

WELCOME TO SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

PARABLE OF THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

*"Take your pay and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last. (Mt 20:14-16)*



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
- Other: 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 | 5PM **RESUMES SEP. 27**

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"
— ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

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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

- **YOUNG-AT-HEART SENIORS** - Wednesday, SEP. 23 • Below.
- **WELL-READ MOM** - Wednesday, SEP. 23 • 10AM • Below.
- **NO MASS AT ST. TERESA** - WED. - FRI. • SEP. 23-25.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Sunday, SEP. 27 • After the 8AM/10AM Mass at St. Brendan.
- **STORY TIME WITH MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, SEP. 27 • After the 11AM Mass. • St. Teresa • Below.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Wednesday, SEP. 30 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan.
- **TRAINING - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION** - Wednesday • SEP. 30 • 6:30PM • St. Brendan • For more info, see pg. 5
- **STORY TIME WITH MRS. ABRAHAM** - Sunday, OCT. 4 • After the 10AM Mass. • St. Brendan
- **WOMEN'S GROUP** - Thursday, OCT. 8 • 6:30PM • St. Brendan.
- **BBQ BROTHERS** - Thursday, OCT. 15 • 6PM • St. Brendan • Pg. 6

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Please circle **Wednesday, SEP. 23**, on your calendar. That is the day that seniors of our Parish Family are invited to come to **St. Brendan narthex at 10:30AM** to learn about the activities planned for the 2026-2027 year.



The highlight of the day, however, will be the **presentation by Marianne Marion on "The Trip of a Lifetime"**, in which she will share with us her fantastic experience of being in Italy during Holy Week. A light lunch will follow the presentation. Please contact Donna (206-335-4469) if you have any questions or if you would like to help with the setup or to provide food.

ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

Now that summertime is coming to an end and fall is approaching, it's time to start cleaning up the church grounds in preparation for the winter months. **Please join us for our first all-parish Fall work party on Saturday morning, SEP. 26.** The focus of this workday will be the area around the church building itself, the upper parking lot, and the curb on NE 192nd St. Feel free to bring whatever yard-work tools you might need. Plan to work for a couple of hours and then **enjoy a delicious lunch with fellow parishioners at noon.** If you have questions, please call Anneliese (425-770-2103). If you have a truck or trailer you can bring, that would be greatly appreciated.



STORY TIME

Mrs. Abraham is hosting Story Time at **St. Teresa** — in the classroom behind the social hall—on **Sunday, SEP. 27 after the 11AM Mass.** All children are welcome to come and listen. If your child can't make it, the next one at St. Teresa is on Sunday, OCT. 18.



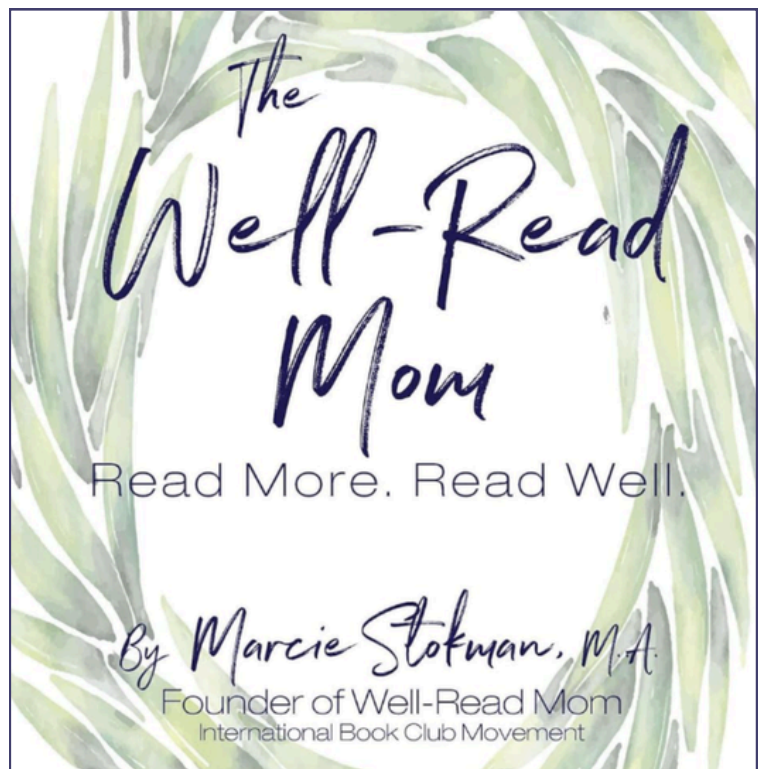
Respect Life Month

October 2026



FALL - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS

Fall 40 Days for Life 2026 vigils begin Wednesday, SEP. 23 and end Sunday, NOV. 1. Join other local Christians for a 40-day prayer vigil of peaceful, prayerful, public witness on the sidewalk in front of the Lynnwood, Everett or Seattle Planned Parenthood facilities. You choose the day(s) and time that works for you and you're never alone! To sign up or for more information go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com>. If you have questions for a local leader Contact Rebecca Anderson at 206-718-1205 or 40daysforlife.lynnwood@gmail.com. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting and community outreach.



"In these beautifully written pages, women will find relief, permission, and encouragement to pursue a life of deep reading for themselves, their families, and the culture."

Elizabeth M. Kelly, Award-winning author of Jesus Approaches

Do you love literature? Join our Well-Read Mom's group. The group follows the structure of a national organization, but, despite the name, we are open to all adults, not just moms or women. We read one book per month. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, SEP. 23 at 10AM, St. Teresa Commons Room. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PRAYERS & READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM. (PS 145)

Sunday: Is 55:6-9 • Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 • Phil 1:20c-24, 27a • Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 • Ps 19:2-5 • Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 • Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 • Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9 • Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 • Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11 • Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc • Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11 • Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 • Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8 • Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 • Lk 9:43b-45

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.

Marta Acuña • Elizabeth Adoko • Harrison Carlin • Cash Crawford • Cecilia Cueto • Jose de Jesus Meza Carrillo • Joan Dedman • Leticia de la Cruz • Toyo Erickson • Rachel Flanagan • Jane Guentert • Luz Gutierrez • Consuelo Haire • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Rebecca Jacobson • Ryan Jacobson • Christopher Lagestrom • Jesus Lopez Lopez • Joe Matthews • Melissa Matthews • Sally Merz • John Morgan • Thomas Nash • Dianne Osmialowski • Marilyn Phelps • Gregory Rendon • Alexandra Rocio-Hays • Angela Seibert • Sarah Watson • Scholastica White.

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.

J.D. Albin • Rosalia Garcia • Joseph Mandich • Emma Neuman • Arlene Plancich • Eleanor Shotwell • Janet Sturholm • Jack Tonkin • Clara Valdez

I AM CAUGHT BETWEEN THE TWO.
I LONG TO DEPART THIS LIFE
AND BE WITH CHRIST,
FOR THAT IS FAR BETTER.

(PHIL 1:23)

O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine All

Praise and All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 20

STB

8:00AM Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM + Cleopatra Narag

12:00PM + Victor Barrientos

STOC

9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, September 21

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Tuesday, September 22

STB - NO MASS

STOC - Analaura Rodriguez

Wednesday, September 23

STB - 8:30AM + Jack White

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Thursday, September 24

STB - 8:30AM Sister Mercedes

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Friday, September 25

STB - 8:30AM + Shirley Wichert

STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Saturday, September 26

STB

8:30AM Analaura Rodriguez

5:00PM + Carol Finch

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Attention all current and aspiring Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

A training session has been scheduled for **Wednesday, SEP. 30 at 6:30PM at St. Brendan**. This training is for all ministers who serve in the following areas:

- **Mass** — distributing Communion during liturgy
- **Hospital visits** — bringing Communion to the sick
- **Care facilities** — serving residents at local care centers
- **Homebound ministry** — visiting those unable to attend Mass

What to Expect

Deacon Leon will lead us through the proper procedures for distributing Holy Communion, along with the spiritual foundations of this ministry. Following the general session, we will break into smaller groups to cover topics specific to your area of service.

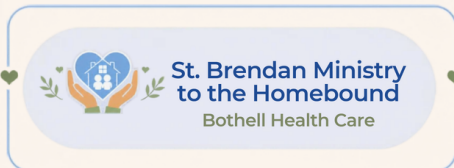
Please plan to attend — your presence matters!

Thank you for your dedication and service. This ministry would not be possible without each and every one of you!

Have you ever had the opportunity to take Jesus to someone needing His love? We

are a team of five volunteers who visit Bothell Health Care every Wednesday morning after Mass. We bring Holy Communion to 10 to 20 Catholic residents and spend time visiting with those who want company—some of whom rarely receive visitors.

Occasionally, we even get to invite former Catholics back to the Church and let Jesus do the rest! We are looking for five more people to join our team. If you feel even a small calling to this rewarding ministry of genuine love and appreciation, **please pray about it and reach out by calling Anne at 206.234.5849 and attend the training mentioned above.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PRAY

We need volunteers to pray for an end to abortion at the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Everett. **We meet on Tuesday mornings from about 10:15AM to 11:45AM.** We pray peacefully on the sidewalk in front of the facility. If you can spare some time on Tuesday mornings we would love to have you join us. The address is: **1509 32nd St., Everett**. Please prayerfully consider being an advocate for the most defenseless among us, the unborn child in the womb.



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, SEP. 30**. 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.

LIFE CHAIN - SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCT. 4

We will have a Life Chain Event where we hold Pro Life signs and pray the Rosary and other prayers/hymns/songs for the protection of human life. It is a peaceful and prayerful event. We have mostly positive reactions, but there are a few negative, but we pray for them and do not react.

We have the signs, just show up on **Sunday, OCT. 4, from 1:30PM to 3PM at Bothell Way and Reder Way, near Caffe Ladro and McMenamins**. See you there! For questions, email Colleen Danforth at rdhcoll@aol.com. It's a powerful time, you won't regret participating!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Sydney Covello • Erin Dolenc • Sarah Fernandes DesCollinese • Sarah Hill • Lauryn Manning • Scareth Meija • Meron • Maggie Mock • Hannah Moxley • Joy Stanley

Congratulations to: Jordan & Chrissy (White) CUDA on the birth of their son, Giovanni Brooks • Trevor & Taylor LOCKMAN on the birth of their son, Leo Richard. 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.

St. Brendan & St. Teresa Parish Family

WOMEN'S GROUP

An Evening of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun.

OCTOBER 8

THURSDAY | 6:30PM -8:00PM

ST. BRENDAN NARTHEX

Bring a Family & Friend

POTLUCK DINNER
Please Bring a Dish to Share

Trivia Games

All Women are Welcome!
Babe in arms too.

PARISH NEWS

DELIVERY FOOD BANK DRIVER - WANTED

St. Brendan's long-standing SOS ministry needs a new driver with a truck or van to make our Thursday food delivery to St. Mary's Food Bank in Seattle. **Terry Thompson**, our faithful driver for many years, has decided to retire from this volunteer position. **WE THANK YOU, TERRY, VERY MUCH** for your selfless service in helping the poor of Seattle!



Here's the routine: **Pick up donations around 8:30AM to 9AM on Thursday mornings at St. Brendan** where SOS volunteers will load your vehicle with groceries. Drive to St. Mary's Food Bank at 611 20th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144. • **Enter the alley from 20th Ave S, between Weller and Lane Streets** and stop just past the food bank deliveries area. • The trip usually takes about 30 minutes and food Bank volunteers will unload your vehicle. • **Ask for 12 empty banana boxes** to take back to St. Brendan, and stack the empty boxes in the SOS pantry room the next time you're in the church.

ATTENTION: St. Brendan School Parents: YOU WILL GET CREDIT FOR HOURS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED or have any questions, contact **Priscilla Finch at 425-442-2867 or Bill Nash at 206-999-7767.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (COUNCIL 6686)

- **September Knight of the Month** – Wes Schatz
September Family of the Month – Mike & RobbiAnn Gray
- The next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is Sunday September 27, after the 8AM/10AM Masses. **All proceeds will go to help the victims of the fires in Spokane that occurred earlier this summer.**
- The Sharing the Cross hike to support seminarians took place on September 11/12. About \$1000.00 was raised. Thanks to Mike Gray who organized the nine hikers who went 20 miles and to all who donated to this cause.
- 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.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE

"I Like To Listen To My Mommy's voice." Everything in the baby's body is preparing for entry into the world. The brain and nervous system are maturing, a process that will continue long after birth. The baby's limbs are becoming smooth and plump, and the skin is a healthy color. The fingernails are growing past the baby's fingertips. From the mother's immune system, the baby is acquiring immunity to many infections as the protective antibodies in the blood pass through the placenta into the mother's blood. The immunity lasts for a few months after birth, until the baby develops resistance to illness on its own. Although the baby doesn't actually breathe, the baby does make breathing movements to practice for the real thing and hiccups occasionally. The baby has a regular daily pattern of activity and rest.

The amount of amniotic fluid reaches its maximum this month—about two pints on average. The volume of fluid will diminish somewhat as delivery nears.

With a normal weight of five pounds and measuring a little more than 17 inches from head to toe, it will only be possible for the baby to turn from side to Side—no more summersaults! The baby will now most likely settle into a head-down position.

Next month our Respect Life Ministries will have a baby shower to celebrate the birth of our Spiritual Adopted Babies that we have been praying for the last nine months. There will be a play 'n pay in the narthex marked SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM during the month of October which is Respect Life month. All gifts will be donated to Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid in Everett to help local moms in need. Thank you for praying for babies in danger of abortion and their moms so that they will get the support and help that they need.

BBQ & BROTHERS

Good day Brothers:

We hope everyone is having/had a wonderful summer. Barbeque, Beer and Brothers is back!

Men of the Parish, please join us for an evening of Fellowship and Camaraderie on **Thursday, OCT. 15, 6PM, at St. Brendan - Boil and Cornhole style!**

Both the Brothers of Saint Brendan and Brothers of Saint Teresa of Calcutta will join together again. This is an opportunity to spend some quality time with your fellow Brothers from both Parishes. Our very own **Brett Carlton** will be preparing a Seafood and Vegetable Boil. IF you've never been or experienced a Boil, this is a must attend! No need to bring a side salad, but *desserts are always welcome*. Hope to see you there.

For September, we are encouraging all Brothers to attend the Parish Family Harvest Festival in Honor of Michaelmas at Saint Teresa of Calcutta on Sunday, SEP. 20 after the 11:00 Mass.

Blessings, The BBB Leadership Team



BLESSING FOR CATECHISM CLASS

Dear God,

Bless our classroom and each of us gathered here. May every moment we spend together be one of grace. Be with the Catechist who prepares and presents — giving them the right words to convey Your truth. Be with the students, opening their hearts and minds to learn Your will.

Amen.

ADORATION - ST. BRENDAN CHAPEL

Come and spend an hour with Jesus in the St. Brendan Adoration Chapel. We need two or three people on the following days:

Monday 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM • 5PM to -6PM. | **Tuesday** 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 5PM to 6PM | **Wednesday** 1PM to 2PM • 3PM to 4PM | **Thursday** 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM • 5PM to 6PM | **Friday** 11am to Noon • Noon to 1PM • 1PM to 2PM • 2PM to 3PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM. **Saturday** 12AM to 1AM • 1AM to 2AM • 4AM to 5AM • 6AM to 7AM.

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 Brigitte Blair

Chris Stefanick

- [Fulton Sheen Predicted This 70 Years Ago](#) | [Dr. Peter Howard](#)
- [The Hidden Identity Crisis in Women's Sports](#) | [Sam Kelley](#)
- [5 Simple Ways to Actually Change Your Life](#) | [Fr. Jonathan Meyer](#)

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- [Restless Heart](#)
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- [Does God Send People to Hell? The Truth About Mercy](#)
- [The Heart of Prayer](#)

Bishop Barron Sunday Sermon

- [You Belong to the Lord](#)
- [Will the Good of the Other](#)
- [A Living Sacrifice](#)

Ascension Presents

- [Can't Find The Words to Pray?](#) | [Fr. Fernando Camou](#)
- [Schism Explained](#) | [Fr. Gregory Pine](#)
- [Fulton Sheen Changed My Life](#)
- [Why Catholics Repeat the Hail Mary](#)
- [Not Sure Who You're Supposed to Be? St. Paul Has the Answer!](#) | [Fr. Columba Jordan](#)
- [Fr. Mike Schmitz Reviews The Odyssey AND Spider-Man](#)

Ascension Presents "Shorts"

- [Say "yes" to life.](#)
- [You live within a communion of saints.](#)
- [Who are the happiest people you know?](#)
- [Even a drop of the Precious Blood of Jesus, is enough to save the world.](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- ["Blind Spots: Anger"](#) | [24th Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Blind Spots: Gossip"](#) | [23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)
- ["Forfeit"](#) | [22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

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For Kids

- [Owlegories](#) • [Chime Travelers](#) • [Awesome Animals & Mini Me](#) • [Zack and Yalla](#) • [Brother Francis \(English & Español\)](#) • [Littlest Saints](#)
- [The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello](#)

GROWING IN FAITH

ROOTED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

By Zoltan Abraham

The parable in the Gospel reading for this Sunday may be perceived as hopeful by some and shocking by others. We see workers who start at different times of the day receive the exact same wage at the end of the day, even those who only worked one hour. Is this unjust, one might contend? Why are the workers who worked just a little getting paid as much as the ones who labored the entire day?

To understand the parable, we have to start by noting that the story is not meant to instruct us on business practices. The parable is spiritual in meaning. God will welcome into Heaven all those who repent, even those who do so at the very end of their lives.

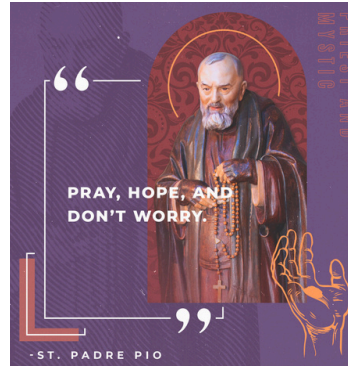
But, some Christians might object, is that really fair? What about those who followed all the rules, stayed away from sin, did all the right things, even when they were hard, and are now looking forward to their well-earned reward at the end of their lives? How must they feel when a repentant sinner gets a last minute pass to go to Heaven - a sinner who never obeyed, who had all the fun, who never had to do the hard things.

To answer the objection, we should start by looking at the kind life such Christians have led. By their own account, their Christian life was cold and joyless. They followed the rules, they obeyed, but there is no evidence of true love for Christ. Such a Christian life is about checking off boxes, but not about genuine love. What is missing is a relationship of love with Christ.

When our Christian life is grounded in a relationship of love, obedience to God's commands is not a burden, but a source of joy. God's divine law leads us toward that which gives us life and leads us away from that which would destroy us. Furthermore, if we have a relationship of love with Christ, the vicissitudes of life, even the worst suffering, can become meaningful and even joyful, as long as we embrace our Cross out of love for Christ.

With regard to the question of obedience, a sinful life is not a fun life. From the outside, it might look like it, but sinful desires enslave the soul and mire the person in self-destructive darkness. Saying no to sinful desires may seem like we are giving up a lot of fun at first, but in reality, we are escaping pain, misery, and slavery. Thus, instead of secretly envying someone who is in a state of habitual sin, Christians should pity such individuals and should seek to share the joy of Christ with them.

By analogy, imagine a situation where a woman spends her whole life playing and teaching classical music and loves to share her passion for this art form with others. But her own husband hates such music and doesn't want to listen to any of it. However, when he is on his death bed, as he is dying, he asks her to play some of her music for him on the piano.



How would the wife in this story respond? Would she say: "Oh no! I put in so many years suffering through classical music. You lived your whole life free of this music, and now you want to hear it? I don't think so. You can die without it!" Or would she rather say: "I am so glad that in the last minutes of your life, I can finally share with you this beautiful music. I have longed for this day for so many years!" We can be sure that she would respond in the second way. How much more should we, Christians, rejoice when someone finds Christ in the final moments of their life! We should be filled with joy that they too can finally experience the joy of Christ, after being in darkness their whole lives.

As the First Reading indicates, we are given a finite amount of time to accept Christ. Throughout our whole lives, we experience the limited nature of time upon this earth. When we study, we only have so much time in a class to build up a good grade. As we work, we only have so much time to save for retirement. As we age, we only have a limited amount of time to make healthy choices, before debilitating illnesses can set in. Nor do we live forever upon this earth. We will all die one day. We have until the moment of our death to embrace the love of Christ.

Let us not waste any time before we choose Christ and make him the organizing principle of our lives. In the Second Reading, the Apostle Paul shows that his life has meaning only because of Christ. On the one hand, he would like to move beyond this earthly life so that he can be with Christ for all eternity. But on the other hand, he knows that he can do much good while he is still alive upon the earth, so he wants to keep living to keep serving Christ here, as long as it is God's will.

We should have the same attitude. We should not fear death, since death is necessary for our full union with Christ. However, we should not seek death, nor should we be neglectful of our well-being, thereby hastening death. We should be good stewards of the life that is given to us so that we can continue to serve God in this life as long as he wills us to do so. But we should not be attached to this life for its own sake. We should make Christ the center of our lives each day, every moment of every day. That is the key to a joyful life.

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

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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.

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CYO SPOTLIGHT

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HELLO SOCCER MOMS & DADS!

We're gearing up for another awesome season of **CYO Fall Soccer**, and we can't wait to see all those smiling kiddo faces out on the field next week when practices begin!

Coaches will be reaching out soon (if they haven't already!) with details about teams, schedules, and everything you need to know for kickoff.

☀️ **A Few Important Reminders:** • **Teamsideline** will be our hub for messages and RSVPs this season—download the app if you haven't yet! • New to CYO? Welcome! 🎉 At least one parent must complete the **Parent Workshop (PLACT – Play Like a Champion Today)**. It's a quick one-hour virtual course. Just head to the CYO webpage and look for **Mandatory Trainings** in the top right corner. • Kiddos must wear shin guards at all practices and games. • For safety, **no jewelry, barrettes, or bandanas** may be worn during play—practice or games.

We're excited to kick off a fun, energetic season and can't wait to see everyone soon. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at cyosoccer@saintbrendan.com!

⚽ Let's make it a fantastic season, St. Brendan families! ☀️

CROSS COUNTRY IS BACK!

🏃 **Cross Country Update!** 🏃

👟 **Practices Have Started!** We meet **Tuesdays & Thursdays** from 3:15–4:30 PM on Saint Brendan Field.

💧 **Come Prepared:** Runners should bring appropriate **athletic clothes, athletic shoes, and a water bottle** to every practice.

👤 **Coaches Needed!** We're still looking for volunteers to help coach our runners—**no experience necessary!** Please reach out to the **XC Coordinator** (cyocrosscountry@saintbrendan.org) if you're interested in helping.

📅 **Registration closes Tuesday, September 8!** Interested in joining us? Register at [Teamsideline](https://teamsideline.com).

Admissions & Enrollment



St. Brendan Catholic School

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Scholarships and payment options are available. For help with payments or questions, please contact Mark Sizemore: 425-483-9400 Ext. 2648, or childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org

Disciples Club meets Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm at St. Brendan School and starts September 16th.

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Support Our School Through the Fund for St. Brendan, *Forward in Faith!*

As we begin another wonderful school year, we invite all families to support the Fund for St. Brendan, our annual giving program that helps provide resources and opportunities that enrich every student's experience.

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As we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of St. Brendan School, we are grateful for the generations of students, parents, teachers, and supporters who have helped create the faith-filled community we cherish today. Since 1966, thousands of students have learned, grown, and deepened their faith within our school family.

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