

# St. Brendan Church

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August 22, 2021  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

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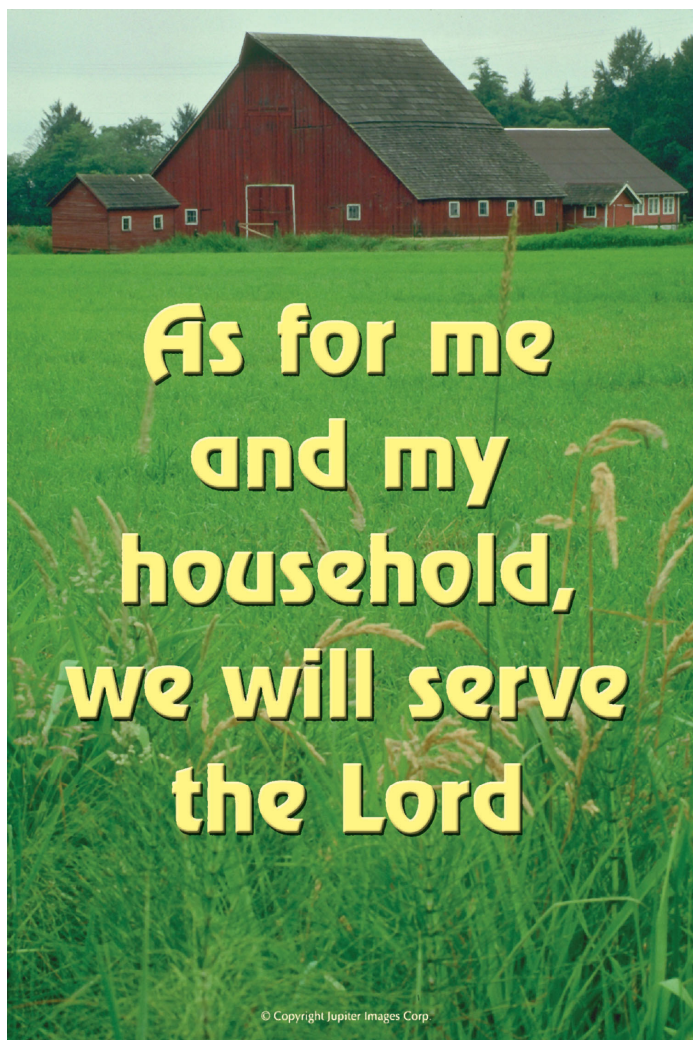
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## Mass Times During COVID-19

Daily Monday-Saturday: 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil Mass Live Streamed: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30am , 9:30am, 11:30am in the Church

## Regular 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

## 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.

# Ministries

## Parish Leadership

Advisory Board  
Finance Committee

## Liturgical Ministries

Liturgy Committee  
Lectors  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Ushers  
Music Ministry  
Church Environmental Committee

## Parish Life

Welcome Committee  
Hospitality Committee  
Under 5's  
Mothers' Club  
Men's Club  
Respect Life  
Knitting Ministry  
Experienced Navigators  
Detention Ministry (San Dimas)  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Small Groups

# Prayer Corner

We would like to ask prayers for members of our community here at St. Brendan. Please let us know of anyone you want to add to our lists.



## Sick:

Sandra Toti, Clare Thompson, Lenny DeBono, Josephine Velasco, Ray Laval, Jackie Riordan, Victor Zele, Corona Virus Victims, Homebound Parishioners

## Recently Baptized:

Ilia Marie Martin

## Other Prayers:

Wildfire, Hurricane, & Earthquake victims

## Deceased:

Betty Christopher, William Lippi, Edna Balingit, Johanna (Jean) Whitehead, Elisa Cabahug, Christopher Xavier Clark

We continue to pray for our parishioners who have lost loved ones this year.

# Tree of Life

We have been adding names to our Tree of Life. If you would like to have someone in your family placed on the Tree of Life please contact us at the Rectory. You can have a leaf in honor of someone or you can have a leaf in memory of someone. If you would like more information please contact us at the rectory by phone 415-

681-4225 or send us an email to [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com)



Interested in being a New Parishioner at St. Brendan? Please fill this out and turn it in by placing it in the collection basket on Sunday, by mail, or in person at the Rectory.

Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

We can't wait to see you at St. Brendan!  
Questions? Call 415-681-4225 or email us at [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com)

# Pastor's Column

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.



## CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

## WE FACE THE SAME QUESTION: CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

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# Stewardship Report

## Sunday Collection for week of: July 26-August 1, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal: **\$9,500**  
Sunday Collection Received: **\$6,330**  
Under by: **\$3,170**

Second Collection next week: **St. Vincent de Paul**

Give online to St. Brendan Church on our website  
or via the direct link of:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stbrendanparish/funds>

Or you can Text to Give: 415-767-1934

Please send or drop off all other donations to:

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## Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021

AAA Goal **\$120,735**  
AAA amount received/pledged **\$85,413**  
AAA still needed **\$35,322**



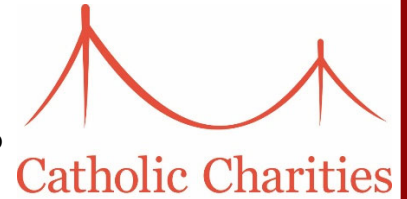
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# Around the Archdiocese

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## Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

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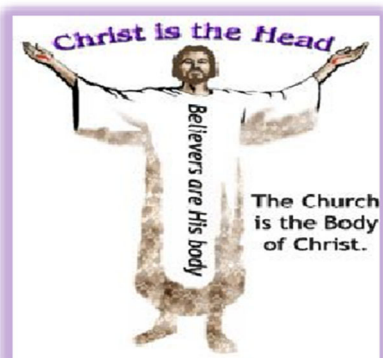
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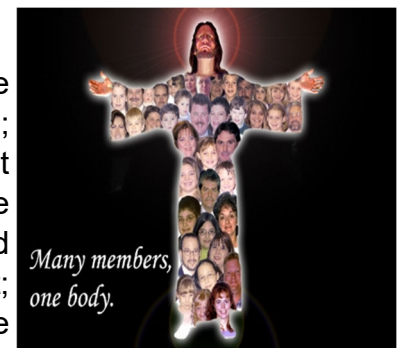
# News from St. Brendan

**HOLY COMMUNION** (continued) by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

"The Body of Christ comprises three realities: the person of Jesus, the Eucharist, and the body of believers. And this latter component, the BODY OF BELIEVERS, which is *US*, is just as real and just as physical as is the person of Jesus and the Eucharistic species. St. Paul tells us that we "are" the Body of Christ. He doesn't say that we represent the Christ's body, are a substitute of Christ's body, or that we are Christ's body mystically or metaphorically. None of these. Paul affirms clearly that we "are" Christ's body, as real and as physical as is the historical Body of Jesus. So we too, *the Christian Community, are the Bread of Life.*



At the Eucharist, then, it is not just the bread and wine that are transubstantiated; so too is the Congregation. When the priest pronounces the words of consecration, he is not just asking God to turn the bread and the wine into the Body and Blood of Christ; he is also asking that the Congregation be turned into the Body of Christ. Thus, when



St. Augustine gave Communion to the newly baptized Christians, he would present the consecrated Host to them and say: "Receive what you are". And Thomas Aquinas said that even to withhold a compliment from someone who deserves it is a sin, because we are withholding food which that person needs to live on".... **(To be continued)**

# School & Faith Formation Updates

## St. Brendan School Update:

### It's Back-to-School Time!

We are off and running! The teachers and staff opened the school year with a wonderful retreat given by Fr. Mike before they got down to all the business of the year!



School opens on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and we look forward to seeing all those happy smiling eyes, as smiles will be hidden under masks!

**Looking to Work with children?** We are looking for an **Instructional Aide** for our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class. An instructional aide assists the classroom teacher by providing individual and small group instruction, helps the teacher with the preparation of instructional materials, and helps with yard supervision.

Our **Extended Care Program** is looking for a few people to help with our afterschool program. Duties for this position include homework help, assisting with craft projects, and play supervision. Hours would be Monday-Thursday 2:45pm to 6:00pm and 1:15-6:00 on Fridays.

If you are interested any of these positions, please contact Ms. Lakatta at [dlakatta@stbrendansf.com](mailto:dlakatta@stbrendansf.com).

Our teachers have spent countless hours preparing for their students. We are so excited to start this year in-person. We ask for your prayers for our staff and students as we begin this new school year.

**Ms. Dianne Lakatta**, proud principal



## Children's Faith Formation – Registration Open! Classes Begin September 19!

### Welcome back returning and new families!

The St. Brendan Children's Faith Formation program welcomes all parish children in grades 1-8 who do not attend Catholic school. Our *Family Catechesis* program provides grade-level Faith Formation classes and sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation.

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is a two-year program, usually beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, with children receiving First Communion in the spring of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year. Children may also begin First Year preparation in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, receiving First Communion in the spring of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year.

Confirmation preparation for students **not** attending Catholic school is a two-and-a-half-year program, beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students attending another Catholic school (parochial or independent) may begin classes in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation is administered in the fall of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Classes are held most Sundays from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Families are expected to attend the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass and then proceed to Faith Formation Class. For the full schedule and registration, please go to: <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/faith-formation.html>

### Calling Volunteer Catechists & Teaching Assistants

At St. Brendan's we are blessed with a dedicated group of volunteer catechists for our Faith Formation program, and **we are seeking more Ministers to share their love of Christ and the Catholic Faith.**

No special background is needed, and training is offered through the parish and Archdiocese. An information meeting will be held on **August 8 after the 9:30 a.m. mass, in the Parish Hall.** Please contact Mrs. Stephanie Stanko, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation with questions or to sign up. [stephanie@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:stephanie@stbrendanparish.org).

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# Flocknote & Website



## Coming soon:

We will be using a new and improved database to help us stay in touch with you, our parishioners, in just a few short weeks. Please look for details on our transition to Flocknote in our upcoming communications with you. Questions? Call Lorraine at 415-681-4225 or email [Lorraine@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:Lorraine@stbrendanparish.org)

We are currently updating our website to be more user friendly. We expect to launch this in the early fall. We are hoping to have a more consistent feel across the Church and School as we are all one Parish of St. Brendan.



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## Mass Intentions

### Mass intentions for the week:

#### Monday, August 23—

8:15 am Thomas McGrath (D)  
Rodolfo Villarta (D)

#### Tuesday, August 24—

8:15 am Billy Jamison (D)  
Chioan Trieu (D)

#### Wednesday, August 25—

8:15 am Christopher Xavier Clark (D)

#### Thursday, August 26—

8:15 am Diana Heafey (D)

#### Friday, August 27—

8:15 am Lorraine Quinn (L) (Birthday)

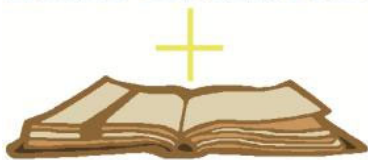
#### Saturday, August 28—

8:15 am Juanita Evans (L) (Healing)  
5:00 pm Phil Rosprim (L) (Healing)  
Jean Knapik (L) (Healing)  
Betty Christopher (D)

#### Sunday, August 29 —

7:30 am People of St. Brendan  
9:30 am Rick Revetria  
11:30 am Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)  
Christopher Xavier Clark (D)

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## Saints & Observances

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Rose of Lima  
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew  
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz  
Friday: St. Monica  
Saturday: St. Augustine

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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