



# St. Brendan Church Bulletin

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Sunday, February 6, 2022

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## Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 6

7:30 am People of St. Brendan

9:30 am Adrian Kelly (D)

11:30 am Paul J. Herlihy (D)

Monday, February 7

8:15 am Thomas P. Quinn (D)

Tuesday, February 8

8:15 am Susan Logan (L) & Kay Leathers (D)

Wednesday, February 9

8:15 am Peter O’Sullivan (D)

Thursday, February 10

8:15 am John & Juliet Wallerstedt (D)

Catherine (Kitty) Gill (D)

Friday, February 11

8:15 am Fr. Andrew Johnson (D)

Saturday, February 12

8:15 am People of St. Brendan

5:00 pm Ada Lacayo (D)

## Mass Times:

Monday–Saturday 8:15 am

First Friday during school year 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

*All masses are livestreamed on our website*

*except for Sunday 7:30 am and 11:30 am. You*

*may attend any of the masses in person we just*

*ask that you wear your mask at all times and*

*sanitize your hands before and after mass.*

## Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 am (School Mass), 6:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration Chapel: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am–  
4:00 pm

Baptisms – Contact Sr. Angela

Weddings—Contact Fr. Mike at least six months  
before the desired wedding date

Anointing of the sick

Please contact the office 415-681-4225.

# Pastor's Column

## *Do We Recognize the Bounty of a Right Relationship with Jesus?*

*In this Sunday's readings we are reminded of the power of God in the ministry of Jesus. I believe that it is important to create a proper setting, to better understand what the author Luke was trying to communicate. According to Luke, Jesus has been rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus then goes first to pray to the Father; then to Capernaum where he drives out the demoniac and performs other signs that heal people, all the while attracting attention to himself and because of his actions draws great crowds to Himself.*

*I believe that the Apostle Luke is trying to encourage us to not become discouraged because of initial rejection or lack of success. That is the message of these series of stories of Jesus' ministry. What is valued in Luke is the vision and commitment of Jesus, motivated by a huge love for us. My question is I wonder if we realize the bountiful good it does each of us to both recognize and appreciate and to live our lives confident in our Lord's affection for us?*

*I believe this gospel story explains the consequence of such choice eloquently. Jesus, a carpenter, tells professional fishermen to lower their nets for a great catch of fish. These working-class people must have doubted this carpenter advising them how to fish. Yet. They had caught nothing, and they had nothing to lose. So, they did as Jesus instructed and caught almost more than the boats could hold. Luke signals the early leadership of Peter when his exclamation is "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."- an acknowledgement that he knew that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus asks them to leave all material possessions behind and follow Him. It is an important premise in the Gospel of Luke that detachment from worldly allure is essential to true discipleship.*

*Important to our faith is the idea of a right relationship- both with God and with all our brothers and sisters. We need to see the wonder of God in everyone. We need to view our successes as allowed by God to help us continue on our pilgrim way; we need to view our failings as opportunities to acknowledge our limitations and to grow from lessons learned. Hard to do, but important, is a sense of detachment from material success or fame. That does not mean we should not seek to be as successful as we can become with the combination of gifts and challenges, we each possess, but we should never allow them to interfere in our right relationship with God or any of our brothers and sisters. I wish us all the wonder and awe and gratitude that must have been in the minds of these fishermen who chose to follow Christ as we hope to do.*

*Fr. Mike*

# Synod 2021-23

A letter from Fr. Mike...

**ONLY two weeks to go...hoping for 100% participation!**

**Your voice can be heard!**

Dear Parishioners,

I am inviting you and the extended St. Brendan community to participate in the 2021-2023 Synod called by Pope Francis. This is a huge opportunity for us - the Catholic faithful - to tell the Holy Father what's really happening in our community, pews and in our Archdiocese.

You can participate in the Synod by taking the online anonymous *Disciple Maker Index* survey developed by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The entire U.S. Catholic community will complete the same survey at the parish level, giving each parish and Archdiocese a "view from the pew."

OUR participation in this survey is particularly vital. I am asking that every confirmed adult and teen in your household take 10 minutes to respond to the survey. The survey is only open from January 15 - February 15. After that, the data is rolled up to the Archdiocese, then to the US Bishops and eventually, to Pope Francis. There will be additional opportunities to participate in the Synod but completing the survey by February 15 is a vital first step. Handouts are available after Mass each day. Please return your completed survey to the Rectory or you can place them in the collection basket.

For more information on the Synod:

>> St. Brendan's: <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/synod-2021-2023.html>

>> SF Archdiocese: <https://www.sfarch.org/synod/>

Link to the anonymous Disciple Maker Index survey: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/kc21a2>

If you have questions about the Synod, Parishioners Mrs. Elizabeth Gamarra, St. Brendan School aid and Peggy Nevin are facilitating our parish response to the Synod. They or I, would be happy to answer any questions you may have: [ea0814@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ea0814@sbcglobal.net) (Elizabeth) or [pnevin@sbcgloabl.net](mailto:pnevin@sbcgloabl.net) (Peggy). Of course, please contact me at [frmike@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:frmike@stbrendanparish.org) should you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for adding your important voice and perspective to this effort.

God bless you and thank you for taking the time to provide YOUR important perspective on our faith.

*Fr. Mike Quinn, Pastor*

# From the Department of Catholic Schools

*As the close of Catholic Schools week we thought you may be interested in this message from the Superintendent...*

By PAMELA LYONS - Superintendent of the Department of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco

*Happy Catholic Schools Week! I am so proud of the strong Catholic communities, innovative educational programs and dedicated people we find at each of these schools. You may be wondering what is it that separates the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco from the many other schools in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo. You may be asking yourself, why Catholic school?*

*When children enter a Catholic school, they are treated as God's beloved children, created in his image and likeness, and as such are inherently good. In other words, all of our students are beloved because they are created by God. Catholic schools create educational opportunities that not only address the intellect, but of equal importance, the spiritual, moral, and social aspects of every child. We recognize the importance of academic excellence and are diligent about ensuring that our students are receiving an education on par with and, in most cases, an education that greatly surpasses other local public and private institutions. The difference lies in our pursuit of academic excellence as a pathway to a greater good. Our curriculum is rooted in the Gospels that inspire a love of learning and the intellectual pursuit of the truth. I always tell our teachers that we are educating our students to change the world, by contributing to the kingdom on earth, with their ultimate goal being entrance into the kingdom of heaven.*

*Never have our schools been clearer in their purpose of furthering the mission of the church by ensuring that our schools are truly grounded in the Catholic faith and committed to academic excellence, cultivating the virtuous life, nurturing a Christian community and nourishing a Catholic worldview. This school year, more than 22,000 students attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We welcome those members of our community who are not currently attending a school in the archdiocese to visit a Catholic school and experience for yourself all they have to offer. I also invite you to visit our website at [schools.sfarch.org](http://schools.sfarch.org). Our goal in creating this site was to provide you with important information about our 22 preschools, 56 elementary schools and 12 high schools in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.*

*Join us in our mission to grow our students' understanding that they are God's beloved so they may fully realize God's plan for them.*

## Happenings at St. Brendan

*Friday, February 4 - 9:00 a.m. "Walking & Prayers" – Contact Group Leader for Details*

*Saturday, February 5 - 9:00 a.m. Lector and EME Training – Church*

*Monday, February 7 - 7:00 p.m. - "Book Club" - Contact Group Leader for Details*

*Tuesday, February 8 - 6:30 pm - Rosary Webinar St. Josephine Bakhita*

*7:00 pm - Parish Advisory Board*

*7:30 pm - RCIA Zoom meeting*

*Wednesday, February 9 - 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. - "Beginner's Bible Study" - Zoom*

*Thursday, February 10 - 7:00 pm Men's Bible Group*

*7:00 – 8:30 p.m. "Marriage Enrichment" - Offsite*

*Friday, February 11 - 3:00 pm Marian & Divine Mercy*

*Saturday, February 12 - 10:00 am Pre Baptism Class for Parents & God Parents*

*Saturday, February 12 - 10:00 am - Knights of Malta - World Day of the Sick*

## Around the Archdiocese

### ORDER OF MALTA

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

A day started by Pope Saint John Paul II, for believer to pray for those suffering from illnesses. This day coincides with Our Lady of Lourdes. All people suffering in mind, body or spirit are most cordially invited to celebrate, as well as their caregivers.

**St. Brendan Church**

**February 12, 2022—10AM**

Anointing of the sick will be administered. Lourdes water will be shared.

Please RSVP—Gabriella Judd Cirelli

[gabitect@gmail.com](mailto:gabitect@gmail.com)

## 2021 Tax Letters – to be reissued

*Last week you should have received your 2021 tax letters. We are grateful for your commitment to the parish and for your stewardship of our faith community.*

*Unfortunately, we discovered that some of the letters contained errors. The source of the errors has been fixed, and out of an abundance of caution, we are going to reissue the 2021 tax letters for all parishioners.*

*Please look for a revised copy week. (which will be clearly marked) no later than next*

*We apologize for the error and appreciate your patience as we manage through staffing changes and database upgrades.*

*With gratitude,*

*Fr. Mike*

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# Who is St. Bahkita?



*“If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today.”- St. Bakhita*

*St. Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors. Her feast day is February 8th.*

*She was born in 1869, in a small village in Darfur. While still a young girl around 7 years old, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Her captors asked for her name but in her fear, and as a result of the trauma, she was unable to remember. Mocking her, they named her “Bakhita,” which means “fortunate”. During her time of captivity, she was tortured by her various owners. She suffered brandings and beatings on many occasions. Once her owners cut her 114 times and poured salt in her wounds to make sure that the scars remained.*

*During these early years of her life, she did not know Christ, but she did believe in a Creator and had great awe and wonder for His creation.*

*Eventually, after exchanging hands five or six times, St. Bakhita found herself serving as a caretaker for a young girl at a school in Venice run by Canossian Sisters. Bakhita was very intrigued by the Catholic faith. She learned many things from the sisters and was eventually baptized by the name “Josephine Margaret”.*

*Against the will of her owner, who wanted to take her back to Africa, she went before the Italian courts seeking her freedom. The courts declared that Bakhita was a free woman because slavery had been outlawed in both Italy and the Sudan and they allowed her to stay in Italy.*

*St. Bakhita was attracted to the religious life and entered the Canossian Sisters where she remained for about forty-five years. She lived out the rest of her days serving God and her community and teaching others to love Him with great faithfulness.*

*St. Bakhita died in 1947. St. Josephine Bakhita was canonized in 2000 in St. Peter’s Square. At the mass, Pope John Paul II said that in St. Josephine Bakhita, “We find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance, but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights.”*

*St. Josephine Bakhita, witness of redemptive suffering and generosity, pray for us!*