



St. Brendan Church Bulletin

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Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. —

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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

The Epiphany Occurred for Us!

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth.

In my last parish, one had to watch the figures of the Magi, (also called the "Wise Men"), coming from the East to see the baby Jesus. They all were placed at a distance from the altar. The real Wise Men had been guided by a star, giving renewed meaning to the Jesus as the Light of the World. What was also curious in my last parish was that they always put out four wise men, versus the normal three, and the fourth figurine was placed a distance from the other three. The creche scene of the Holy Family was in front of the altar and the figures of the Magi moved from Gaudete Sunday to the Feast of the Epiphany. At the Feast of Epiphany, the three wise men figurines were placed near the baby Jesus, but the fourth was a distance away.

The "Wise men" represented the non-Jewish people in all the world. This Feast represents that Jesus wished/wishes to be revealed to all peoples. We celebrate that we have been chosen to hear the Good News revealed in sacred scripture and that this Christ-child was meant for each of us! The very purpose of Jesus birth was so that He could teach us how to live and suffer and die in atonement for our sins. At the Resurrection, we were all given the invitation to eternal life with God. That is an awesome realization.

What is also inspirational is that the three wise men traveled long distances taking many months to find the Christ child. Their gifts were also of note: gold, reflecting the highest value of the time; frankincense, reflecting gifts normally due a king and myrrh, a burial spice. The purpose of life is to recognize God and live according to His Will to gain heaven. But it all starts with the desire celebrated this day, to seek Him with all our hearts. More on the fourth Magi story at Mass...

Fr. Mike

2022 Reflections & The Future

Best wishes as we commence a New Year! I hope 2022 is a wonderful year for all and that our Saint Brendan's community can look forward to many accomplishments within our parish family. I believe we can look back with pride on our successes of 2021.

2021, though a year of pandemic with related restrictions, was a year of success for the St. Brendan's parish family! Our parish embraced the term "we" as our social organizations had sellout attendance at their events. More importantly, everyone really enjoyed getting together. We even added events to enliven our parish.

Your parish leadership decided to attack the daunting task of the seismic retrofit of the school and that work should be significantly completed by the end of summer 2022. What lies before us is the task of formulating a capital campaign to reimburse the school for monies outlaid for seismic retrofit, and other parish projects necessary at this time, such as painting, etc. The school continued to provide a quality education to our Saint Brendan students and their test scores proved it. Many thanks to the Faith Formation Teams for their great efforts. It would be sacrilegious of me not to recognize the countless people who participate in our ministries and volunteer activities. We are also blessed with a parish community that supports the parish families efforts and for that we are most grateful.

The year 2022 is starting off well with parishioners prepared to participate in the Synodal process requested by Pope Francis. May our St. Brendan's family continue to thrive in the year 2022!

Stewardship Report



Thank

You

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 this year. In the meantime, take a bow, St. Brendan's Parish has met the obligation of Ardioscean Annual Appeal of **\$120,735**. Thank you, we are in-

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

Happy New Year to the entire St. Brendan Parish and School community.

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!

Students return this week. Please keep us all in your prayers for a healthy and happy New Year, Ms. Dianne Lakatta - Proud Principal

We look forward to seeing you again in 2022, and in the meantime we hope your Christmas season is

Mass Intentions

January 2

7:30 am Peter O'Sullivan (D)

9:30 am Chuck Mercer (H)

11:30 am Bill Armshaw (D)

January 3

8:15 am Chuck Mercer (H)

January 4

8:15 am Yvonne Sangiacomo (D) Noel Clark (D) Frank Schwab (D) and deceased members of the Schwab Family.

January 5

8:15 am Art Ciocca (D)

January 6

8:15 am Alex Puno (D)

January 7

8:15 am Bob Weidinger (D)
Raffi Soghomonian (D)

January 8

8:15 am Robin Olive (H) Richard DeNezza (H)

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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Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations

Attitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive

Passion find yours this year! - Do what you love and you will never work

Positive thoughts make everything easier.- [Stay focused](#) and stay positive

You are unique, with special gifts, use them. - Never forget you have talent

New beginnings with a new year.

Enthusiasm a true secret of success.

Wishes may they turn into goals.

Years go by to quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen

Energy may you have lots of it. - Take care of yourself

Appreciation of [life](#), don't take it for granted. - Live each day

Relax take the time to relax in this coming year.

Keep a balance in your life.

Catherine Pulsifer

Fr. Mike