if you can.

"If you do it for the least of these, you do it for Me."
Matthew 25:40

Contact: Priscilla Finch <cilfinch@hotmail.com>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (Council 6686)

- **July Knight of the Month** – Peter Stephen
- **July Family of the Month** – Gary & Cecilia Shumate
- **The next Planning Meeting is Thursday, JUL. 30 at 7PM at the Bothell Rental Hall**
- 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Alphonsus Liguori



St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was born in Marianella, near Naples, in Italy. When he was young, he displayed exceptional intelligence and piety, earning a doctorate in civil and canon law by the age of 16. Feeling a calling to dedicate his life to God and the service of others, however, he abandoned his legal career and pursued ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained at the age of 30 in 1726.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Liguori focused on preaching missions and retreats, seeking to renew people's faith and draw them closer to the Eucharist. He frequently preached on the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion as a source of spiritual nourishment and grace.

In 1732, Liguori founded the Redemptorists, a religious congregation dedicated to promoting devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Redemptorists' charism also revolved around reaching out to the most abandoned, including the poor and marginalized, and offering them hope through God's love and mercy.

As a prolific writer, Liguori authored numerous works on moral theology, spirituality, and Eucharistic devotion. His most famous work, "The Glories of Mary," remains a classic in Marian theology and devotion. He is remembered for his practical and merciful counsel, always seeking to lead souls to reconciliation, and union with God.

St. Alphonsus was canonized as a saint in 1839 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871. His spiritual writings, particularly on the Eucharist, continue to inspire and guide the faithful worldwide. As the patron saint of moral theologians, his example reminds believers of the profound love and presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the enduring mercy of God.

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Pray for Us.

PATRON SAINT OF: Confessors • Moral Theologians • Lawyers • Arthritis Sufferers.

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 1.

Source: LPi.com



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM UPDATE

"I'm Sitting Up Straight Now!"

By the Sixth Month the baby's oil and sweat glands are functioning: these help to regulate body temperature. A white filmy layer covers the baby and protects the delicate skin from the surrounding amniotic fluid and from scratches as the baby twists and turns. This waxy substance, a sort of natural skin cream, will be quickly absorbed into the skin soon after the baby is born. The baby can now respond to sound and the lungs are well developed. The baby would stand a good chance of survival if born at this time.

"Your hands have formed me and fashioned me. With skin and flesh you clothed me, with bones and sinews knit me together." (Job 10: 8, 11)

Please remember to pray daily for these little ones and their mothers.

LEGION OF MARY

OUR LADY OF HUMILITY AUXILIARY MEMBER

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, AUG. 29, Information forthcoming.

What is an Auxiliary member? An auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary is the spiritual or "praying wing" of the Catholic lay apostolate. Because they cannot assume the duties of active members, they support the Legion's apostolic work by offering daily prayers. To be an auxiliary member, one must make a few daily commitments:

- **The Rosary:** Praying the five decades of the Rosary every day.
- **Legion Prayers:** Reciting the daily prayers found in the Legion prayer leaflet known as the Tessera. These include invocations to the Holy Spirit, the Catena (the Magnificat), and concluding prayers.

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

- [Christopher West Answers YOUR Questions About Sex, Dating & Gender](#)
- [The Tricky Temptation Nobody Talks About \(It's Not What You Think\)](#)
- [He Had 800 Million Views... Then Got Banned for Talking About Jesus](#)
- [One of the Most Brilliant Minds in History Said THIS Before He Died](#)
- [Feminism Robbed Women of This — Here's How to Get It Back](#)
- [A 7-Year-Old's Heroism Will Convict You](#)

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- [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

- [All Things Work Together for Good](#)
- [Let the Word of God Take Root in You - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon](#)
- [Your King Shall Come to You](#)

Ascension Presents

- [The Biggest Opportunity Most Catholics Ignore | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [What Matters More Than Success | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [Priest vs. Sister \(Who Knows the Faith Better?\)](#)
- [Train Your Heart to Trust | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [How to Fit the Liturgy of the Hours into Your Busy Day](#)
- [Why the Sisters of Life Wear This](#)
- [The Differences Between Men and Women | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)
- [How to Correct Someone Without Hurting Them | Fr. Mike Schmitz](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["We Do Not Know How" | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["No Bad Days" | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Citizens, Not Subjects" | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

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

LOVE REQUIRES FREE WILL

By Zoltan Abraham

The Second Reading for this Sunday contains a key passage that has led to much debate in Christian history: "For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified." (Romans 8:29-30)

During the Protestant Reformation, John Calvin, a French theologian, used this passage, in large part, to develop the doctrine of predestination, according to which God has determined from all eternity who will go to Heaven and who will go to Hell. Calvin's view of predestination became a core tenet of Calvinism, which came to be known as Presbyterianism. Today, the various branches of Presbyterianism still affirm the concept of predestination, but most have moved away from the strict Calvinist interpretation, and many would agree with the Catholic position on the question.

Catholic teaching has always rejected the idea of double predestination, the view that all people's eternal state has been decided by God, even before they are born. If God has already determined who will be saved and who will be damned, then human history has no existential meaning. In that case, our actions, good or bad, wouldn't matter at all. Choosing God's grace would not cause us to live eternally with him, nor would rejecting his grace separate us from him. Instead, we would just be playing out a prewritten script.

The Catholic Church has always taught that our moral actions are meaningful. Whether or not we choose God's grace in any given situation makes a difference. In fact, it would be unjust of God if our eternal state were determined without any reference to the choices we make in this life. In that case, what would be the point of seeking to lead a good life in this world? Also, if God had already determined our eternal state from all eternity, then what would be the point of Jesus coming among us as God Incarnate and dying for us on the Cross to offer us salvation? Why would Jesus suffer such torment to offer up his life as a sacrifice for humanity if our eternal fate had already been prewritten, regardless of whether or not we accept Christ's offer of salvation? The love that Christ shows us would then be meaningless.

In fact, true love requires free will. One of the key premises of Catholic theology is the tenet that God is love and he created the world in order to share his love with us. For us to be able to experience his love meaningfully, we have to be able to accept or reject God's love. If we choose God's love, embracing his grace fully through Christ, we will experience eternal blessedness, the complete fulfillment of the human heart. If we reject God's love, we will separate ourselves from our only source of true happiness and will plunge ourselves into a state of eternal darkness and suffering. God wants only our happiness. But he will not force his love upon us, forcing us to love him back. That would not be true love. It is for us to choose his love and to love him back.

By creating free will so that we could experience his love meaningfully, God takes a risk. He takes the risk that some of the beings he has created will not accept his love and thereby will choose self-destruction and eternal separation from him. God takes this risk because he loves us enough to let us experience his love meaningfully, which means that we are free to choose. Thus, we

might say that Hell, paradoxically, is a byproduct of love, of the meaningful offer of love.

Catholic theology also teaches that God always gives us the grace to make good choices. Not just here and there, but all the time, in every moment, in every situation. We need God's grace to choose well, and he always gives us his grace. However, if we lead a sinful life, then over time our sins can harden our hearts and we become less and less able to recognize God's grace. Also, the way we treat others can have a profound impact on their ability to choose God's grace. If we are channels or God's love to others, they can more easily embrace God's love. But if we act with hate toward others, we can push them to harden their hearts and to become closed to God's love. In a tragic scene in *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien, the evil creature Gollum comes very close to choosing the path of goodness, but the meanness of the otherwise good character Sam pushes him to choose the path of evil after all. In the scene, Gollum still has free will. But Sam makes it much harder for him to choose good, and the little flicker of love within him is extinguished.

But one objection that one might raise to the foregoing line of thought has to do with God's foreknowledge of things. If God already knows what is going to happen, does that not take away our ability to decide? The answer is no. Time is a created reality that God made for our human experience, but God is above time, not bound by time in any way. Instead, for God everything is in the eternal now. There is no past and future, but only now. To go back to *The Lord of the Rings*, if I have the books in front of me, the whole story is before me right now. I can look at the story at any point. To read a scene towards the end, I would not need to begin at the start and read through all the chapters leading to it. In an analogous way, God sees all of creation history right now, in the eternal now. To say that God foreknows is simply a metaphor. God knows. God sees all, our past, present, and future, right now, all at once.

But, another object that might be raised is, why then does the passage from the Second Reading speak of predestination at all? The way that the Church has interpreted that passage historically is not that God predestines whether or not we will choose or reject him, but that he has predetermined what he has in store for those who do choose him. And what is that?

As discussed in prior reflections, the Holy Trinity is an eternal love dynamic. The Father pours out his infinite love to the Son infinitely, eternally, who reciprocates his love infinitely, eternally, and the love that is between the Father and the Son is the infinite, eternal love that is the Holy Spirit. Christ, who is God incarnate, came among us to save us from our sins, but not just to cleanse us. He also came to offer us participation in that eternal love dynamic that is the Holy Trinity.

If we are baptized into Christ and live the life he established for us through the Church, we will dwell eternally in the heart of the Holy Trinity, forever partaking of the infinite love that flows among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God offers us the greatest gift that human beings can receive. No wonder then that in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Christ compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a great treasure or a pearl of great price for which a person would give up everything. The gift that Christ offers us is beyond anything and everything else. Let us, therefore, focus our whole lives on Christ, the treasure, the pearl beyond all other value. Let us be fully, completely, 100% Christocentric in our lives.

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