

# St. Brendan Church

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October 10, 2021  
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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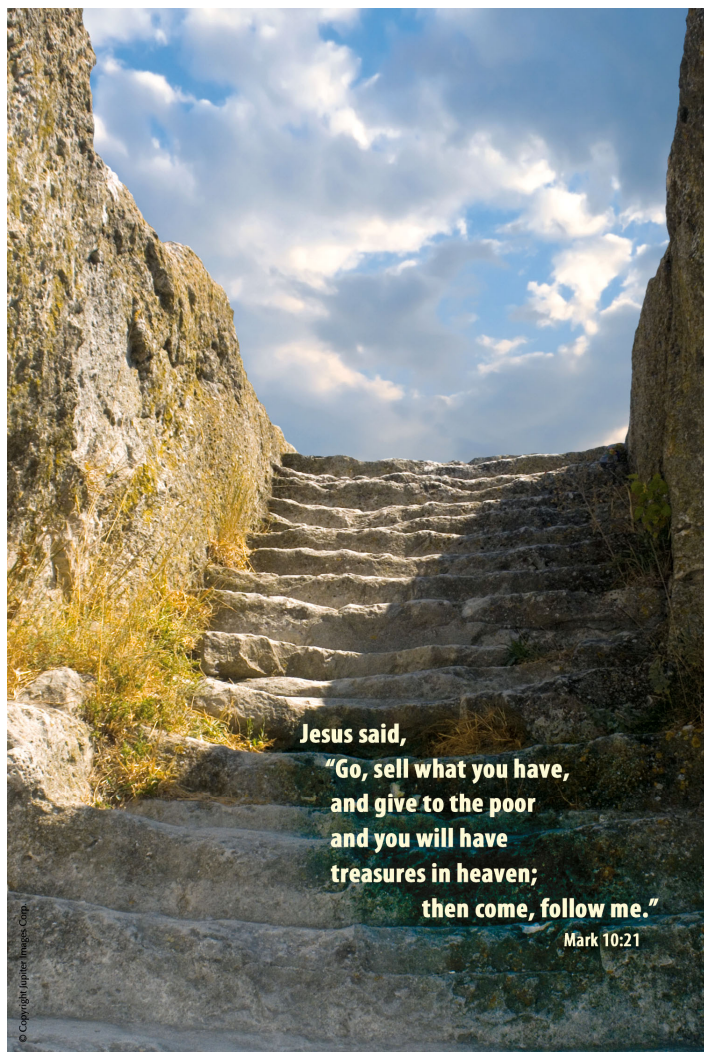
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Jesus said,  
"Go, sell what you have,  
and give to the poor  
and you will have  
treasures in heaven;  
then come, follow me."  
Mark 10:21

## 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.

# 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

# Flocknote

Do you use a phone book?  
How about an address book?  
Is there a rolodex you cannot part with?  
One might call these **data bases** of the past!

Today at St. Brendan's we are working with UNO from Flocknote to update our database! Please take some time to follow this link: <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/form--update-information.html> to an online form which we are asking you to complete. Or complete the form in the next column with updated information!

There have been several data base managers over the years and this is our opportunity to update our current information.

In a few weeks the new and improved St. Brendan Parish website will be available. Parish and School news will be featured along with Mass Intentions, News around the Archdiocese and enriching faith filled materials.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Brendan's a thriving and welcoming community.

# 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, Victor Zele, Arlene Sawyer, David Lakatta, Stephen Stapleton, Rocky Valderama, Kelly Trundle, Corona Virus Victims, Homebound Parishioners

## Recently Baptized:

Samantha Paige Shanahan, Trenton James Lochrie, Parker Olivia Christensen, Erick James Hawkins, James Maxwell Hawley

## Other Prayers:

Wildfire, Hurricane, & Earthquake victims

## Deceased:

Edward King, Nicolas Arellano, Jonathan Nusbaum, Robert Plazo, Renato Plazo, Socorro Plazo

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



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## The One Who Preferred Possessions to Relationship with God...

The story of the rich young man who was asked to follow Jesus at the expense of his possessions, his rejection of that offer and the consequences should speak to us and cause us to question whether we choose the gifts that will endure such as the virtues of a good life or do we choose the good life regardless of virtue.

It is a question I think about as a person who formerly made the wrong choice and as I look out at empty seats at Mass. The primary reasons for skipping Mass are: Sunny days, sporting events as either a participant or viewer, appointments with friends and lets not forget sleep. My personal failing was when my brother and I owned a boat in Sausalito and used to use it on the weekends. I went to Mass at the parish there, but my mind was elsewhere many times anticipating the events of the day. I wondered how the little church kept its doors open as I saw others similarly disengaged with the sacrifice of Jesus and the Word of God. God would prove just how difficult it was when some years later, as a more mature person and now a priest I was assigned to pastor that wonderful little parish church, St Mary, Star of the Sea - for seven years. This time I chose the enduring values of building a family, visiting the sick and involvement in parish life. I now have so much greater and fonder memories that second chance provided me.

Truth be told, most of us do not receive second chances — just as the rich young man in today's gospel. Who knows? Jesus might have been I selecting the young man to head the Church which has stood for two millennia, but he chose his temporal gifts. Instead, Jesus chose Peter, who was rich in faith in Jesus, even though he denied him three times but was remorseful for that one choice to head his Church. I believe he also chooses us all and we all have a chance to choose rightly or wrongly. We need not choose rightly every time, but our hearts must be set on Jesus. I wish that all choose rightly!

*Fr. Mike Quinn*

PS This Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass, we have a chance to choose rightly as we are also celebrating the conclusion of "Faith and Blue" week where first responders and community through houses of worship have the opportunity to build and improve relationship. Right relationship with God and each other is one of the enduring values pleasing to God. Please join us if you can!



## Stewardship Report

### Sunday Collection for week of: September 13-19, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal:	<b>\$9,500</b>
Sunday Collection Received:	<b>\$10,300</b>
Over by:	<b>\$800</b>

Second Collection next week: **None**

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:

St. Brendan Church  
29 Rockaway Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94127

### Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021

AAA Goal	<b>\$120,735</b>
AAA amount received/pledged	<b>\$111,365</b>
AAA still needed	<b>\$9,370</b>



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
PRAYERS & GENEROSITY**

# Around the Archdiocese

## Priests Retirement Luncheon

Please join us in celebrating the Archdiocese of San Francisco's retired clergy at our Priests Retirement Luncheon on Friday, October 22, 2021. The Luncheon will take place in Patron's Hall on the lower level of St. Mary's Cathedral. This annual event honors our retired priests and helps ensure their financial security and peace of mind after they retire from active ministry.

Please contact Rod Linhares ([linharesr@sfarch.org](mailto:linharesr@sfarch.org) or 415-614-5581) or Rose Marie Wong ([wongr@sfarch.org](mailto:wongr@sfarch.org) or 415-614-5517) with questions, for additional details, etc.

# News from St. Brendan

## Small Group Spotlight

St. Brendan has 15 active small faith sharing groups! These small groups provide a comfortable environment in which to renew, restore, build and deepen your faith and your relationship with God. There are book clubs, bible study groups, groups for couples and families, service groups, a Spanish-speaking group, Ignatian Spirituality and more. The Small Groups page on the website has group descriptions and meeting schedules - or, contact Sr. Angela in the Parish Office [srangela@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:srangela@stbrendanparish.org) . <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/small-groups.html>



## St. Brendan Boys Basketball Announcement

All Parish Boys' (Non-SB school) interested in playing basketball with our CYO program please contact Dave Lopez at [dlopez@stbrendaansf.com](mailto:dlopez@stbrendaansf.com). (Boys in SB school, will signup in school.) The season runs from mid November through mid-February. Please contact Dave by Wednesday, October 20, 2021 if interested.



## Upcoming Events at St. Brendan Parish

- 10/8 1:00 - 2:30: Faith in Blue Meet & Greet - Parish Parking Lot
- 10/9 10:00 - 11:00: Baptism Class 10:00 - Rectory
- 10/10 9:30 a.m.: Faith in Blue Mass & Hospitality with the SFPD/SFFD - Church/Parish Hall
- 10/10 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Family Rosary Rally - St. Mary's Cathedral
- 10/15 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.: St. Brendan School Oktoberfest
- 10/17 9:30 a.m.: Installation of Parish and School Advisory Members - Church



# School & Vocations Updates

## St. Brendan School News



Our staff and students are very excited at the Giants winning the National League West title! On Friday everyone wore orange and black team gear to celebrate this first step in our quest for a fourth World Series championship. Go Giants!

If you are interested in enrolling your child in kindergarten at St. Brendan School for the next school year (2022-2023), you will find application information on the school website at [www.stbrendansf.com/Admissions](http://www.stbrendansf.com/Admissions). You can also pick up an application packet from the school office during school hours. Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022.

Because in-person tours of the school are not recommended this year, we are planning to offer a zoom presentation featuring a video tour of the school and information from our principal and kindergarten teachers. We hope to have current parents and students available on the zoom call to discuss their experiences at the school and answer any questions you might have. This is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, at 4:30 pm, but all this is still in the planning stages. Please check the school website for updated information after October 18.

If you are planning to apply for kindergarten and would like to be invited to participate in this zoom meeting, please call the school office at 415-731-2665. Reservations are required.

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).

We ask for your continued prayers for the good health of our staff and students.

**Ms. Dianne Lakatta,**  
proud principal



## Answering “Yes” to God’s Calling in the Midst of Pain and Suffering

At university, I excelled at computer programming and dreamed of becoming a software engineer. That dream faded when, at the age of 19 yrs, as a sophomore, I had a crisis in my life. My eldest brother, who was 31 years old, unexpectedly died of a heart attack, leaving behind two young sons aged three years and eleven months. I was very close to my brother and his family; his death was devastating. The hopes of my brother’s family, my parents, and mine were shattered. I experienced stress, did not find meaning in life, and did not want to live.

During this time, my family regularly prayed the Holy Rosary, asking for the help of Mother Mary in overcoming the crisis with hope. I relied on my faith in God for strength and meditated on the word of God to find purpose in life. I felt strongly that God was calling me in a special way and that he will use my “YES” to do something bigger with my life. I also trusted that God would protect my brother’s family and my parents. I therefore entrusted them to God, and said “yes” to God’s desire that I become a priest. I trusted in God’s plan for my life.

In my vocation journey, I learned that God speaks to us always, even in our pain and suffering; He never abandons us. I believe that God never left us during our family crisis and that Mary always leads us to her Son. Now, whenever I face challenges, I try to focus on the strength of God and not on the problems and difficulties. I recite the rosary seeking Mother Mary’s help in navigating the situation with confidence and trust in God. Like Mother Mary, may we joyfully abandon ourselves to God’s will and say: “BE IT DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL.”

(by Fr. Lourdu Mummadi, S.J.)

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# Tree of Life



Be on the lookout for more information on this year's All Souls Day Tree of Life Leaves. If you have a loved one you wanted remembered throughout the month of November during our All Souls' Day Masses let us know on our website by filling out this form for All Souls <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/tree-of-life.html> The form at the bottom is labeled All Souls Remembrance or email us at [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com)

If you want your loved one remembered on our Tree of Life forever you may do so by calling the office anytime 415-681-4225 or by filling out the flyer available in the Church and located on our website.

## Mass Intentions

### Mass intentions for the week:

#### Monday, October 11—

8:15 am Mary Ann Schwab (L) (Birthday)

#### Tuesday, October 12—

8:15 am Mary Ann Soriano (D)

#### Wednesday, October 13—

8:15 am Rudy Parayo (L) (Birthday)

#### Thursday, October 14—

8:15 am Maria Caude (D)

#### Friday, October 15—

8:15 am Saturnina Florita  
Eluterio Silveron (D)

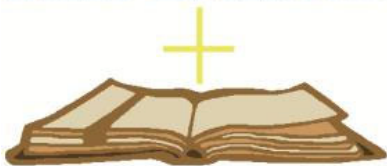
#### Saturday, October 16—

8:15 am Thomas Espinoza (D)  
5:00 pm Thomas Espinoza (D)  
Hilda DeMartini (D)

#### Sunday, October 17 —

7:30 am Anton Klanjac (D)  
9:30 am People of St. Brendan  
1:30 am Neal Murphy (D)  
Mike, Frank, and Edie  
Lucasaevage (D)

## Mass Intentions



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## Saints & Observances

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. John XXIII; Columbus Day  
Thursday: St. Callistus I  
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus;  
National Boss's Day  
Saturday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary  
Alacoque; Blessed Virgin Mary;  
Sweetest Day

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm** — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading** — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel** — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

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