

WELCOME TO SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2026



Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."

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 | 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

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

PARISH DIRECTORY



PASTOR

Rev. Nicholas Wichert
frwichert@saintbrendan.org
425-483-9400, Ext 2647
frwichert@saintteresa.org
425-806-8096, Ext. 3103



PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Peter Adoko-Enchill
frpeter@saintbrendan.org
frpeter@saintteresa.org
425-806-8096, Ext 3104

DEACONS

- Dcn. Leon Garcia-Martinez | deaconleon@saintbrendan.org
- Dcn. Armando Medina | deaconarmando@saintbrendan.org

ST. BRENDAN PARISH (STB)

Monday - Friday | 9:15AM-Noon • 12:30PM-4PM

- Church - 10100 NE 192nd St, Bothell, WA 98011-2931
- Office - 10051 NE 195th St., Bothell, WA 98011-2931
- 425-483-9400 | www.saintbrendan.org

Pastoral Assistant for Administration

Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization

Brigitte Blair | ext. 2645 | brigitteb@saintbrendan.org

Bookkeeper | Mary Deitch | ext. 2642 | bookkeeper@saintbrendan.org

Children & Family Ministry • OCIA Coordinator

Mark Sizemore | ext. 2648 | childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org

Confirmation

Andrew Duncan | Ext. 3102 | andrew@saintteresa.org

Director of Music | John Dobson | directorofmusic@saintbrendan.org

Facilities Supervisor

Josh Stutzman | ext. 2650 | facilitiesupervisor@saintbrendan.org Office

Assistant | Christy Avila | ext. 2677 | christya@saintbrendan.org

Receptionist | Lupita Silva Ocampo | receptionist@saintbrendan.org

Liturgical Minister Schedule • Bulletin

Ermina Swager | ermina@saintbrendan.org • bulletin@saintbrendan.org

ST. BRENDAN PARISH SCHOOL

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

Wednesday | 8AM to 3PM

- 10049 NE 195th St., Bothell, WA 98011
- 425-483-8300 | www.school.saintbrendan.org

School Principal | Catherine Shumate | catherines@school.saintbrendan.org

Admissions Director | Karah Burgess | karahb@school.saintbrendan.org

Advancement Director | Kerry Engle | kerrye@school.saintbrendan.org

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

COVER ART

TITLE: *The Tribute Money*, 1782

ARTIST: John Singleton Copley | **SOURCE:** royalacademy.org

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH (STOC)

Monday - Friday | 9:30AM - 3PM

- 17856 NE Woodinville Duvall Rd, Woodinville WA 98077
- 425-806-8096 | www.saintteresa.org

Parish Assistant for Administration

Zoltan Abraham | Ext.3105 | zoltan@saintteresa.org

Administrative Assistant

Audrey Kozel | audrey@saintteresa.org

First Communion • Children's Catechesis

Analaura Rodriguez | Ext 3101 | analaura@saintteresa.org

Confirmation • Youth Ministry

Andrew Duncan | Ext. 3102 | andrew@saintteresa.org

OCIA Coordinator • Adult Catechesis

Mark Sizemore | childfamilyministry@saintbrendan.org

Director of Music | John Dobson | music@saintteresa.org

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

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** - Registration is now open • First class for Parents (ONLY) on Thursday, OCT. 29 • 6:30PM at St. Teresa • >>>.
- **STORY TIME WITH MRS. ABRAHAM** - SUNDAY, OCT. 18 • AFTER THE 11AM MASS • ST. TERESA.
- **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS** - Wednesday, OCT. 21 • 10AM • Trip to Bob's Corn/Pumpkin Farm • RSVP by OCT. 19 • Below.
- **ST. BRENDAN GARDENS** - Saturday, OCT. 24 • Below.
- **NEWCOMERS WELCOME DINNER** - Saturday, OCT. 24 • After 5PM Vigil Mass • St. Brendan Narthex • See next column .
- **TRUNK OR TREAT** - Family Fun Event • Friday, October 30 • 5PM • St. Brendan School • Pg. 10.
- **ALL SOULS DAY MASS** - Monday, NOV. 2 • 8:30AM • STB.
- **SAVE THE DATE - HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** - Saturday, NOV. 14 • St. Brendan School Gym • Pg. 10.
- **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY** - Thursday, NOV. 19 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room • Pg. 9.

STORY TIME

Mrs. Abraham is hosting Story Time at **St. Teresa** on **Sunday, OCT. 18 after the 11AM Mass.**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

After all the Sunday Masses this weekend and the next, a blessing will be shared to all couples celebrating their silver (25th), golden (50th), diamond (60th) wedding anniversaries, AND 60+ years:

- OCT. 18/19 - St. Teresa.
- OCT. 24/25 - St. Brendan.

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Fall is here and it's time to head to the countryside to enjoy the beautiful fall scenery. On **Wednesday, OCT. 21, we will be doing just that: visiting Bob's Corn & Pumpkin Farm in Snohomish.** Meet in the St. Brendan Narthex for our 10AM departure.

You'll have the opportunity to wander in their (12 acre!) corn maze, test your aim with the apple cannon, smile beautifully in the photo op areas, purchase their delectable apple cider donuts ... and, of course, choose your own very special pumpkin. Don't eat too many of the donuts there, though, because we will be **going to Strikers Bar & Grill at the Echo Falls Golf Course for lunch afterwards.**

Please contact Donna (206-335-4469) by Sunday, OCT. 19, to let her know if you'd like to join us. Tickets (\$9.98) need to be purchased on-line ahead of time (tickets purchased at the gate cost an additional \$5)



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation registration is now open. Please see the class schedule on the [St. Teresa](#) or [St. Brendan](#) website. Class meetings are at St. Teresa of Calcutta Social Hall and will be on Thursdays at 6:30PM to 7:45PM. **The first class on OCT. 29 is for PARENTS ONLY.**



To register, please fill out our online registration form [here](#) or scan the QR Code below. You can also download our the registration form [here](#) and the sponsor verification form [here](#). For more information, please contact Andrew at andrew@saintteresa.org.



ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

Many thanks to the parishioners who came to our first Fall work party and cleaned up areas near the church as well as along the street.

Our Fall Work Party #2 will be on Saturday morning, OCT. 24. The focus will include trimming low-hanging branches on the trees on 100th Ave, NE as well as cleaning up the leaves underneath those trees. Not interested in that? No worries — there'll be plenty of other things to do. **A light lunch will be served at noon.**



PRAYERS & READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 2026

GIVE THE LORD GLORY AND HONOR
(PS 96)

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Eph 2:1-10 • Ps 100:1b-4abc-5 • Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22 • Ps 85:9ab-14 • Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12 • Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6 • Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21 • Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 • Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6 • Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 • Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16 • Ps 122:1-3, 4abcd-5 • Lk 13:1-9

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 • Margarita Avila • Harrison Carlin • Joan Dedman • Leticia de la Cruz • Toyo Erickson • Jane Guentert • Luz Gutierrez • Consuelo Haire • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Dianne Osmialowski • Rendon Galicia Family • Angela Seibert • Sarah Watson • Rowen Yan

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.

Ester Barrientos • Gloria Cajigal • Cash Crawford • Maria de Jesus Fernandez • Joseph Hayden III • Jack Mahre • Francisco Ortiz Sanchez • Carmen Pengson • Marilyn Phelps • Carmen Ramirez • Gregorio Rendon • Barbara Schielmann • Janet Sturholm • Jack Tonkin

O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine All

Praise and All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 18

STB

8:00AM Saint Brendan Parish

10:00AM Ludwing Silva

12:00PM + Eleazar Lucas Rodriguez Gonzalez

STOC

9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish

5:00PM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, October 19

STB - 8:30AM NO MASS

STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, October 20

STB - NO MASS

STOC - 9:00AM + Connie Van Bruwaene

Wednesday, October 21

STB - 8:30AM + Thelma Lee Sloan

STOC - 9:00AM Gail de Imus

Thursday, October 22

STB - 8:30AM Matthew Grzetic

STOC - 9:00AM Elizabeth Adoko

Friday, October 23

STB - 8:30AM + Thomas Allenberg

STOC - 9:00AM + Monica Lee

Saturday, October 24

STB

8:30AM + Abelino Sotelo

5:00PM + Terry Losh

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

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD ALWAYS FOR
ALL OF YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN OUR
PRAYERS, UNCEASINGLY CALLING TO MIND
YOUR WORK OF FAITH AND LABOR OF LOVE.

(1 THESS 1:2-3)

YOUTH GROUP

Are you looking for a youth ministry for your teen that:

1. Empowers young people **to live as disciples of Jesus Christ** in our world today.
2. Draws young people to **responsible participation** in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
3. Fosters the total **personal and spiritual growth** of each young person.*

... Then have your son or daughter join us **at St. Teresa of Calcutta**. Scan the respective QR Code to register.

*Source: USCCB

SINAI

Middle School Youth Group

6th - 8th Grade

Sundays, 12:30PM to 2PM

@St. Teresa - Scan to register >>>



EMMAUS

High School Youth Group

9th - 12th Grade

Sundays, 6PM to 8PM

Dinner Included

@St. Teresa - Scan to register >>>



Join Catholics nationwide praying a special Novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 22-30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more.

Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate. (also available on the FREE version of the Hallow app, where a different bishop will lead the prayers each day!)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Women's Bible Study Group at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish has openings for the study of the Book of Isaiah by Catholic Scripture Study. Saint Jerome viewed Isaiah as the Gospel in the Old Testament. It is the second longest book of the Bible and the second most cited book of the Old Testament. It is used in numerous Mass and Liturgy of the Hours readings.

We meet on Wednesdays from 10:15AM to noon. We started with Lesson One on September 23. There is still time to join us. **Please contact Pam Gockel at pgockel20@gmail.com to register.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (COUNCIL 6686)

- **October Knight of the Month** – Fr. Nicholas Wichert
- **October Family of the Month** – Victor & Paola Rojo
- The November Planning Meeting is Thursday October 22, at 7:00 PM at the Bothell rental Hall.
- The Council has donated \$10,000 in support of the young adults who will be attending World Youth Day in Seoul South Korea in 2027.
- 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.

IN LOVING MEMORY - FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

During the month of November, Catholics traditionally remember our loved ones who have gone before us.



AT ST. BRENDAN - will be an "In Loving Memory" display around the baptismal font. We invite any parishioner to bring in the next two weeks a framed photo of a deceased loved one and drop it off at the baskets at each nave entry. **Please provide your own frame or picture holder and include your name on the back. Kindly collect the photo by Saturday, NOV. 28.**

AT ST. TERESA of CALCUTTA - Please feel free to bring pictures of deceased loved ones at the beginning of November to place on the shrine on either side of the church. **Please put your name and phone number of the back of each picture, in case we need to contact you about picking up the picture at the end of November.** Each shrine will also have a Book of Remembrance where you can write in the names of your deceased loved ones. We will be praying during the whole month of November for all those whom we hold in our memory.

IDENTITY • PROPHECY • HEALING • INNER HEALING • EVANGELIZATION

ENCOUNTER
SEATTLE CAMPUS

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

LEARN TO LIVE A SUPERNATURAL LIFESTYLE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

CCC 2044: "APOSTOLICAM ACTUOSITATEM"
"The witness of a Christian life and good works done in a supernatural spirit have great power to draw men to the faith and to God."

SEATTLE CAMPUS
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUTHENTICALLY CATHOLIC
THEOLOGIAN & BISHOP-REVIEWED
LEARN TO TAKE RISKS
COLLEGE CREDIT
LONG-TERM DISCIPLESHIP

CLASSES MEET
THURSDAYS
6:00-9:00PM

"FAITHFUL CATHOLICS,
SUPERNATURAL CHRISTIANS"

ENCOUNTERSCHOOL.ORG/SEATTLE

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of NY
"This school of ministry, rooted in the richness of the Catholic faith, will equip its participants as disciples with a wealth of theological and practical tools to deepen their identity and relationship with Christ, to live out the gifts of the Holy Spirit with boldness and joy, and to go forth and lead others to do the same."

Fr. Joseph Taphorn, J.C.L., Rector and VE St. Paul Seminary
"Even after 25 years in the priesthood, I found myself coming more alive in Christ and in the gifts of the Holy Spirit as a student in the Encounter School of Ministry. I am blessed now to be an occasional instructor for the school in a local satellite campus. I highly recommend this school for students who wish to deepen their relationship with God and become spiritually equipped for the ministry God has in mind for them."

Kim Ziemer, Catholic speaker, author, and founder of Boldly Beloved
"I cannot fully express what a true gift Encounter School of Ministry has been to not only my life and my ministry, but also to the Body of Christ here on earth! I am so grateful to be a part of all God is doing in and through this ministry!"



KIDS OF THE WORLD
"Formerly the Africa Orphan Program"



CHILD OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2026 NUESTROS PEQUEÑOS HERMANOS

LEON - When Leon first arrived at the Casa Santa Ana Home at NPH-Dominican Republic, he faced enormous challenges. Blind since birth and unable to walk, his world had been greatly limited. Since joining the NPH family, he has begun receiving regular physical therapy, specialized care and personalized support tailored to his needs. With patience, dedication, and guidance from our therapists.



Step by step, he is making remarkable progress. Today, with the support of his therapist, he is able to take a few steps, an achievement that represents not only physical improvement but also greater confidence and independence. His progress is a powerful reminder of how access to care, therapy, and a loving environment can transform a child's life

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. John Paul II

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and made a cardinal three years later. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, and he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits around the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well known as an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. Near the end of his papacy, he struggled to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!

PATRON SAINT OF: Poland • World Youth Day • Young Catholics • Families.

FEAST DAY: October 22

Source: LPI

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 • John & Sarah HILL on the birth of their son, Giovanni Isaac • 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.



WHY PRAYING THE ROSARY IS IMPORTANT ?

The Rosary is important because it serves as a meditative prayer that guides between believers to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the perspective of Mary.

Core Purposes of the Rosary

- **Contemplation of Mysteries:** Each section (decade) focuses on a specific biblical event in the lives of Jesus and Mary, known as the mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous).
- **Meditative Aid:** The repetitive prayers—such as the Hail Mary and Our Father—help quiet the mind and calm the heart, making it easier to enter deep prayer.
- **Physical Grounding:** Holding physical beads helps keep the mind focused and blocks out daily distractions.
- **Marian Intercession:** Praying through Mary is designed to draw believers closer to Jesus, asking for her guidance and prayers as a spiritual mother.

Spiritual Benefits

- **Fosters Peace:** Many believers find that daily recitation brings inner peace and harmony to families and homes.
- **Strengthens Virtue:** The practice encourages humility, grace, and resistance against temptation and sin.

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

First Saturday of the Month:

- Men's Overnight Adoration (English): 8:30PM to 6AM (Sunday)

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)

Primer sábado del mes:

- Adoración nocturna de las hombres (en inglés): 8:30PM a 6AM (domingo)

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 6AM (domingo).

EVANGELIZATION

By Brigitte Blair

Chris Stefanick - Chris Stefanick has changed his approach on YouTube, posting shorts instead of full episodes on his channel. Full Episodes are now available on Podcast links such as Apple and Spotify.

- The Biblical Origins of Every Catholic Sacrament | Fr. Chris Alar | [Apple](#) • [Spotify](#) • [YouTube](#)
- How Losing His Sight Deepened His Faith | Fr. Robert Spitzer | [Apple](#) • [Spotify](#) • [Youtube](#)
- How to Make a Moral Decision | Dr. Carey Dabney | [Apple Spotify](#)
- [Fulton Sheen Predicted This 70 Years Ago](#) | [Dr. Peter Howard](#)

FORMED

[Lead Kindly Light: The Story of Saint John Henry Newman](#) • [Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi](#) • [The secret of Saint Saint Thérèse](#) • [Restless Heart](#) • [Based on a True Saint](#) • [Lectio: God](#) • [The Art of Living](#) • [Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist](#) • [Practicing Catholic Podcast](#) • [The Heart of Prayer](#)

Bishop Barron Sunday Sermon

- [The Invitation Has Been Offered](#)
- [The Peace of Christ](#)
- [The Hubris of Man, the Humility of God](#)
- [Love God—Not His Benefits](#)

Ascension Presents

[Scared of the Unknown? Fr. Mark-Mary Responds](#) • [The Key to a Good Life](#) • [Catholic Words Explained](#) | [Sr. Carino Hodder](#) • [When You Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Here's What Happens](#) | [Fr. Fernando Camou](#) • [The Gift of Your Guardian Angel](#) | [Dr. Edward Sri](#) • [ALL 24 Catholic Churches—Explained by Fr. Gregory Pine, OP](#) • [Priestly Struggles That Few Know About](#)

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies

- "Blind Spots: Practical Atheism" | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Blind Spots: Worry" | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Blind Spots: Complaint" | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Blind Spots: Entitlement" | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Blind Spots: Anger" | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Blind Spots: Gossip" | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catholic Parent - The Catholic Parent - FORMED

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

THE DEADLY TRAP SET FOR JESUS

By Zoltan Abraham

The confrontation in today's Gospel reading has high stakes - indeed, life and death. The religious leaders are seeking to destroy Jesus with a single question. To understand their trap, we need to recall the political situation at the time of Jesus. The people of Israel had been under foreign occupation for the better part of six hundred years. The Assyrians, the Babylonian, the Persians, and the Greeks had all controlled the land to various degrees, for various lengths of time. During the earthly life of Jesus, the Roman Empire was in charge.

The Romans ruled a vast territory and were ruthless in extracting resources from the many nations they had conquered. The taxes they raised were taken to their centers of power, where the Roman aristocracy burned through the wealth with their ostentatious, profligate, and debauched lifestyle. For the Israelites, who yearned for deliverance from foreign oppression, the Roman taxes were an ongoing reminder of their subjugation.

Just like last Sunday's passage, the confrontation about taxes is also a part of a larger narrative arc in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus has entered Jerusalem in triumph. He has cleansed the Temple, and now he is teaching before the Temple, instructing the crowds who have gathered in the city for the Passover celebration.

The atmosphere is tense and highly charged, because the Passover was the commemoration of the liberation of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, but now the feast has to be held while under Roman occupation. What is more, Old Testament prophecies were pointing toward the time period we now know as the first century AD as the era of the coming of the Messiah. As a result, a sense of eager expectation for the imminent arrival of the liberator was in the air. The Roman authorities were well aware of these sentiments. For the most part, the Roman soldiers did not know Aramaic, the common language of the Israelites at the time, but they knew one word for sure, the Aramaic for Messiah.

Knowing that the city might go up like a tinderbox during the Passover celebrations, the Romans reinforced their garrison with sufficient numbers to subdue any unrest or uprising. As a participant in a class I taught some years ago put it, the Roman idea of crowd control was to eliminate the crowd. Modern riot police tend to use water cannon and tear gas. The Romans, by contrast, simply slaughtered everyone.

All this formed the backdrop to the scene in the Gospel passage for this Sunday. As Jesus is teaching in the Temple area, the religious leaders, most of whom oppose his message, take turns at challenging him. In this passage, the Pharisees have designed an ingenious trap. They ask him if it is lawful, according to the Mosaic Law, to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor. The question is insidious, because no matter what Jesus answers, he will be defeated - or so the Pharisees think.

If Jesus were to say that the Israelites may not pay taxes to Rome, his opponents can immediately report him to the soldiers standing guard throughout the city. He will be arrested, tried as a rebel, and executed. But if he were to say that the Israelites may pay the Roman taxes, then the crowds will be immediately convinced that he is not the Messiah, since instead of liberating the people, he would be endorsing their bondage. At best, the crowds would just reject him and chase him away. But more likely, the angry crowds would stone him to death.

Jesus seems to be in an impossible situation. But instead of answering directly, he asks his opponents to show him one of the Roman coins. By doing so, he turns the tables in the interaction. The Roman coins bore images of pagan religious figures revered or worshipped by the Romans. Therefore, even possessing such an image meant cooperating, at least to some extent, with the false religion of the oppressive Roman Empire. Thus the Pharisees, who prided themselves on the strictest observance of the Mosaic Law, show their hypocrisy by having such coins on their person. When Jesus tells them to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, they cannot argue with him. They cannot defend holding on to such blasphemous coins. The Pharisees have to retreat from the exchange humiliated.

But the question arises as to how the passage applies to our lives today. What does it mean that we are to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" (Matthew 22:21)? The teaching of the Catholic Church regarding three concepts is especially relevant here. One is the question of patriotism. The Church has always held that patriotism is a virtue. We are to love, respect, and honor our country, whether the country of our birth or a new home. People like myself who have moved from the land of their birth to a new country have an obligation to be patriotic toward their new home. This concept was especially brought home to me this past 4th of July. My wife and I had taken the light rail in to Seattle for the day. On our way back, we were in the train just as the 4th of July celebrations in Downtown Bellevue had ended. Suddenly, the train was full of people coming back from the event. Given the languages spoken, most of the people on the train were probably not born in the US, yet they had just spent the evening celebrating our country's 250th anniversary. That is consistent with the vision of the Church.

The second concept is obedience to legitimate laws. Catholic scholars, especially St. Thomas Aquinas, have written long treatises on what makes laws legitimate, but we have no room for an exhaustive exploration of the subject here. Suffice it to say that for laws to be legitimate, they need to be grounded in God's divine law and need to be promulgated by a legitimate political authority. As Catholics, we are to be law-abiding citizens, obeying all the laws pertaining to us, except for cases when human law contradicts divine law.

Which brings us to the third concept, the social kingship of Christ. Historically, the Church has taught that Christ is not just King of the world to come, but he is to be King of society here and now. As Catholics, it is our task to bring society into harmony with the kingship of Christ, whether it comes to laws, business practices, cultural achievements, entertainment, or anything else. We cannot be privately Catholic, while conforming to structures and practices contrary to Christ in our public life. If anything in society contradicts Christ, we must resist.

For example, when the State of Washington wanted to pass a law to force priests to violate the seal of the Confessional, the Catholic Church opposed the bill in no uncertain terms. The priests of Washington State were ready to go to jail rather than comply with this law. We too might be faced with similar choices. In all cases, Christ comes before everything, before every other love, allegiance, or obligations.

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

PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH AND SERVICE

Fairwind - Brittany Park | John McGuinness | johnmcg@gmail.com

Kids of the World | Ken Fabrizio | kenfabrizio4@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

- STB - Joe Osmialowski | 248-343-9021
- STOC - Dennis Hammonds | dennishammonds45@gmail.com

Ministry to the Homebound

- Bothell Health Care | Cogir of Bothell Memory Care
- STB - Anne Chapman 206-234-5849
- All others - STB - Contact receptionist@saintbrendan.org
- STOC - Contact admin@saintteresa.org

Prepares (Pregnancy Support) | Lisa Pedersen - lpedersen62@icloud.com

Respect Life | Colleen Danforth - rdhcoll@aol.com

Serving Our Savior (SOS) | Priscilla Finch - cilfinch@hotmail

St. Vincent de Paul

- STB - Margie Inghram | 425-486-8953
- STOC - Marion Scichilone | bpgourmet@yahoo.com



ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY

The Rosary Making Ministry will have its next meeting on **Thursday, NOV. 19 in the St. Teresa of Calcutta Commons Room. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 10AM through May.** Join us and learn how to make rosaries.

SERVING OUR SAVIOR (S.O.S.) SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY

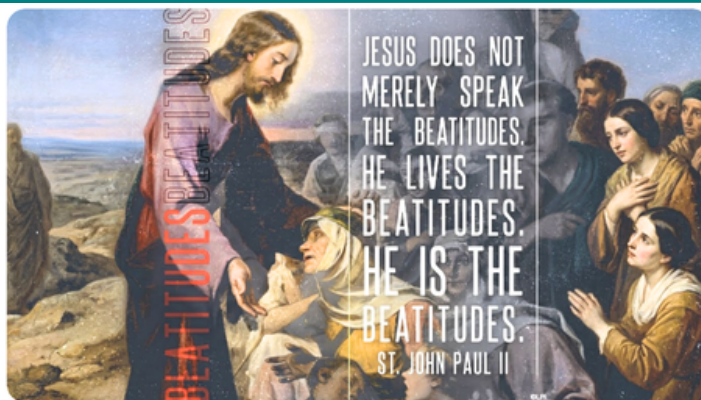
The Serving Our Savior (SOS) program is replete with canned and dried foods. **What we do need are funds to buy fresh vegetables, fruits and meats**, but the costs have increased significantly. Any amount of money would be very gratefully received. Contact Priscilla Finch at cilfinch@hotmail.com with any questions



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 Lisa Pedersen (lpedersen62@icloud.com) with any questions.

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



CYO SPOTLIGHT

Hey, Parents – did you know that your children are eligible and welcome to participate in all St. Brendan CYO sports programs simply by being registered parishioners at either St. Brendan or St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Family? Financial Assistance is available to help with registration fees, please contact CYOad@saintbrendan.org for details. For more information on CYO and the programs offered at St. Brendan, please reach out to Ena Demeter at cyosecretary@saintbrendan.org.

🏃🌞 **CYO CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE!** 🌞🏃



Cross country completed the season on Sunday, on OCT. 4 at the championship meet. Many runners improved on their times this season and several achieve personal records! **We are happy to bring home a trophy as St. Brendan is the 3rd Place Champion in the Single A Division! We also earned 2nd place for the 4th Grade Girls Division.** Also, big congratulations to the following athletes who finished in the Top 20 of their race!

- Avril - 13th Place - 1st Grade Girls
- Katarina - 9th Place - 3rd Grade Girls
- Makayla - 2nd Place - 4th Grade Girls
- Emmery - 3rd Place - 4th Grade Girls
- Kaliana - 18th Place - 4th Grade Girls
- Max - 18th place - 5th Grade Boys
- Alannah - 17th Place - 6th Grade Girls
- Evelynne - 17th Place - 8th Grade Girls

Thank you for an amazing season! 🌞🏆

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL CORNER

Admissions & Enrollment



St. Brendan Catholic School

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Save the Date!
November 17th Preschool - Kindergarten
November 19th Middle School

Visit our Campus
Meet the Teachers
Learn about our Curriculum
Ask Questions

Scan the QR code to reserve your spot!



TRUNK Or TREAT



FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 | **5:00 – 6:30 PM** | **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING WITH
LOTS OF TRUNKS • GAMES
BOTHELL POLICE & FIRE TRUCKS



St. Brendan Holiday Craft Fair

Come shop 100+ craft vendors and enjoy home-baked treats and refreshments for purchase

NOV. 14, 2026 | 9AM – 4 PM
ST. BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL
10049 NE 195TH STREET IN BOTHELL

Scan for the
latest details



The Fund for St. Brendan School



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.

Contributions to the Fund for St. Brendan support important school priorities, including academic programs, technology, campus improvements, extracurricular activities, and financial assistance initiatives. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference and helps us continue our mission of providing an exceptional Catholic education.

Celebrating 60 Years of St. Brendan School

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.

To honor this milestone and invest in the future of Catholic education at St. Brendan, we invite families, alumni, grandparents, and friends to participate in our 60th Anniversary Fund.

Consider making a special anniversary gift:

- \$19.66 to honor our founding year, 1966
- \$60 as part of our 60 for 60 Challenge
- \$1,966 as a leadership anniversary gift
- Or any amount that is meaningful to your family

Every gift helps strengthen the mission of St. Brendan School and ensures that future generations of students have the same opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive in faith.

As we celebrate 60 years of excellence, community, and Catholic education, thank you for helping us build the next chapter of the St. Brendan story. Together, let's honor our past and invest in our future.

givebutter.com/ForwardinFaith2026-2027

ONLINE PARISHIONER STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES & ONLINE GIVING

Every person's finances and family situation is different. Jesus makes it clear that it matters not how much one gives, but that it is planned, calculated, at least some-what sacrificial (see Luke 24:1-4), and not simply from what is "leftover" at the end of the month. We propose the tithe (10%) as the ideal every family can consider working towards. This means taking steps to give 5% to one's parish and 5% to other charities, or causes you have personal passion for.

You can give online at:

- St. Brendan Parish (STB) - parish.saintbrendan.org
- St. Teresa of Calcutta (STOC) - <https://pushpay.com/g/saintteresacalcutta>
- OR can the QR codes with your phone's camera, >>> It's quick, secure, convenient, and easy. Your support helps sustain our parish family. If you need help with online giving, please call the Parish Office at 425-483-9400 (STB) or 425-806-8096 (STOC) .

PARISH STEWARDSHIP
TIME. TALENT.
TREASURE.

WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE
OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.



Donate to (STB)
St. Brendan



Donate to (STOC)
St. Teresa of Calcutta

<i>Scott A. Boyer</i> General Manager Boyer Electric Co. Commercial • Industrial • Residential E.C. BOYER, INC. 1948 (206) 367-7606 20150 144th Ave NE Ste A • Woodinville, WA 98072	BTL ENGINEERING PS Located in Woodinville 425-814-8448 Brian Lampe, PE, SE Principal St. Teresa of Calcutta Parishioner	WE'RE HIRING Ad Sales Executives • Paid Training • Some Travel • Work-life Balance • Full-time with Benefits • Serve Your Community Visit www.4lpi.com/careers	Do you have Medicare questions you need answered? Help is here: Medicare 101. As a licensed insurance agent who focuses on Medicare, I can help you understand and review all of your available plan options to help you select a plan that works for your needs and budget. By representing most major Medicare carriers, I can provide you knowledgeable information at no cost. CONTACT ME: Amber Valencia Senior Health Plan Broker/ St Theresa of Calcutta Parishioner License # 802455 253.315.2311 amber@ambervalencia.com
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE	Dr. Michelle J. Ament Cosmetic and General Dentist Use Code "Smile Bright" for FREE Whitening BothellFamilyDentistry.com 425-486-2787	Does your organization need a newsletter? We'll cover the printing costs! Learn more at lpicommunities.com	Little space. Big impact. Advertise here Call 800-950-9952
ESHG Evergreen Speech and Hearing Clinic When was the last time you and your loved ones had a hearing checkup? Contact us for a FREE consultation to learn how we can transform your hearing! REDMOND KIRKLAND BELLEVUE Call 425-882-4347 Visit everhear.com for more information	Kaufer's Religious Supplies SEATTLE - (206) 622-3100 5201 4th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98108 SPOKANE - (509) 326-7070 907 West Boone Avenue Spokane, WA 99201 kaufers.shop	THERE'S NO ONE WAY TO RETIRE. <i>But, there's one place to do it best.</i> Live with purpose and joy! FAIRWINDS BRITTANY PARK Woodinville 425-484-8436	Visit www.4lpi.com/careers

Bothell Dental
JOSEPH M. HANRAHAN, D.D.S.
(425) 481-7790
josephhanrahandds.com
Senior Discount
18222 104th Ave. NE Ste. 106, Bothell

Eggerman Law Firm PS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Stephen Eggerman
425-828-9509 | eggermanlaw.com | paralegal@eggermanlaw.com
Accidents • Injuries • Workers' Compensation • Wills • Trusts • Probate
Located in Downtown Kirkland

Mcmenamins ANDERSON SCHOOL
RECEPTIONS
MEMORIALS
CELEBRATIONS
& MORE
18607 Bothell Way NE
(425) 398-0127
mcmcnamins.com

ROOFSMART
EST. 2011
★ Nailed it! ★
Catholic Owned Business
206-487-4877

Service and New Efficient Systems
FISCHER Heating and Air
"The Technicians People Recommend"
www.fischerheating.com
206-783-1190
425-974-1003
Guaranteed work!
"Ask your neighbor!"
40 Years of Integrity & Skill

HAIDER CONSTRUCTION
ROOFING | REMODELING | DECKING
425-771-3515
www.HaiderConstruction.com

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
Burglary • Flood Detection
Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
833-287-3502

Little space.
Big impact.

FREE ONE HOUR FINANCIAL EDUCATION
Call Ofelia at 206-963-1289
PARISHIONER

BOOKWORM BOOKKEEPING
QuickBooks Professional
Helping Small Businesses
info@bookworm-bookkeeping.com

Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952

YOUR TRUSTED FAMILY-OWNED CLEANING COMPANY
FOUR SEASONS CLEANING
425.821.4503

HILLCREST BAKERY EST. 1934 BOTHELL, WA
Serving customers since 1934!
10010 Main St, Bothell, WA 98011
(425) 486-5292

Lifetime Celebrations WASHHELLI
18224 103rd Avenue N.E. • Bothell
425-486-1281 • Call Us Anytime
Every Detail Remembered™ Dignity™

SEA TLE GYMNASICS ACADEMY
CLASSES, DROP-IN PLAY & MORE!
FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!
LOCATIONS IN BALLARD, LAKE CITY, COLUMBIA CITY, BURien AND MILL CREEK
SEATTLEGYMNASTICS.COM

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!
Contact Kelly Day
kday@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2115

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE
Call 800.950.9952

Made you look.
Advertise here to reach your local audience.
Visit 4lpi.com/advertising-solutions
Scan to get started!

Little space.
Big impact.
Advertise here
Call 800-950-9952

Advertise Here!
Engage with consumers in your neighborhood.

GUIDING YOUR MEDICARE JOURNEY WITH A HELPING HAND
CALL Susan Hanson 425-658-6022
We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. We currently represent 7 carriers with over 100 plans. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all your options. Licensed insurance agent.

Never miss our bulletin!
Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.
Scan to subscribe on parishesonline.com

FISCHER PLUMBING
www.fischerplumbing.com
40 Years of Integrity and Skill
206-783-4129
425-455-1310
"The Plumber People Recommend"

AMAYA'S FLOORING INC
"Quality isn't Expensive - it's Priceless"
We Sell And Install
Hardwood • Luxury Vinyl (LVP) • Carpet • Laminate • Tile • Refinishing
✓ Free Estimates ✓ Premium Flooring ✓ Two Convenient Locations
✓ Professional Installation ✓ Competitive Pricing
EVERETT SHOWROOM 1327 112th St SE, Ste E, Everett • 425-669-1453
BOTHELL SHOWROOM 16329 Cascadian Way, Bothell • 425-741-0522

Support Our Advertisers!