



# St. Brendan Church Bulletin

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Office Hours 8:30-4PM

Sunday, December 26, 2021

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## 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

## My Favorite as to Expectations...

*“After years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. One came to the first tree and said, “This looks like a strong tree. I can sell the wood to a carpenter.” After being cut down, the tree was happy because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.*

*At the second tree a woodsman said, “This looks like a strong tree. I can sell it to the shipyard.” The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.*

*When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down, his dreams would not come true. A woodsman said, “I don't need anything special from this tree so I'll just take it back with me.”*

*When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, they made it into a feed box for animals. It was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. They cut the second tree and made a small fishing boat. They cut the third tree into large pieces and left it alone in the dark.*

*The years went by, and the trees forgot their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the feed box made from the first tree. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One man went to sleep. A great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man. He stood and said “Be calm” and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat*

## Pastor's Column (continued)

*Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. Later, they nailed the man to the tree and raised him up to die at the top of a hill. On the third day, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible. Jesus had been crucified on it. The moral is: When things are not going our way, know that God has a plan for us. God will do almost anything for us. Jesus reminded us through his teachings and his stories how much God loves us. Place your trust in God and God will always give you what is best for you.”*

*Fr. Mike*



**Thank  
You**

## Stewardship Report

The St. Brendan community has so much to be proud of. Your gifts of talent, treasure and time are seen not only in our place of worship but among the daily acts of kindness. Together the Parish and School creates a community that is welcoming and inclusive and the financial support is another indicator of our vibrance. A stewardship report will be available early next year. In the meantime, take a bow, St. Brendan's Parish has met the obligation of **\$120,735** for the Archbishops Annual Appeal. Thank you, we are indeed a blessed community.

With gratitude and thanks, Fr. Mike

# Synod 2022

The journey we are embarking on as a Catholic Community includes the following ten themes:

- I. COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY:** In the Church and in society, we are side by side on the same road.
- II. LISTENING:** Listening is the first step, but it requires having an open mind and heart, without prejudice.
- III. SPEAKING OUT:** All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, integrating freedom, truth, and charity.
- IV. CELEBRATION:** “Journeying together” is only possible if it is based on communal listening to the Word and the celebration of the Eucharist.
- V. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION:** Synodality is at the service of the mission of the Church, in which all members are called to participate.
- VI. DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** Dialogue is a path of perseverance that also includes silences and sufferings, but which is capable of gathering the experience of persons and peoples.

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**IX. DISCERNING AND DECIDING:** In a synodal style, decisions are made through discernment based on a consensus that flows from the common obedience to the Spirit.

**X. FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY:** The spirituality of journeying together is called to become an educational principle for the formation of the human person and of the Christian, of the families, and of the communities

## School News

We send out best wishes to the St. Brendan Parish for a beautiful and safe New Year season with family and friends,. We at St. Brendan School want to thank our parishioners for their support, especially during these most unusual times. We have all had to make changes, some small, some more difficult, but throughout it all we have been encouraged by the sense of community we have felt. St. Brendan Parish is truly a wonderful place!

School lets out for Christmas vacation on Thursday, December 16, and returns on January 4, 2022.

Happy New Year,!  
Ms. Dianne Lakatta - Proud Principal

## Mass Intentions

December 26

7:30 am Albert & Madeline Brandi (D)

9:30 am Dr. & Mrs. James Pagano (L)

11:30 am Helen & Edward Flynn (D)

December 27

8:15 am Gerard Schultz (D)

December 28

8:15 am Guadalupe Paray (D)  
Bobby Ayala (D)

December 29

8:15 am Gerard Schultz (D)

December 30

8:15 am Gerard Schultz (D)

December 31

8:15 am Pedro Mendoza (D)  
Silverstra Echanis (D)

January 1

8:15 am Gerard Schultz (D)

## Synod (continued)

### Opportunities for Participation in Pope Francis's Synod Coming in the New Year!

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples. The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process in January by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. The process will continue in February and March with engagement sessions offered throughout the Archdiocese. The Disciple Maker Index survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by The Catholic Leadership Institute. The results from this survey will provide baseline feedback from which content for engagement sessions will be developed. More details will be available through the Archdiocesan website beginning in January - <http://www.sfarch.org/synod>.

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## The Holy Family

Joseph, the Lover, encircling Mary.

Mary, a young woman so much in need of tender care, of being wrapped in Joseph's loving arms as she nurses the Child.

The Child, in his innocence taking in the warmth of the love of Joseph and Mary- being fed by this love.

*The mystery of the Incarnation, the Word truly made flesh among us.*