



St. Brendan Church Bulletin

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Sunday, February 20, 2022

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Ash Wednesday

Distribution of Ashes:

Wednesday, March 3rd 8:15 am & 6 pm

Sunday, February 20

Mass Intentions

7:30 am The People of St. Brendan

9:30 am Robert Spartz (D)

Barbara Dollard (D)

11:30 am Paul Giannini (D)

Monday, February 21

8:15 am Michael Luttrell (D)

Billy Jamison (D)

Tuesday, February 22

8:15 am Robert O'Connell (D)

Wednesday, February 23

8:15 am Ada Lacayo (D)

Thursday, February 24

8:15 am Cindy Solari (D)

Friday, February 25

8:15 am Sandy Ginter

Saturday, February 26

8:15 am Art Ciocca (D)

5:00 pm James Coyle (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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alms to the Poor

n.d.
Rodolphe Bresdin
French, 1825–1885
Art Institute of Chicago

Luke 6:38

Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.

Seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

February 20, 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23
Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13
1 Corinthians 15:45–49
Luke 6:27–38

50th Anniversary Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

THE THIRD CATHEDRAL The existing St. Mary's Cathedral is the third such church that has served the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Old St. Mary's, built in 1854, is located on California Street at Grant Avenue. A second St. Mary's Cathedral was built on Van Ness Avenue in 1891, but this structure was destroyed by fire in 1962.

A NEW CATHEDRAL Immediately following that disastrous fire, Archbishop Joseph McGucken gathered his consultants to begin the process of planning and constructing a new cathedral. The Archbishop commissioned three well-known local architects for the project – Angus McSweeney, Paul A. Ryan and John Michael Lee – who began submitting preliminary sketches for the new cathedral which ranged from traditional Romanesque to California mission style.

Plans soon took a dramatic turn as a result of a controversy ignited by an article written by architectural critic Allen Temko, who advocated a move beyond traditional architectural concepts to create a bold, new cathedral that would reflect San Francisco's status as a major international urban center. To build a cathedral which would reflect the soul of San Francisco, Archbishop McGucken added two internationally known architects to his team, Italian-born Pietro Belluschi, Dean of the School of Architecture of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who was placed in charge of designs, and Pier-Luigi Nervi, an engineering genius from Rome, who took over structural concerns.

As plans for the new cathedral progressed, Archbishop McGucken was participating in the proceedings of the Second Vatican Council in Rome. The Council provided another impetus to the call for innovative design. The design for the new cathedral had to reflect San Francisco's greatness, and also had to incorporate the new liturgical directives promulgated by the Council.



The contours of the new cathedral became clear through a series of press conferences held in 1964. The strikingly modern design which was presented (and with which we are familiar today) was met with high praise. Archbishop McGucken's architectural team had clearly designed a cathedral equal to San Francisco's greatness, and which, according to Mr. Nervi, was "The first cathedral truly of our time and in harmony with the liturgical reforms of the Council."

GROUND-BREAKING Ground was broken in August 1965 and Apostolic Delegate Luigi Raimondi blessed the cornerstone on December 13, 1967. The building was completed in 1970. The new cathedral was formally blessed on May 5, 1971, again with Cardinal Raimondi presiding, and ceremonies completing its dedication took place on October 5, 1996 with Archbishop William J. Levada presiding.

More than one hundred priests and half-a-dozen bishops have been ordained at St Mary's Cathedral. During his visit to San Francisco in 1987 Pope John Paul gathered for two meetings in the Cathedral space with people from around the country. One meeting was dedicated to men and women religious. During the second gathering the Holy Father met with lay leaders.

50th Anniversary (con't)



Cathedral Timeline:

1965—Ground broken

1967—Cornerstone blessed

1970— Building completed

1971 Formally blessed

1996—Archbishop William J. Levada
presides over dedication ceremonies

1987—Pope St. John Paul II Visits

Life's Journey



Grieving a loss?

*A time of spirituality, reflection on Grieving.
A time of transformation.*

Please join Marlene Enderlein, MA, long time parishioner and Kaiser professional as she guides us through our life's journey.

We will explore grief and loss as well as how the Bible addresses suffering and spiritual growth. The topic and discussion will be led by Marlene a specialist in Grief and Bereavement and is currently a bereavement counselor with Hospice

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Place: St. Brendan Parish Hall

Time: 3-4:45 pm followed by 5pm Mass

Sponsored by: Experienced Navigators

Happenings at St. Brendan

Tuesday, February 22- 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. "RCIA" - Zoom

Wednesday, February 23, 6-7PM Zoom

Thursday, February 24 - 7:00 pm Men's Bible Group

Spanish Speaking Group 7:00 pm—Canossa Room

Friday, February 25- 3:00 pm Marian & Divine Mercy

Saturday, February 26

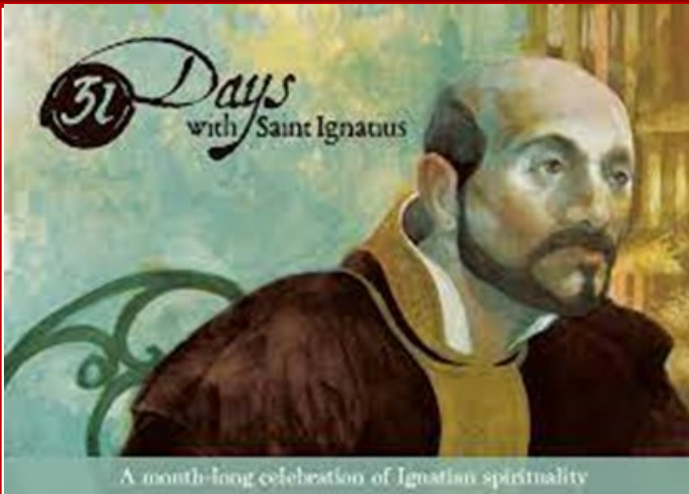
10am—Baptism O'Sullivan

11am—Baptism Kim

1pm—Funeral Kathleen Neary



Opportunities



Lenten Opportunity: Weekly Spiritual Exercises with the Ignatian Spirituality Small Group

You are invited to join the Ignatian Spirituality Small Group for a weekly, Lenten encounter with the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

Details: Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. March 9 through April 6, 2022

Location: In-Person at St. Brendan Parish (meeting room TBD)

Additional Information: Parishioner Beth Powers will facilitate the group using a companion workbook, discussion, and offering opportunities for individual work between meetings. Beth notes, “Each time I do the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, I am touched in a new and different way. These exercises have a way of meeting you where you need to be met.

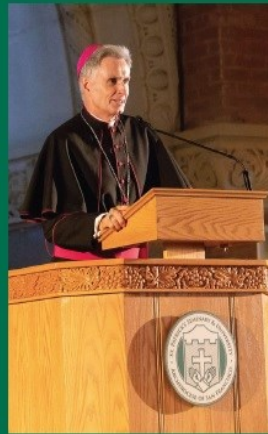
Sign-up sheet at the back of the church and/or feel free to call the Parish Office 415-681-4225



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

FEBRUARY 25-27, 2022



Conferences by
Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane

Open to single men 21 years or older

Meals and lodging provided

To register, contact: **REV. CAMERON FALLER**
faller.cameron@sfarch.org
(415) 614-5683



FROM ASHES TO GLORY

A virtual Lenten retreat with Dan Schutte
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SYNOD Virtual Listening Session

February 26, 2022 1 pm FREE

Registration : <https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/event/virtual-synodal-listening-session-in-english>

The Archdiocese of San Francisco, in collaboration with the Catholic Leadership Institute, is participating in the Synodal process called for by Pope Francis. One way the Faithful of the Archdiocese can participate is by attending and actively participating in one of the several Synodal Listening Sessions that will be hosted virtually by the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

These facilitated sessions will be a time to reflect on the theme of “journey,” as we consider how we journey together in our local Church and how the Spirit is inviting us to grow in our journey together. These sessions will create a space for the People of God to engage with one another, hear about each other’s journeys, and listen to the Holy Spirit. Because the history of the Church gives ample witness to the importance of consultation of diocesan clergy and faithful in matters pertaining to the good of the Church, these discussions are given special attention. The consultations are followed by discernment on the part of bishops chosen for the task, united in the search for a consensus that does not spring from worldly logic, but from common obedience to the Spirit of Christ. Attentive to the sense of the faith of the people of God – which they need to carefully distinguish from changing public opinion – the Synod Bishops will then work together for ecclesial consensus, which is not determined by the tallying of votes, but is the outcome of the working of the Holy Spirit which enlivens the one Church of Christ.

Pope Francis has affirmed that this Synod of Bishops must increasingly become an instrument for listening to the People of God. The results are then submitted to the Holy Father in his capacity as universal Pastor of the Church. Once the results have been accepted by the Holy Father, an implementation phase in every diocese follows, to initiate the reception of the Synod’s conclusions. It must be remembered that given the diversity throughout the world, the results must be enculturated if they are to be respected and applied. In this way, it can be seen that the synodal process not only has its point of departure, but also its point of arrival in the People of God, upon whom the gifts of grace bestowed by the Holy Spirit through the Synod of Bishops must be poured out.

Bay Wide Young Adult Mass

Friday, February 26, 2022 5-10PM

Oakland Christ the Light Cathedral

2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA

For information contact Mason Friedberg
415-974-3409 or email masonfreidberg@gmail.com



A quarterly candle light Mass around the Bay Area that brings together all young adults Catholics from around the Bay:

Bay Wide Young Adult Mass is HERE! Let’s bridge the gap. Young adults from all over the Bay will plan to gather for a candle light Mass at the Oakland Cathedral of Christ the Light. Afterward, we will gather for a night of fellowship to meet new faces, reconnect with familiar friends, and create lasting relationships between young adult Catholics from around the Bay. Come meet other young Catholics from around the Bay.

The idea is that this Mass will be at different locations around the Bay. The first is at Oakland Cathedral.