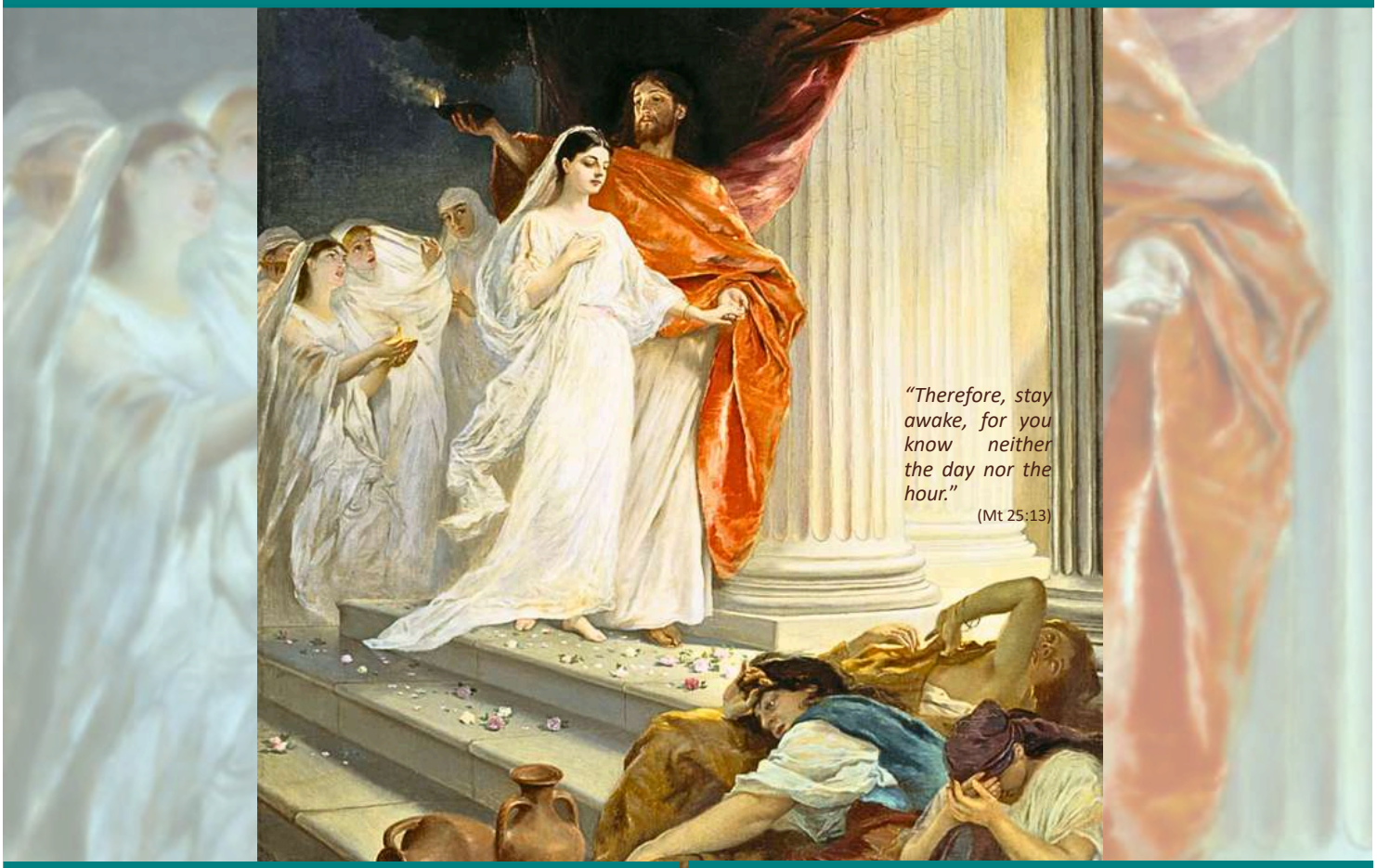
WELCOME TO

SAINT BRENDAN & SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH FAMILY

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 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

NO Mass - Wednesday, NOV. 11
Thursday, NOV. 12

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.

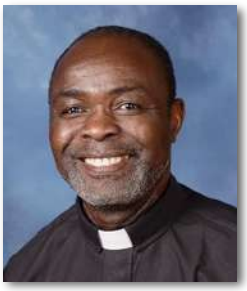
"Do small things with great love"
— ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

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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

- **OCIC CLASS -** Registration is OPEN. See page 5 for details.
- **VETERAN'S DAY** - Wednesday, NOV. 11 • Parish Offices CLOSED.
- **NO CONFESSIONS/MASS at ST. BRENDAN** - NOV. 11/12.
- **HOLIDAY POINSETTIA ON SALE** - Until Wed. NOV. 11 • Order Form on page 10.
- **STB ANNUAL COAT & BLANKET DRIVE** - NOV. 11 to DEC. 11 • Below.
- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HOME-TO-HOME VISITATION -** Pg. 7.
- **STORY TIME with Mrs. Abraham** - NOV. 15 at St. Teresa after the 11AM Mass • Sunday, DEC. 6 at St. Brendan after the 10AM Mass • See next column.
- **MOMS GROUP** - Thursday, NOV. 12 • 9:30AM • St. Brendan Nursery. • See next column.
- **WOMEN'S GROUP** - Thursday, NOV. 12 • 6:30PM • St. Brendan Guest Speaker: Deacon Leon Garcia • Potluck Dinner. • >>>
- **KofC WREATH SALE - STOC** • Weekend Mass of NOV. 14/15.
- **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** - Saturday, NOV. 14 • St. Brendan School Gym • Pg. 10.
- **CAREER DISCOVERY FAIR -** Saturday, NOV. 14 • 1PM • Bothell Rental Hall • See below.
- **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Sunday, NOV. 15.
  - St. Brendan - after the 8AM and 10AM.
  - St. Teresa - after the 9AM.
- **STB SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT** - NOV. 17 & 19 • Pg. 10.
- **YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS** - Wednesday, NOV. 18 • STOC • Pg. 6.
- **ROSARY MAKING MINISTRY** - Thursday, NOV. 19 • 10AM • St. Teresa Commons Room • Pg. 9.
- **ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL - Job Opening** - Pg. 10.
- **BBQ & BROTHERS** - Thursday, NOV. 19 • 6PM • STB • Pg. 5.
- **PIE SALE** - By AHG Troop • NOV. 21/22 • STOC • Pg. 6.
- **ST. BRENDAN GARDENS** - Saturday, NOV. 21 • Last Work Party of the year! • Lunch will be provided. • See page 6.
- **RECLAIMING ADVENT By Zoltan Abraham** - Sunday, NOV. 22 • After the 11AM Mass • St. Teresa • Pg. 5.
- **THANKSGIVING MEAL!** - Thursday, NOV. 26 • 11AM • STB • Pg. 5.

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**

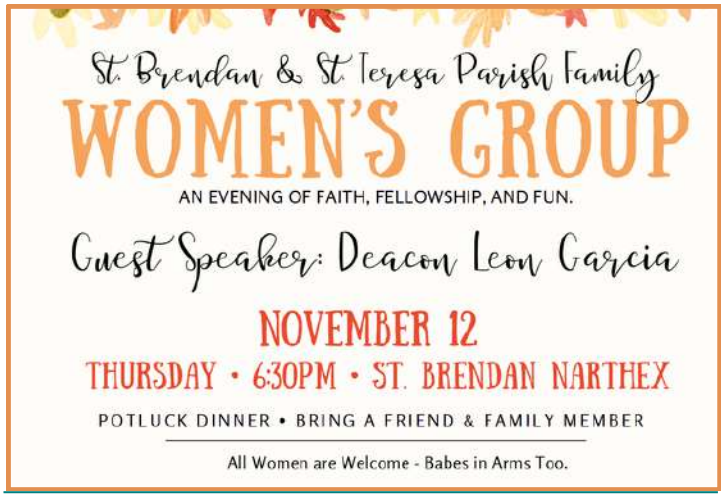
Sponsored by parishioners from St. Brendan and St. Teresa.



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. 12 and DEC. 3 at St. Brendan.** Children are welcome! Please bring any toys or snacks your child may need. Questions? Please contact stbmomsgroup_25@gmail.com for more information.





STORY TIME

Mrs. Abraham is hosting Story Time on **NOV. 15 after the 11AM Mass at St. Teresa • Sunday • DEC. 6 after the 10AM Mass at St. Brendan •**



PRAYERS & READINGS

READINGS OF THE WEEK

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD (PS 63)

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16 • *Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14* • Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 • *Ps 46:2-6, 8-9* • 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 • Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 • *Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29* • Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 • *Ps 23:1b-3abc 4-6* • Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20 • *Ps 146:7-9abc-10* • Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 • *Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18* • Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 • *Ps 112:1-6* • Lk 18:1-8

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 • Harrison Carlin • Megan Catlin • Joan Dedman • Toyo Erickson • Logan Fultonberg • Jane Guentert • Luz Gutierrez • Hannah Joy Haug • Norman Hradec • Rebecca Jacobson • Dianne Osmialowski • Mark Patterson • Rendon Galicia Family • Alexandra Rocio-Hays • Josh Stutzman • 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 • Peter Dong Van Ngo • Joseph Hayden III • Jack Mahre • Claudia Miller • Bunyechi Okwuosa • Francisco Ortiz Sanchez • Marilyn Phelps • Carmen Ramirez • Gregorio Rendon • Jack Tonkin.

FOR IF WE BELIEVE THAT **JESUS** DIED AND ROSE, SO TOO WILL **GOD**, THROUGH **JESUS**, BRING WITH **HIM** THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.

(1 THES 4:14)

O Sacrament Most Holy

O Sacrament Divine All

Praise and All Thanksgiving

Be Every Moment Thine



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 8
STB
8:00AM Margaret De Leon
10:00AM Olga Ocampo
12:00PM + *Rocio Robles Ornelas*
STOC
9:00AM Saint Teresa Parish
11:00AM Saint Teresa Parish
5:00PM Saint Teresa Parish

Monday, November 9
STB - 8:30AM Megan Carlin
STOC - NO MASS

Tuesday, November 10
STB - NO MASS
STOC - 9:00AM + *Jennifer Anne Phillips*

Wednesday, November 11
STB - 8:30AM NO MASS
STOC - 9:00AM + *Andrew Lee*

Thursday, November 12
STB - 8:30AM NO MASS
STOC - 9:00AM + *Bunyechi Okwuosa*

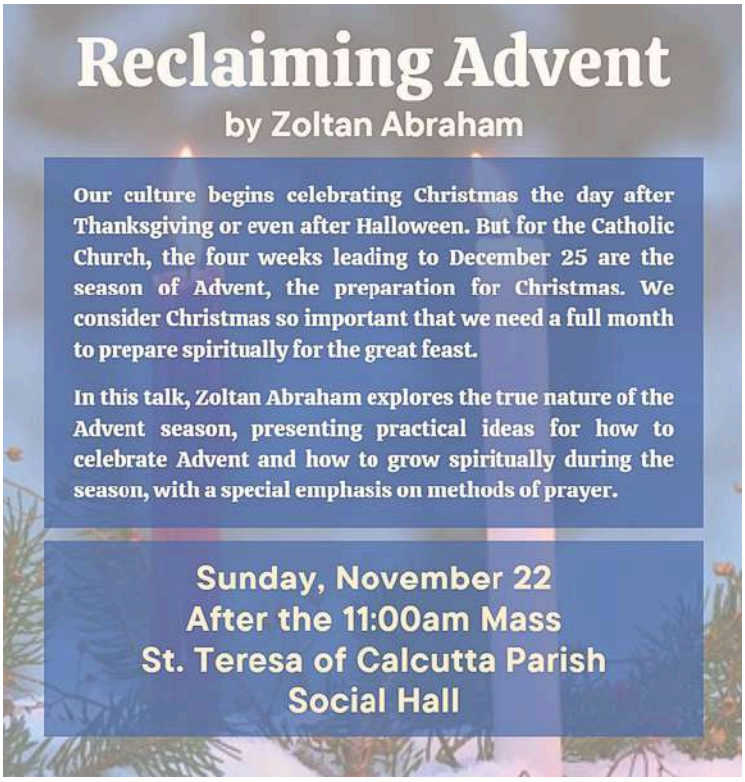
Friday, November 13
STB - 8:30AM + *Stanley Kasprzyk*
STOC - 9:00AM Ed White

Saturday, November 14
STB
8:30AM Christian Lee Galvan
5:00PM + *Emma Neuman*
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





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 • Alexandra Tolossa.

Congratulations to: Henry PETERSON & Tiffany OSTLUND on the birth of their son, Teddy Gamble. • John & Sarah HILL on the birth of their son, Giovanni Isaac • 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.

BBQ & BROTHERS

Good day Spiritual Warriors! We hope everyone is doing well and Blessed. What a "Boil" that Brett yet again put on, right? Great food and comradery. ***Thank you again, Brett!!!***

Barbeque, Beer and Brother's theme this Liturgical Season will be focused on **"The Crusades" Men of the Parish**, **please join us Thursday, NOV. 19 at 6PM in the St. Brendan Narthex**. Father Wichert will be walking us through The Crusades and what/why it happened. The main course will be an Italian dish. Of course, desserts are always welcome. Hope to see you there.

Blessings, The BBB Leadership Team



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

On Wednesday, NOV. 18, Deborah Anderson will be doing a presentation on icons at St. Teresa of Calcutta Church. *"Images of Grace"* is the title of the presentation. Watching her video, listening to her talk, and viewing the icons she's created will make you realize that these truly are images of grace. **Pease join us in the social hall at St. Teresa at 10AM.** Come earlier for pre-presentation social time; stay afterwards for a potluck luncheon. **PLEASE: NO NUTS OR FOOD ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS!**

Attention: St. Brendan Parishioners, please contact Donna (206-335-4469) if you'd like a ride (either from the church or from one of the Bothell senior community).

ST. BRENDAN GARDENS

Thanks to those parishioners who did the pruning, planting, weeding, and partial leaf cleanup at our work party in October. **Parishioners are invited to join us in our final, 2026 all-parish work party on Saturday morning, NOV. 21.** We'll be preparing the gardens for the winter and, hopefully, finishing the leaf pickup on the grounds. *A lunch will be provided afterwards.*

Pie Sale

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP 1021



Just in time for Thanksgiving! American Heritage Girls from our parish will be selling delicious Willamette Valley Pie Company pies **after ALL Masses the weekend of NOV. 21-22 at St. Teresa**. All proceeds go to support our Catholic troop's activities. These pies are delicious! They are made with all natural non-GMO ingredients and farm fresh fruit.

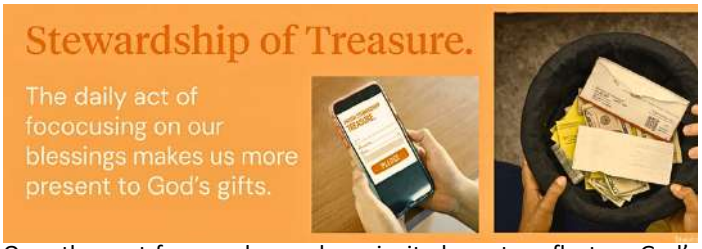
Please bring cash or check, but we can also accept Venmo. We will have Dutch Caramel Apple • Marionberry, • Cherry Crunch • a four-pie vegan variety pack • and NEW this year, Cheesecakes! Each 9-inch pie is $20.

Thanksgiving

SUPPORT FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Please bring a donation of **canned food or cleaning supplies to St. Brendan Mass on Thanksgiving Day** for our neighbors in need. The collection on Thanksgiving will also go to St. Vincent DePaul to use for their support. This is greatly appreciated! If you have anything fresh (turkey) or frozen, please call Margie Inghram at 486-8953.

Thank you for your generosity!



Over the past few weeks, we have invited you to reflect on God's blessings and respond with a spirit of gratitude and generosity. We are deeply grateful to all who have already made a stewardship commitment. Your support is a powerful witness to faith in action and a testament to the strength of our parish community. Because of your generosity, our parish continues to thrive. We are able to offer vibrant liturgies, faith formation opportunities for all ages, outreach to those in need, and a welcoming community where people can encounter Jesus Christ and grow in their faith.

If you have not yet made your commitment, there is still time to participate. Every gift, regardless of size, helps advance our mission and strengthens our parish community. Together, we can continue sharing Christ's love and making a lasting impact in the lives of others. Please make your pledge today by visiting our parish websites or by completing a commitment card in the pew. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous support.**

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 next Pancake Breakfast is **Sunday, NOV. 15, after the 8AM and 10AM Masses.**
- On **November 21/22 weekend in the St. Brendan Narthex** after all Masses, we'll again be offering our famous ***Cookie mix in a jar,*** featuring winner recipes for Chocolate Chip and Snickerdoodle cookies. They make great Christmas gifts and they go fast, so be sure to get yours!
- The next Corporate Communion is **Sunday, NOV. 29, at the 8AM St. Brendan Mass**. All knights and their families are invited to attend Mass and sit together in the pews next to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Breakfast will follow at Fairwinds Britanny Park in Woodinville. Please contact GK Joe Osmialowski at joe_osmialowski@yahoo.com or 248-343-9021 if you are attending the breakfast so that we know how many to plan for.
- 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.



A WEEK OF GRACE: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE HOME-TO-HOME VISITATION

Bring the blessings of Our Lady of Guadalupe into your home by hosting her statue for a special one-week visitation. This home-to-home program offers families a dedicated time of prayer, reflection, and community devotion.

If you wish to host her, contact:

- Jenn Anderson - 206-300-2757.
- Saúl Manzano - 206-227-6457.

UNA SEMANA DE GRACIA: VISITA DE HOGAR EN HOGAR DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Lleva las bendiciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a tu hogar, recibiendo su imagen en tu casa durante una visita especial de una semana. Este programa de visita de hogar en hogar ofrece a las familias un tiempo especial dedicado a la oración, la reflexión y la devoción comunitaria.

Si deseas recibirla en tu hogar, comunícate con: Saúl Manzano - 206-227-6457 .

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 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

FORMED

- Lead Kindly Light: The Story of Saint John Henry Newman
- Karol (Two Film Set)
- The Secret of 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

- Do You Want to Be a Saint?
- With All You Heart, Soul, and Mind
- The Coin Belongs to Caesar, But Caesar Belongs to God

ASCENSION PRESENTS

- Death Explained
- 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

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ HOMILIES

- "Where Are Your Heroes?" | All Saints Day
- "Overnight Success'" | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- "Apostrophe S" | 29th 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

DO NOT DELAY

By Zoltan Abraham

Throughout the Gospels, we see a sense of urgency. As Jesus calls us to repentance, he lets us know that we have only a finite amount of time to turn our lives around. Many aspects of our lives come with deadlines. For example, as we develop, we have a limited number of years to absorb languages. After a certain point, language learning becomes far more difficult. Also, changes happen to the human body during the teen years, the thwarting of which can lead to the life-long stunting of physical development. Childbearing years too have a definite window. Moreover, we have a limited number of years to ward off diseases triggered by lifestyle choices. In school and at work, we have only so much time to complete projects. In terms of finance, we have only a certain number of years when we can save for retirement. The clock keeps ticking whether we are ready or not.

The same is true for our spiritual lives. Christ offers us his infinite love, the only reality that truly fulfills us on an existential level. Our task is to repent of our sins, to turn away from all those things that take us away from God and to accept Christ's offer of love, reciprocating his love with our entire being. To do so is our salvation and our eternal joy and blessedness. To refuse the love Christ offers us is to plunge ourselves into self-destruction. That is the monumental choice that faces all of us - and we are given a limited amount of time to make our choice. We have until the moment of our death.

The Gospels counsel readiness and vigilance so that we are prepared whenever Christ might return. The early Christians believed that Christ would return very soon, within the lifetime of some of the first disciples. But as time went on and Christ had not yet returned, some became complacent and lax. The Gospels warned them not to let their guard down.

The Gospels warn us also. We do not know when the end of the world is going to come. Christ might return tomorrow or thousands of years from now. Whatever the case, we need to be ready. Moreover, even if the end of the world doesn't happen for a very long time, the end of our personal world can come any time. No day, no hour is guaranteed. We could die in the very near future or even before the day ends today.

We should ask ourselves every day: If I died today, or if the world were to end right now, what would be the state of my soul? Would my soul be filled with the grace of Christ? Or would my soul be in darkness, having locked out Christ? That is the most important question for each of us, every day.

In the Gospel passage for today, ten virgins are awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom, who is delayed. The virgins symbolize the Christian faithful, and the bridegroom symbolizes Christ. Traditionally, Christians have interpreted the lamp to refer to baptism and the oil to the good works that we are able to produce due to our spiritual transformation brought about by baptism.

Baptism is the beginning of the Christian life. When we are baptized, we are cleansed of original sin and of our personal sins. We enter into the mystical body of Christ and are invited into the most intimate union possible between God and his creation. That is the beginning. We then to live out our baptismal transformation through our day-to-day actions. We need to put into practice the change that has transpired within us.

One analogy is marriage. When a couple gets married, their lives are transformed by both the sacrament and the legal recognition by the state. On the one hand, the wedding is an ending, the end of single life and of all that being single entails. On the other hand, the wedding is a new beginning, the start of a united identity and shared life. But what if the husband or the wife said: "Now that our wedding is done and we are married for life, I will never actually do anything to show that we are married." How healthy would such a marriage be? How long would it last?

Married couples need to live out their union year after year, day after day, every hour and every minute of every hour, with acts of love, including acts of self-sacrifice. Likewise, we need to be living out our baptism constantly, if it is to be meaningful. In the parable for this Sunday, the five foolish virgins have their lamps, that is to say, they are baptized. But they have no oil, meaning that they have not lived out their baptism. When the bridegroom, who represents Christ, returns, the foolish virgins have no more time. The window of opportunity has closed.

The parable is a cautionary tale not to take things for granted, not to be presumptuous. Let us be like the wise virgins, who have their oil - who live out their baptism every day. We do so by living our lives according to the precepts of the Church that Christ has established, by immersing ourselves in the sacramental and prayer life of the Church, and by allowing the sacrificial love of Christ to flow through us to everyone in our lives.

A key principle of our spiritual growth is that we can do nothing good on our own. We always need the grace of God to work through us. This principle is illustrated by the Book of Wisdom, from which the First Reading is taken this Sunday. (As a historical note, Wisdom is one of the seven books that are in the Catholic biblical canon but which were excluded from the Protestant Bible.) Throughout the Book of Wisdom, we see that the righteous person relies at all times on the Wisdom of God showing the way. Like the wise virgins of the Gospel parable, let us invite the Wisdom of God into our hearts to prepare us for the time, near or far, when we will meet the Lord face to face.

The Second Reading, taken from St. Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, depicts the return of Christ. This passage in particular has been used by many outside of the Catholic Church to promote the idea of rapture theology, the theory that, before the end of the world, the righteous will be taken into Heaven, leaving the sinners and unbelievers here below for a prolonged time of tribulation. However, rapture theology is a historical innovation that was developed in the 19th century, one which the Catholic Church has strongly rejected. Instead, the Church holds the traditional understanding that when Christ returns, the world we live in will come to an end. Both the living and the dead will be resurrected. Christ will judge all people and will then remake the world to create the New Jerusalem, the heavenly realm where all the blessed will live for all eternity. Like the wise virgins, let us be ready - whether Christ returns while we are still alive upon this earth or we meet him at the end of our individual lives. Let us be ready at all times to meet the Lord.

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

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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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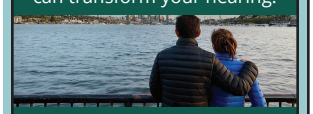
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