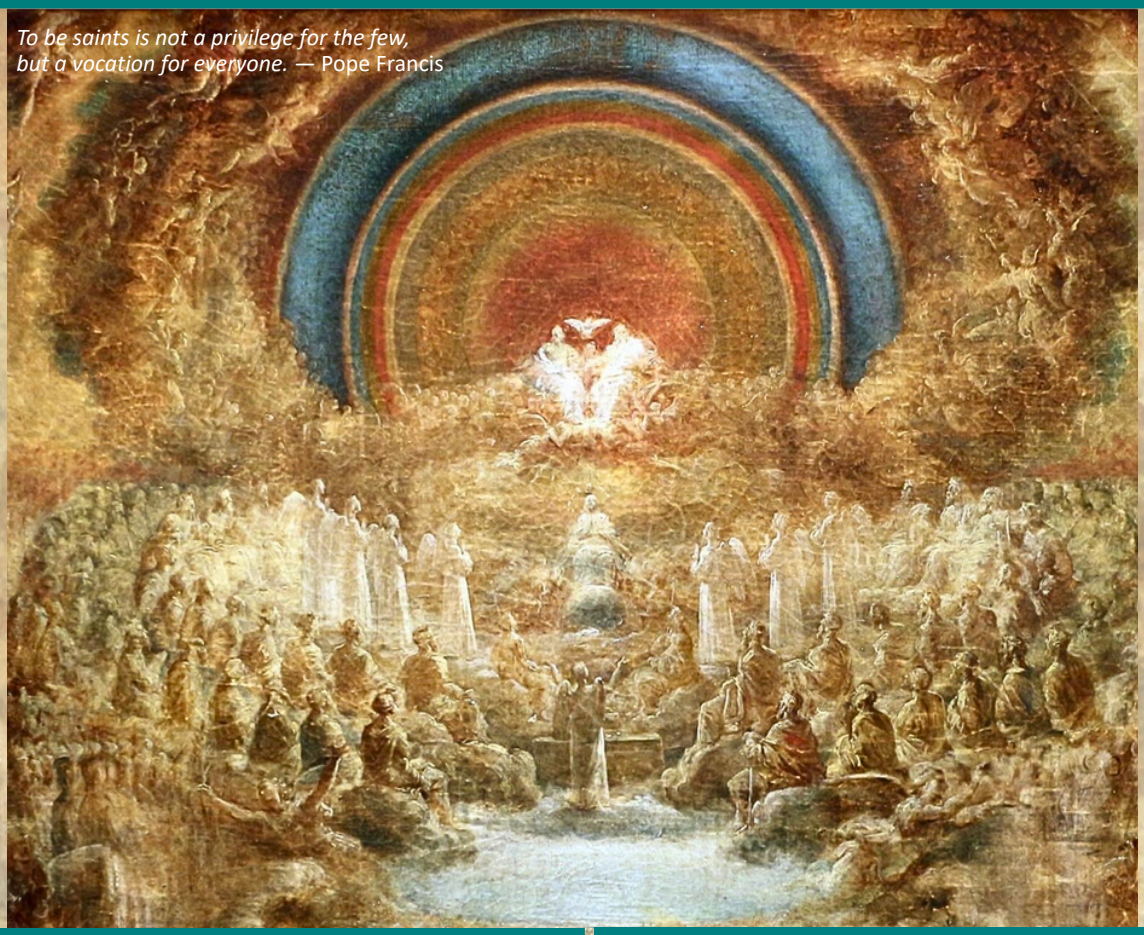
WELCOME TO

SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026



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

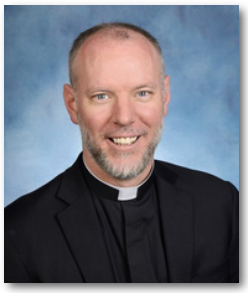
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NO 9AM Mass on Thursday, NOV. 5

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

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

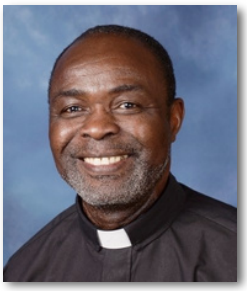
"Do small things with great love"
— ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

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COVER ART

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SOURCE: ncregister.com

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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

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** - Registration is now open • First class for Parents (ONLY) on Thursday, OCT. 29 • 6:30PM at St. Teresa • >>>.
- **OCIC REGISTRATION** - Now OPEN. See page 5 for details.
- **STORY TIME with Mrs. Abraham** - Sunday, NOV 1 at St. Brendan after the 10AM Mass • NOV. 15 at St. Teresa after the 11AM Mass• See next column.
- **ALL SOULS DAY** - Mass on Monday, NOV. 2 - 8:30AM • Requiem Mass - 6PM • St. Brendan • See below.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS** - Wednesday, NOV. 4 • 6PM • St. Brendan • Pg. 5.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Thursday, NOV. 5 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery. • See next column.
- **NEW! MEN'S OVERNIGHT ADORATION** - Saturday, NOV. 7, 8:30PM to Sunday, NOV. 8, 6AM • St. Brendan.
- **WOMEN'S GROUP** - Thursday, NOV. 12 • 6:30PM • St. Brendan Guest Speaker: Deacon Leon Garcia • Potluck Dinner.
- **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** - Saturday, NOV. 14 • St. Brendan School Gym • Pg. 10.
- **CAREER DISCOVERY FAIR** - Saturday, NOV. 14 • 1PM • Bothell Rental Hall • See page 5 for details.
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT** - NOV. 17 & 19 • See pg. 10 for details.
- **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY** - Thursday, NOV. 19 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room • Pg. 9.
- **BBQ & BROTHERS** - Thursday, NOV. 19 • 6PM • St. Brendan.



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.



STORY TIME

Mrs. Abraham is hosting Story Time on **Sunday**
- **NOV. 1 after the 10AM Mass** at **St. Brendan**
- **NOV. 15 after the 11AM Mass at St. Teresa**

MOMS GROUP

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

We meet Thursdays at 9:30AM in the St. Brendan nursery. Our next meetings will be on **NOV. 5 and NOV. 12 at St. Brendan.** Children are welcome! Please bring any toys or snacks your child may need. Questions? Please contact stbmomsgroup25@gmail.com for more information.



PRAYERS & READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

LORD, THIS IS THE PEOPLE THAT LONGS TO SEE YOUR FACE. (PS 24)

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 • *Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6* • 1 Jn 3:1-3 • Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 4:7-14 • *Ps 25:6, 7b, 17-18, 20-21* • Rom 5:17-21 • Mt 11:25-30

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18 • *Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14* • Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/*Ps 105:2-7* • Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1 • *Ps 122:1-4abcd, 5* • Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19 • *Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9* • Lk 16:9-15

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 • Megan Catlin • Michelle Christman • Joan Dedman • Logan Fultonberg • Jane Guentert • Luz Gutierrez • Consuelo Haire • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Sami Kennard • Jeff Lill • Lisa Miller • Dianne Osmialowski • Mark Patterson • Rendon Galicia Family • Angela Seibert • Sarah Watson • Rowen Yan

The Deceased

Eternal rest grant unto them,O Lord,and letperpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Gloria Cajigal • Maria de Jesus Fernandez • Joseph Hayden III • Jack Mahre • Bunyechi Okwuosa • Francisco Ortiz Sanchez • Marilyn Phelps • Carmen Ramirez • Gregorio Rendon • Barbara Schielmann • Janet Sturholm • Jack Tonkin

SEE WHAT LOVE THE **FATHER** HAS BESTOWED ON US THAT WE MAY BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF **GOD**.

(1 JN 3:1)

O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine All

Praise and All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 1
STB
8:00AM + *Maureen Tator*
10:00AM + *Zachary Beyer*
12:00PM Saint Brendan Parish
STOC
9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish
11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish
5:00PM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, November 2
STB - 8:30AM + *Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary*
STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 3
STB - NO MASS
STOC - 9:00AM Majel Braden

Wednesday, November 4
STB - 8:30AM Regan Corwin
STOC - 9:00AM + *Silvano Meloni*

Thursday, November 5
STB - 8:30AM + *Shirley Wichert*
STOC - 9:00AM NO MASS

Friday, November 6
STB - 8:30AM + *Deceased members of the Third Order of Mary*
STOC - 9:00AM + *Peter Yoshio Brusstar*

Saturday, November 7
STB
8:30AM + *John Blair*
5:00PM Saint Brendan Parish
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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER (COUNCIL 6686)

- **November Knight of the Month** – Fr. Peter Adoko-Enchill
- **November Family of the Month** – Greg & Kristen Van Hollebeke
- The Memorial Mass for the deceased member and spouses of our council will be on **Wednesday, NOV. 4, at 6PM at St. Brendan**. Please come and pray for the souls of our beloved dead.
- All 6686 Knights and spouses are welcome at the council revitalization meeting/dinner on **Saturday, NOV. 7, at 6PM** in the **St. Brendan narthex**. If you haven't already RSVP'd please contact Joe Osmialowski at 248-343-9021 to let us know that you are coming.
- The next Business meeting is **Thursday, NOV. 5, at 7PM at the Bothell Rental Hall**.
- 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.

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*

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Middle School Youth Group
6th - 8th Grade
Sundays, 12:30PM to 2PM
@St. Teresa - Scan to register >>>

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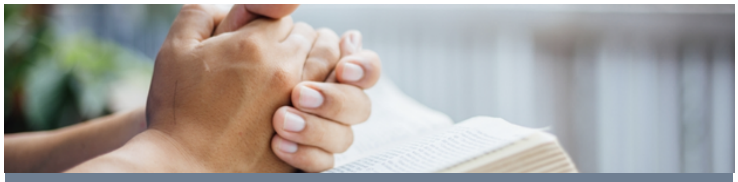
High School Youth Group
9th - 12th Grade
Sundays, 6PM to 8PM
Dinner Included
@St. Teresa - Scan to register>>>

CAREER DISCOVERY FAIR

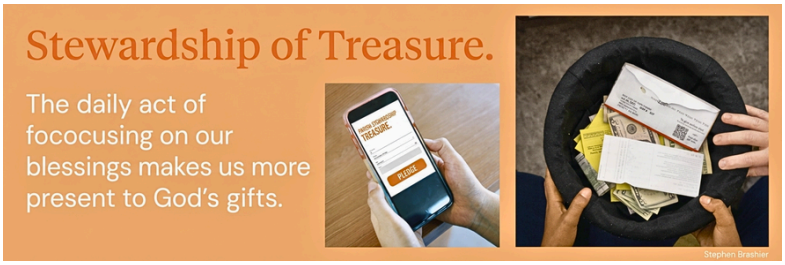
There will be a Career Discovery Fair on Saturday, NOV. 14 from 1PM to 5PM at the Bothell Rental Hall, at 24323 Bothell-Everett Hwy Bothell, WA 98012. Bring your middle schoolers and high schoolers to meet community members and talk with them about their professions and occupations. Learn more about careers you know and discover unique ones you haven't considered. All private/public/homeschool students are welcome!

Pre-registration is preferred but not required. Scan the QR Code >>> or click on **https://careerdiscoveryfair.org**

Sponsored by parishioners from St. Brendan and St. Teresa.



Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be children of God. — Matthew 5:3,9



As we begin our annual focus on the Stewardship of Treasure, we invite you to take a moment to reflect on the many ways God has blessed you over the past year. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might return a portion of those blessings in support of our parish community and its mission. Your generous gifts help make it possible for our parish to accompany people on their faith journey and create meaningful opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ.

Next week, you will hear from a fellow parishioner who will share how stewardship impacts our parish and why your generosity makes a difference in the lives of so many. It's easy to make your stewardship of treasure pledge to St. Brendan and St. Teresa Parish Family. Visit our website to access the online pledge form or or scan the QR codes on page 11.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRIES

Please Pray For These Expecting Mothers: Kim Ahn Svanevik • 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 • Henry PETERSON & Tiffany OSTLUND on the birth of their son, Teddy Gamble. • 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.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Martin de Porres



St. Martin de Porres (December 9, 1579- November 3, 1639) came from the humblest of beginnings. Born in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish knight and a previously enslaved African woman, he was subjected to bigotry his entire life. His early life was spent in deep poverty, after his father abandoned the family. At the age of 12 he was apprenticed to a barber-surgeon, where he would learn the medical skills which would gain him renown.

When he was 15, St. Martin wanted to join the Dominicans, however, the law in Peru prevented those of mixed-race from being members of religious orders. Undeterred, St. Martin volunteered to do menial work for the monastery and was allowed to live with the community. He worked in the laundry and kitchens, but soon was given the job of distributing money and food to the poor. In 1601, St. Martin was allowed to take his vows as a lay brother, despite the law. He was put in charge of the infirmary, the post he held until his death.

St. Martin was known for his great love of the Eucharist, and his intense prayer. Contemporary reports tell of levitation and light filling the room while he prayed, even bilocation where St. Martin was seen in distant countries despite never leaving Peru. St. Martin frequently went into the city to care for the poor and sick, especially the Africans who had been brought to Peru as enslaved people. He also founded an orphanage and school. He cared equally for all regardless of race or status. His kindness even extended to animals, caring for the dogs, cats and even mice and rats at the monastery.

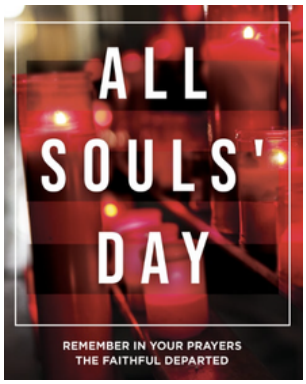
St. Martin was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837, and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962, the first Black saint of the Americas.

St. Martin de Porres, pray for us!

PATRON SAINT OF: barbers • innkeepers • people of mixed race • public health workers • social justice.

FEAST DAY: November 3

Source: LPi • stmartindeporrescatholic.org





FIRST FRIDAY - NOV. 6 - 24-HOUR ADORATION
FIRST SATURDAY - NOV. 7 - DEVOTION
ST. BRENDAN

Spend time in the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us after the 8:30AM Friday Mass, continue through the night. and finish the following day with First Saturday devotion starting at 7:30AM. We will end with Benediction followed by 8:30AM Saturday Mass.

We need ASAP somebody to adopt the hour every Thursday, from 3PM to 4PM and every First Friday, from 6PM to 7PM and 7PM to 8PM. If there are times you are unable to do it, we will have substitutes for you. Call or text Christina Plantilla at 425-486-3376.

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 *(Updated Hours Below)*:

Monday 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM | **Tuesday** 1PM to 2PM • 3PM to 4PM | **Wednesday** 1PM to 2PM • 3PM to 4PM | **Thursday** 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM | **Friday** Noon to 1PM • 1PM to 2PM • 3PM to 4PM • 4PM to 5PM. **FIRST Friday** 6PM to 7PM ASAP • 7PM to 8PM ASAP | **FIRST 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 Brigette 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.

- Why You Feel Empty Even When Life Is Good | Dr. Arthur Brooks
- What If Your Struggle Isn't the Real Problem? | Sr. Miriam James Heidland
- What Do You Do With a Feeling You Can't Fix? | Sr. Miriam James Heidland
- How to Disagree With Someone Without Losing Them | Dr. Cary Dabney
- How to Make a Moral Decision | Dr. Carey Dabney | Apple Spotify

FORMED - Lead Kindly Light: The Story of Saint John Henry Newman • Karol (Two Film Set) • 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
- With All You Heart, Soul, and Mind
- The Coin Belongs to Caesar, But Caesar Belongs to God
- The Invitation Has Been Offered

Ascension Presents
God's Original Plan for Marriage w/ Fr. Gregory Pine
- How St. John Paul II Faced Fear (And How You Can Too)
- From Anti-Catholic to Overseas Missionary: Fr. Mike's Best Friend Shares His Story
- Do Everything With Love: The Powerful Message Every Christian Needs to Hear
- When Curiosity Becomes a Problem
- Scared of the Unknown? Fr. Mark-Mary Responds

Fr. Mike Schmitz Homilies
- "Overnight Success'" | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Apostrophe S" | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Blind Spots: Practical Atheism" | 28th 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

THE AUTUMN TRIDUUM

By Zoltan Abraham

October 31, November 1, and November 2, sometimes known as the Autumn Triduum, have traditionally been major feast days in Catholic life, marked with special celebrations. October 31 is All Hallow's Eve, a time of preparation for All Saints Day on November 1, the commemoration of all the saints of the Church. November 2 is All Souls Day, a time of remembrance and prayer for our deceased loved ones.

But although these three holy days once played a pivotal role in the seasonal rhythm of Western culture, today their true significance is largely forgotten. Instead, October 31 in particular has been replaced by the antithesis of what it was originally, now turned into a macabre celebration of horror and evil. As Catholics, we should go against the contemporary cultural tide and reclaim the true significance of the Autumn Triduum.

The first step is to disengage from the secular celebration of Halloween. Instead of "Spooky Season," we should make October an anticipation of All Saints Day. We can spend time each day of the month reflecting on the lives of saints. Instead of dark, scary decorations, we can fill our home with images of the saints. Instead of Halloween parties, we can have get-togethers focused on dressing up as saints and learning about their lives. Our celebration of the saints at Mass on All Saints Day will then be all the more meaningful.

As we learn about and celebrate the saints, we should be reflecting on our own mortality and eternal calling. All of us are called to be saints. But who, we might ask, are the saints? In the fullest sense of the word, saints are human beings who have achieved full union with God. Some are still alive on this earth, and they have reached the fullest possible union with God on this side of Heaven.

All the souls in Heaven are saints by definition, in that we can only enter Heaven if and when we are completely open to full union with God's love in the afterlife. Some of the saints who are in Heaven are canonized by the Church, that is to say, the Church declares that, after a life of holiness dedicated to Christ, they are now enjoying eternal blessedness in Heaven.

In the month of October and on November 1, let us especially focus on becoming saints, thereby fulfilling our deepest existential yearning - to be imbued by God's eternal, infinite love. Becoming saints can also help us change the world. People often complain that they are powerless to change systemic problems in society or to impact the problems that can arise in the Church itself. The answer is becoming a saint. Since saints are perfectly aligned with God's will, they are powerful channels of God's healing love in the world. We can see throughout history how God has worked through the saints to transform society. We can be the source of that transformation if we allow God to make us into saints through his infinite grace.

November 2, All Souls Day, is closely tied to the celebration of the saints. When we die, we can enter only one of three spiritual states. One is Heaven, for all the saints, who have completely opened themselves to God's love. The opposite of that is Hell, eternal separation from God for those who have completely rejected God's love in their earthly life. The third state is Purgatory. Purgatory is for those who have not rejected God's love completely but have not yet embraced it fully either. Purgatory is a result of God's love, giving us a chance even though we are not fully free from sin when we die. In purgatory, we are purified. We atone for the temporal consequences of sin. We learn to let go of the idols we had put in the place of God. We also come to understand how we had hurt others through our sinful, selfish actions in the course of our lives.

Our focus in this life should be to be purified, to become saints. Everyone needs to be purified to enter Heaven. We can go through our purification now or in Purgatory. Let's not wait. Let us seek to be purified now.

As we pray for the deceased, our prayers can help those in Purgatory to complete their period of purification faster. Also, we should not assume that our loved ones who have died have immediately entered Heaven. The reality is that, more than likely, they are being purified in Purgatory. But a misleading cultural trend assumes that all our loved ones instantaneously reach heavenly blessedness upon passing. One of the regrettable consequences of such an assumption is that we end up not praying for the deceased, which robs them of the prayers they need to complete their purification and enter Heaven.

As we pray for the souls in Purgatory, they also pray for us. Interestingly, the apparition of our Lady of Knock in Ireland in 1879, came after the local parishioners had been praying for the souls in Purgatory for 100 days. Perhaps the souls in Purgatory interceded with Our Lady to grant the faithful parishioners the great boon of the apparition. All Souls Day is also a good day to visit the graves of our loved ones to pray for them at the site of their final repose and their future resurrection.

Nor are special prayers for the dead limited to November 2. Traditionally, Catholics keep praying for the dead in a special way all throughout November, as we do in our parish family. In Mexican culture, November 2, known as the Day of the Dead, is marked with celebrations where the faithful share food and memories of loved ones. Regardless of our cultural background, our November can be enriched by elements of this beautiful tradition. Sometime during the month, my wife and I usually host a Day of the Dead get-together, modeled after the Mexican custom, to share a meal and stories of our loved ones with a circle of friends.

Returning the topic of purification, when souls move from Purgatory to Heaven with the help of our prayers, they become powerful heavenly intercessors for us. Which brings us back to the saints in Heaven. Why is it important for us that the Church canonize certain saints, declaring them to be holy men or women who are now in Heavenly glory? One reason is for us to have role models we can emulate. Instead of celebrities and athletes, we can look to the heroes of our faith. We can learn about their lives and the many ways that they had said yes to God.

The other reason the Church canonizes saints is to give us powerful intercessors, whom we can ask for help. We already ask each other for help in this life and ask each other to pray for us. When the saints enter Heaven, they don't cease to be able to help us. In fact, they are all the more able to do so, since they are in the presence of God.

As we reflect on the true meaning of the Autumn Triduum, we also see the tragic consequences of turning away from our traditions. Back in the early 16th century, the Augustinian monk Martin Luther challenged the Church's teaching on salvation, with a particular focus on the veneration of the saints and prayers for the souls in Purgatory. He published his first writings against Catholic teaching on October 31, 1517, which in time led to the shattering of Christendom, the shattering of Church unity, and the splintering of much of Western Christianity into about 40,000 different denominations. Among Protestants today, October 31 is still known as Reformation Day. As Catholics, we should use this time of the year to pray all the more for the restoration of Christian unity.

The abandoning of the Catholic understanding of the afterlife in our culture has also led to October becoming "Spooky Season," a ghoulish celebration of darkness and evil. We can counteract such trends by re-embracing and returning to our old-time Catholic traditions. Our traditions built Western Civilization, and they can help us restore and rebuild our civilization anew today.

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

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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

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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 admin@saintteresa.org with any questions.

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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.

KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Practices begin in December; Games start in January through the Mill Creek YMCA. *Registration runs through NOV. 13.*

Follow these steps CLOSELY to register:

1. Seattle CYO Website: https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/current-programs
2. Select the red *'Enroll'* box, next to the basketball image.
3. Select '**4-8 Basketball 2026-2027**' from the dropdown menu in the Program field.
4. Under the Offering field, select '**St. Brendan/St. Teresa -K-3rd Grade Basketball**'.
5. Continue steps to complete registration & pay.

📣 **Coaches & Assistants** please register on the Team Sideline website above as a Volunteer.

📅 **Practice Schedules** for Kinder - 3rd Grade will be created once Coaches are registered and rosters completed. Practices are typically 1x/week held after school is out.

❓ **Questions?** Contact CYO Basketball Coordinator Krista Torrey, kristatorrey@gmail.com

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Join us in building the next chapter of our playground.
Every gift makes a difference.

All school families, friends, and parishioners are invited to bake treats for the...

BAKE SALE

How to participate?

- Register for "Volunteer Baker for Craft Fair Bake Sale" on VolunteerHub to earn 5 hours and free dress for your student.
- Want to earn more hours? Bake an additional $20 and earn 5 more volunteer hours (register for "Bonus Volunteer Baker")
- 10 max volunteer hours PER FAMILY for Bake Sale
- Place in clear packaging
- Clearly label allergens (contains nuts, gluten-free)
- The class with the highest participation will receive a prize

What are the treat values?

- Pie with glass/decorated plate ($15)
- Cake ($12)
- Pie with tin plate ($12)
- 1lb plate of fudge ($8)
- Large ($8) or mini ($4) bread loaf
- Cupcakes (qty 6) ($6)
- Cookies on plate (qty 12) ($5)
- Individually wrapped big cookies ($2)
- Cookies on paper-plate (qty 12) ($3)
- Cake pops ($2)
- Individually wrapped cookies, brownies, cupcakes (qty 2) ($1)

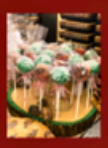
What's not accepted?

- Refrigerated items, commercially prepared or store-bought items, pumpkin pies, custards, and cheesecakes

Where to drop-off?

- Nov. 12: 3:30-5:30 PM
- Nov. 13: 12:30-4:30 PM
- St. Brendan school lower parking lot (library entrance)



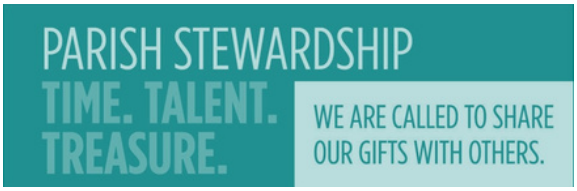



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You can give online at:

- St. Brendan Parish (STB) - parish.saintbrendan.org
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