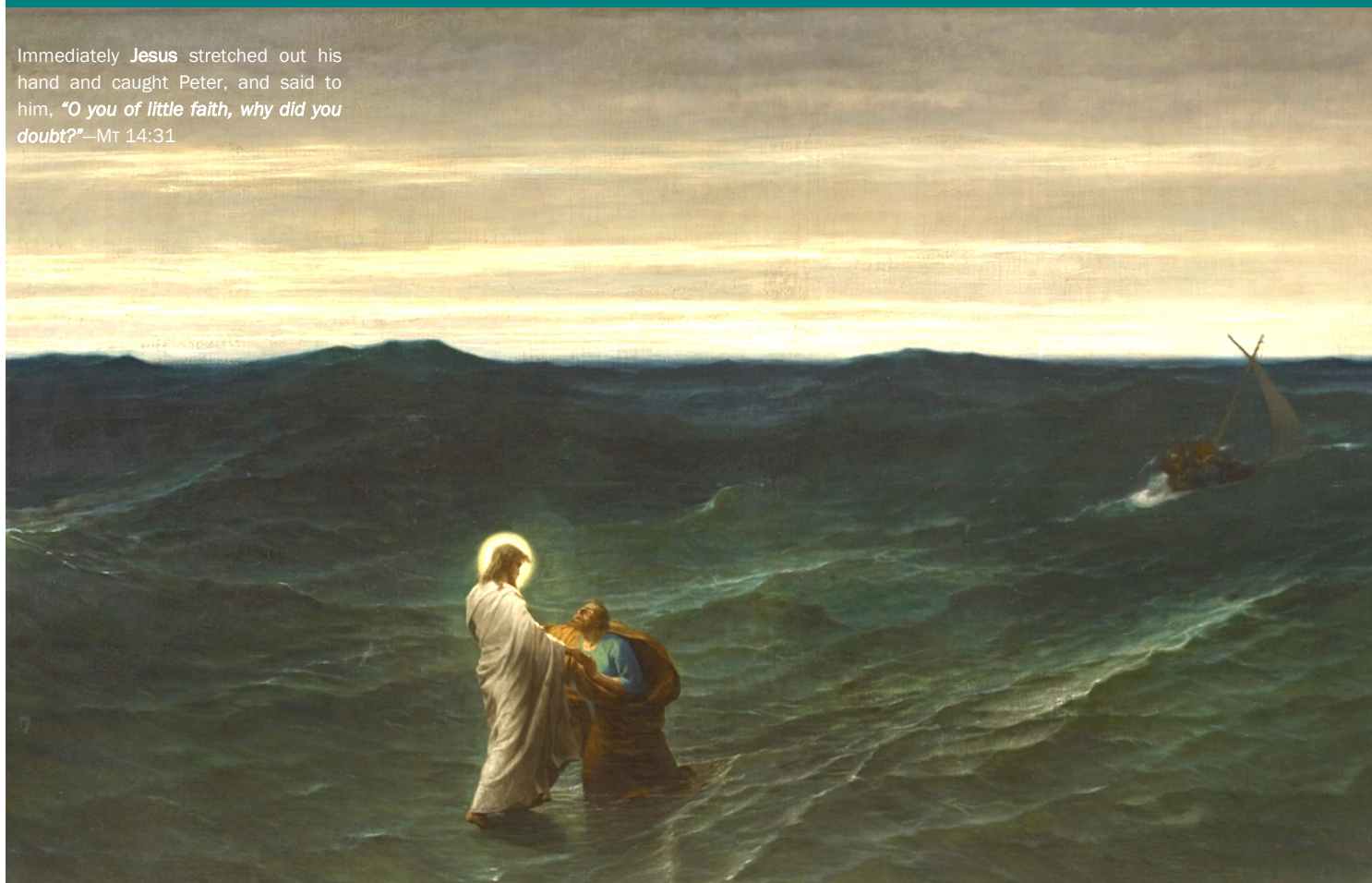


WELCOME TO
**SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
PARISH FAMILY**
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2026

Immediately **Jesus** stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, *"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*—Mt 14:31



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

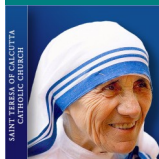
- Monday - Thursday | 1PM to 6PM • Friday | 9:30AM to 6PM
- First Friday | 9:30AM to FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION at 7:30AM*
*WITH ROSARY FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION |

CONFESSION

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

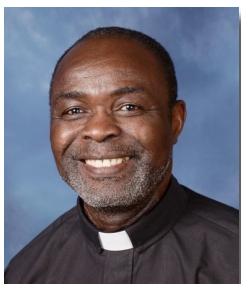
SEE DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE ON PAGE 3.

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

Wednesday | 8AM to 3PM

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

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COVER ART

TITLE: *Jesus and Peter on the water*, 1863.

ARTIST - Gustave Brion **SOURCE** - gallery19c.com

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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

- **DISCIPLES CLUB REGISTRATION** - Now OPEN. See below.
- **OCIA REGISTRATION** - Now OPEN • See next column.
- **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - Saturday, AUG. 15 • 8:30AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION DRIVE AT ST. TERESA** - Sunday, AUG. 16 • 8:30AM to 2:30PM • Pg. 5 for full details.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, AUG. 19 • 9:30AM St. Brendan.
- **PARISH FAMILY & SCHOOL PICNIC** - Sunday, AUG. 23 • After the 10AM Mass • Volunteers needed • Pg 5.
- **STORY TIME WITH MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, SEP. 2 • After the 10AM Mass • St. Brendan.
- **OCIA CLASSES** - Begins Thursday, SEP. 10 • 6:30PM • St. Brendan • Registration info >>.
- **DISCIPLES CLUB CLASSES** - Begins Wednesday, SEP. 16 6PM to 7PM
- **PARISH FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Sunday, SEP. 20 • NOON • St. Teresa • More info soon. • Pg. 6.
- **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. 15, at the usual scheduled hours. No changes for the Sunday Mass times.

St. Brendan & St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Family

OCIA REGISTRATION

Become Catholic



REGISTRATION FORM



FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN

For Adults 18 and Over.
For Catholics who need the Sacraments and non-Catholics who wish to join the Church.

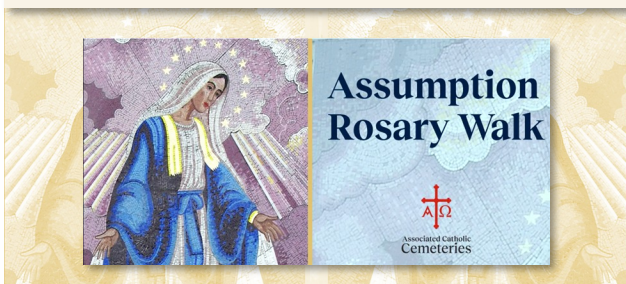
First class begins on SEPT. 10 at St. Brendan Catholic Church. Classes meet weekly on Thursday nights from 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

Adultos mayores de 18 años
Para Católicos que necesitan Sacramentos y no católicos que desean unirse a la iglesia

La primera clase comienza el 13 de SEP. en la iglesia Católica de San Brendan. Las clases se imparten semanalmente los domingos por la mañana, de 9:30 a 11:30.

Register via the QR Code, link, or via paper forms.
Inscríbete mediante el código QR, el enlace o los formularios en papel.

- English
<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8626/responses/new>
- Español
<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8649/responses/new>



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 lanan@mycatholiccemetery.org.

DISCIPLES CLUB

Gear up for a great year of faith, community, and Jesus' adventure!

- First Reconciliation
- First Communion
- Ongoing Faith Education
- To register, scan the QR Code below. Paper forms are available in the narthex. All Children, grades 1 thru 5 should be registered.





REGISTER NOW!

GRADES 1 THRU 5

CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH - 6 TO 7 PM
AT ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL



PRAYER AND READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2026

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS, AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION (Ps 85)

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a • Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 • Rom 9:1-5 • Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 • Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 • Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4 • Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 • Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 • Ps 113:1-6 • Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12 • Ps 78:56-59, 61-62 • Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 • Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6 • Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 • Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 • 1 Cor 15:54b-57 • Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab • Ps 45:10-12, 16 • 1 Cor 15:20-27 • Lk 1:39-56

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 • Juan Avila • Sheila Barnes • Harrison Carlin • Bernadino Cervantes • Joan Dedman • Tim Dickison • Luz Gutierrez • Hannah Joy Haug • Dan Heidrich • Norman Hradec • Rebecca Jacobson • Ryan Jacobson • Christopher Lagestrom • Terry Losh • Joe Matthews • Melissa Matthews • Thomas Nash • Tom Nickolson • Dianne Osmialowski • Marilyn Phelps • Megan Riggs • Alexandra Rocio-Hays • Kyle Stemm • 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.

Patricia Baumann • Olive Bowasi • Patrick Guentert • Patricia Hutchison • Chuck Kahler • George Pittenger • Ron Runyon • Freddy Weller.

I SPEAK THE TRUTH IN **CHRIST**, I DO NOT LIE;

MY CONSCIENCE JOINS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

IN BEARING ME WITNESS. (ROM 9:1)

O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY

O SACRAMENT DIVINE

ALL PRAISE AND

ALL THANKSGIVING

BE EVERY MOMENT THINE



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 9

STB

8:00AM + Marion Berta

10:00AM Wendell Narag Galvan

12:00PM Saint Brendan Parish

STOC

9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM + Ben Daquiz

Monday, August 10

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - Charles Shipley

Tuesday, August 11

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Wednesday, August 12

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + John Pinto

Thursday, August 13

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + David Stecher

Friday, August 14

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Fr. Jim Gray

Saturday, August 15

STB

8:30AM THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED MARY

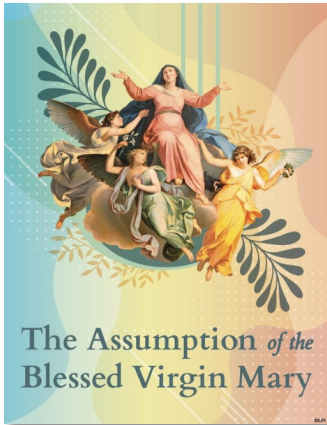
5:00PM Saint Brendan Parish

STOC - 5:00PM + Erin Lyons Phelan

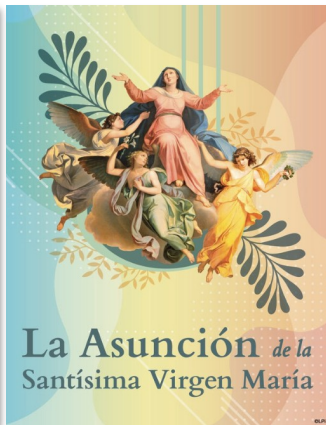
+ = deceased.

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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

MEN'S NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Men of St. Brendan and St. Teresa of Calcutta are invited to a special opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal through Nocturnal Adoration. Each third Saturday of the month, our brothers gather to pray through the night in the true presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please join us on the third Saturday of this month and September — AUG. 15 and SEP. 19 — at 9:30PM at St. Brendan Church.

For the first hour of these two evenings of adoration, we will learn about the beautiful traditions of the American Society for Nocturnal Adoration. Through each other's support, our new members will have the opportunity to learn, participate, and prepare for the full program beginning on Saturday, OCT. 3.

All men are encouraged to attend and experience this powerful time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In the name of Jesus Christ crucified and of gentle Mary.

BUNDLE SUNDAY STUFF THE TRUCK



Donation Drive at St. Teresa of Calcutta
for St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County

Donating to St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County is easy and convenient at **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

SAVE THE DATE:

Location: 17856 NE Woodinville Duvall Rd
Woodinville, WA 98077

Date: August 16, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Contact Person: Matt Schultz

Contact Number: (425) 766-4494

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To view a list of items that we accept and **DO NOT** accept, please scan the QR code below or visit <https://svdpseattle.org/thriftstore/>



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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



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 meeting will be on **Wednesday, AUG. 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.

PARISH NEWS

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>

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Sydney Covello • Erin Dolenc • Sarah Hill • Taylor Lockman • Lauryn Manning • Scareth Meija • Meron • 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 • Edlin & Liz NGUYEN on the birth of their son, William John. 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.

NEXT STEP PREGNANCY SERVICES

Next Step Gala REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

— GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY! —



DATE:
Saturday
September 19th, 2026



TIME:
Doors open at 5:30pm
Silent Auction 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Dinner and Program to follow!



LOCATION:
Holy Rosary Pastoral Center
630 7th. Avenue North
Edmonds, WA 98020



SCAN ME!

Scan the QR code
to register
and learn more!

Join us for an inspiring evening of dinner, dessert,
and fellowship as we celebrate and uplift
your local Pregnancy Help Clinic.



For registration questions
please call (425) 338-2813



or email
gala@nssupport.org



Early bird pricing for the Gala is coming to a close this Saturday, AUG. 15!

Parish Family Harvest Festival

— A TIME TO GIVE THANKS • A TIME TO COME TOGETHER —
In honor of Michaelmas

ST. TERESA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

AFTER THE 11:00AM MASS

MORE DETAILS TO COME!
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED.



THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEGION OF MARY

All auxiliary member of Our Lady of Humility, Legion of Mary, are invited on **Saturday, AUG. 29, at St. Brendan** to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Legion of Mary.

Schedule:

- 9:15AM - Eucharistic Adoration
- 10:15AM - Rosary, Catena Prayer
- 10:45 - Benediction
- Followed immediately by Mass by Bishop Schuster and reception in the narthex.

Please **RSVP by Saturday, August 22** as there will be assigned seating. We hope you could join us and other legionaries from other parishes.

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.

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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2. Input parish > St. Brendan.
3. Choose > 10051 NE 195th St, Bothell, WA.
4. Add your name and email address to set up the free account.

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By Brigitte Blair

Chris Stefanick

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GROWING IN FAITH

WHAT THE WALKING ON WATER TEACHES US

By Zoltan Abraham

The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of creation ex nihilo, that is to say, out of nothing. God has no beginning or end. God exists for all eternity. When God created the world, there was nothing else in existence, other than God. Unlike in the creation stories of other religions, God did not use any pre-existent material out of which he would have made the world.

Having said the above, we also need to bear in mind that the ancient Hebrews did not yet have the concept of creation ex nihilo. The divine revelation of creation out of nothing came towards the end of the Old Testament period and is first found in the Second Book of Maccabees. The ancient Hebrew understanding before then was that God created the world by subduing the forces of chaos, which were symbolized by water. Throughout the Old Testament, God demonstrates his divine power in part by showing that he has power over water. God turns the Nile into blood. He separates the Red Sea and then closes it up again. He makes water flow out of the rock. He stops the flow of the Jordan River and then starts it up again. He withholds rain from the sky when the Israelites turn to evil.

Likewise, in the New Testament, Christ demonstrates his divine power in part by showing that he too has power over water. At his first public miracle, he turns water into wine. Later, he calms the storm at sea and he also walks on water in the Sea of Galilee.

The message would not have been lost on the contemporaries of Jesus. They would have understood what Jesus was doing - namely, that he was demonstrating his divinity. Jesus walking on water is a display of cosmic power. All the other miracles that Jesus performed during his earthly ministry had to do with healing, feeding, restoring, or protecting. The miracles of service underscore that Jesus is the Messiah. The walking on the water shows that the Messiah is not just an ordinary man, but God Himself.

When Peter sees Jesus walking on water, he knows that he could also do so, if Jesus gave him the power. He asks and receives the power and is able to walk on water, like the Lord. One lesson for all of us is that we have no true strength of our own. Our strength comes only from God. Hollywood is always trying to teach us the opposite message. In movie after movie, we see the protagonists overcoming hardship after hardship through their own strength, without any appeal to divine assistance. God is written out of the story.

For example, in a currently very popular children's movie, KPop Demon Hunters, three young women battle demons to save humanity from destruction. The movie is fun and has a good overall message in that the good guys are shown to be resisting and fighting demons. But the fundamental flaw in the story is that the heroines battle the forces of evil on their own,



with no divine assistance. Made up stories on the big screen may make it seem like we can have true victory over evil on our own. But the reality is quite different. Only the grace of Christ can help us succeed.

Another lesson for all of us from the account of Peter seeking to walk on water is that we must always keep our focus on Christ. Peter had the power to walk on water miraculously only while he keeps his gaze firmly fixed on Christ. The moment he looks away, he begins to sink. It is not enough for us to accept Christ in our lives once or twice or even a few times in our lives. We must center our lives on Christ fully, at all times, every moment of each day. Just like a deep sea diver must always be connected with his oxygen tank, we too must always be connected to Christ.

Our daily, minute by minute connection to Christ does not always entail grand events. In the First Reading, we see that Elijah encounters God not in spectacular phenomena, but in the whispering sound. In each of our lives, there are likely to be moments when God reveals himself through great events. But more often than not, we encounter God through the ordinary things of life - small acts of love and service, the patient carrying out of the duties of our state of life, and tiny miracles that may seem like coincidences. As the Benedictines have put it, our task is to pray and work (ora et labora). We should participate fully in the prayer and sacramental life of the Church and we should work diligently, doing the labor that is accorded to us, given our specific life circumstances. If we do so, we will be able to center on Christ each moment of each

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

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