

# St. Brendan Church

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August 15, 2021  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

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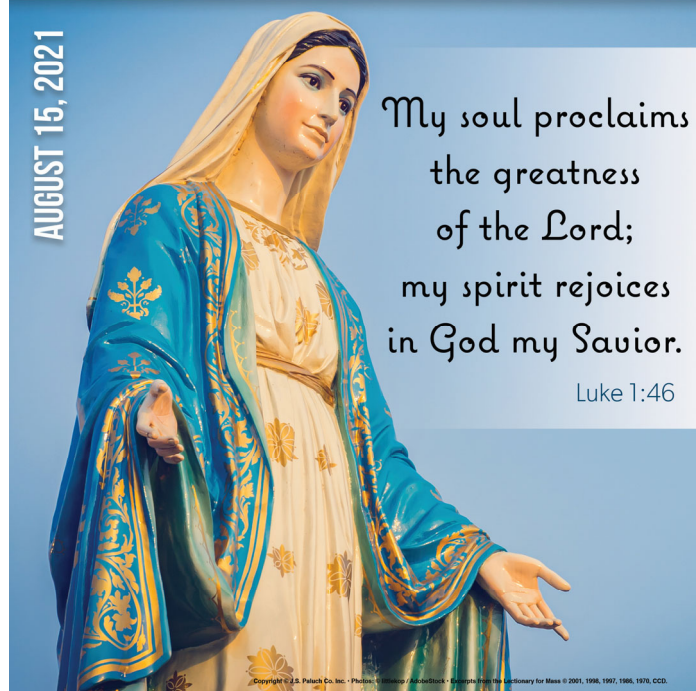
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## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



My soul proclaims  
the greatness  
of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46

### 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, Lilian Nehasil, Alicia Llamas, Victor Zele, Corona Virus Victims, Homebound Parishioners

## Recently Baptized:

Dalizay Valdez Oliveros

## Other Prayers:

Wildfire victims, Hurricane 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 \_\_\_\_\_

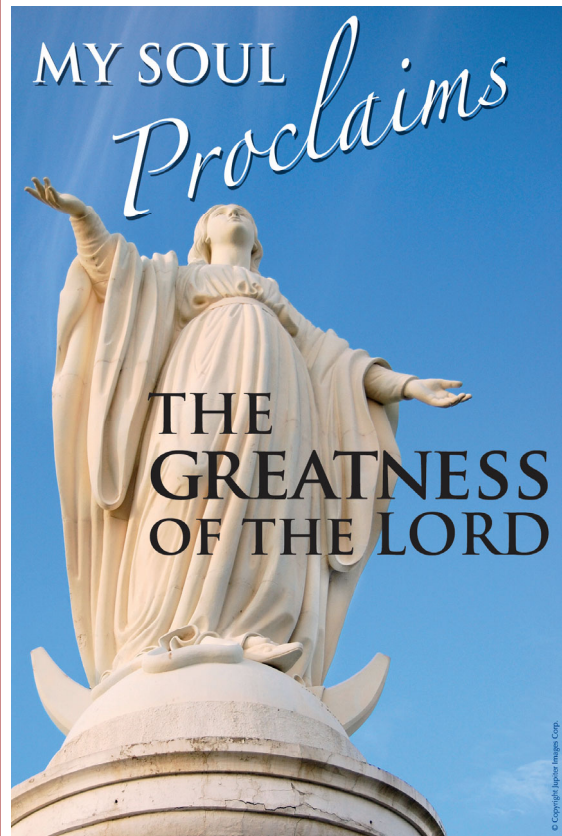
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We can't wait to see you at St. Brendan!  
Questions? Call 415-681-4225 or email us at [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com)

# Pastor's Column

## Feast of the Assumption

This weekend is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. We celebrate that she is our heavenly Mother and chief intercessor for all our needs. This will be the last weekend that our school families will not be preparing for school resumption. Let us pray that this will be a wonderful year for all our parish organizations and parish school. Let us add that we hope that our teachers, and school staff and students and their families are kept safe from the mutations of the COVID-19 virus. Let us continue to pray for all our parishioners that they be kept safe from harm or illness, with a special consideration for our housebound parishioners.



This Feast of the Assumption was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950 in his encyclical *Munificentissimus Deus* and was only the second and last time that papal infallibility was used in Church history to date. When the Pope teaches under "papal infallibility", the teaching becomes "dogma", an article of our faith. The other time papal infallibility was exercised was in the "Feast of the Immaculate Conception" which teaches that Mary, the Mother of God was born free from original sin. This teaching proved controversial in the Middle Ages, but was revived in the 19th century and was adopted as Church dogma when Pope Pius IX promulgated *Ineffabilis Deus* in 1854. This followed *Ubi Primum*, also by Pope Pius, an 1849 encyclical wherein Pius had asked the bishops for their opinions on the matter, resulting in overwhelming support from the Church's hierarchy.

I find it compelling that the only two occasions of exercising papal infallibility center around the Blessed Virgin Mary which is important for our understanding of Jesus, or Christology.

May we pray for Mary's care for our parish community in the coming year!

*Fr Mike*

# Stewardship Report

## Sunday Collection for week of: July 19-25, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal: **\$9,500**  
Sunday Collection Received: **\$7,756**  
Under by: **\$1,744**

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:

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## Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021

AAA Goal **\$120,735**  
AAA amount received/pledged **\$84,903**  
AAA still needed **\$35,832**



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & GENEROSITY

# Around the Archdiocese

## **Help At-Risk Youth Trust, Grow, and Be Kids Again** **Now Hiring Full-Time, Part-Time, and Seasonal Group Counselors**

Are you, or someone you know, seeking a rewarding and meaningful career? Are you looking for a way to serve while earning income? Catholic Charities is now hiring Group Counselors to help at-risk youth living at our St. Vincent's School for Boys residential houses learn to trust, grow, and be kids again.

Nestled in the rolling hills just off U.S. Highway 101 in San Rafael, St. Vincent's School for Boys is a Marin County landmark and the oldest institution west of the Mississippi dedicated exclusively to the care of at-risk boys. Residential care, counseling, education, social and mental health services, sports and recreation activities, an equestrian therapeutic program, and family preservation are some of the services a team of staff provide to help at-risk youth.

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**Apply now at <https://bit.ly/CounselorJob>**

**Contact Tim Bowen at [tbowen@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:tbowen@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)**

### ***Marriage Enrichment:***

This year's Together in Holiness conference will feature keynote presentations from national speaker Damon Owens, Rev. Cameron Faller, Rev. Kyle Faller, and Mary Caprio, CFCP, MAT, MTS. Mass, celebrated by Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered throughout the day, and on-site childcare and scholarships are available. The conference will be a marvelous day for married and engaged couples—a chance to take time for themselves and receive a foundation in the theology of marriage as well as practical advice for living out a happy and holy family life. For more information and registration, you can visit the conference website here: <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/th21-sfca/>

## News from St. Brendan

### **Solemnity of the Assumption: Mary is the “Gate of Heaven”** (Pope's Angelus of 15 August 2019)

In St Luke's Gospel on this Solemnity of the Assumption, the Evangelist records the words of Our Lady as she prays: "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior". Before reciting the Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the two verbs in that prayer: to rejoice and to magnify.....Then he went on saying: Mary is the Gate to Heaven.



#### **The Gate to Heaven**

"Mary, who is a human creature, one of us, reaches eternity in body and soul. This is why we invoke her as the "Gate of Heaven". There she awaits us, just as a mother waits for her children to come home. We are like pilgrims on our way home to Heaven. Seeing that in paradise, together with Christ, the New Adam, there is also Mary, the new Eve, gives us comfort and hope in our pilgrimage down here".

#### **Heaven is open**

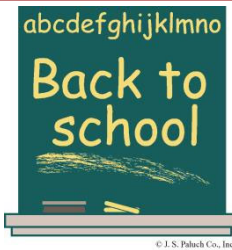
For those who are afflicted with doubts and sadness, "and live with their eyes turned downwards", the Feast of the Assumption is a call to "look upwards" and see that "Heaven is open". It is no longer distant, and we need no longer be afraid: "because on the threshold of Heaven there is a Mother waiting for us". Mary constantly reminds us that we are precious in the eyes of God, and that we are made for the great joys of Heaven. "Every time we take the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we take a step forward towards our life's great goal".

#### **The greatness of Heaven**

"Let us be attracted by true beauty, let us not be drawn in by the petty things in life, but let us choose the greatness of Heaven". Pope Francis concluded by praying that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gate of Heaven, may help us daily to fix our gaze with confidence and joy "on the place where our true home lies".

# School & Faith Formation Updates

## St. Brendan School Update:



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

Our faculty and staff have been very busy getting everything ready for the start of school on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will kick off the year with a Staff Retreat, given by Fr. Mike, on August 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great way to get the school year rolling!

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are inviting our school families to join us for the 9:30 Mass. After Mass we will take our newly enrolled families on a tour of the campus.

**Some Exciting News!** Our students keep on excelling! Congratulations to incoming 8th grader, **Isabel Merriman**, who has been selected as a nominee to **the 2021 Broadcom MASTERS** national middle school science competition! Only 10% of science fair projects nationwide are selected for this opportunity, and Isabel's project "Takeout, with a Side of Microplastics" made the cut. What a great honor! Best of luck, Isabel!

**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. If you are interested in this part-time or full-time position, please contact Ms. Lakatta at [dlakatta@stbrendansf.com](mailto:dlakatta@stbrendansf.com).

On a COVID note, we will be following the protocols set out by the San Francisco Department of Public Health for elementary schools. All students and our faculty and staff will be required to always wear masks while on campus except when eating. It is our top priority to keep our faculty, staff, and students safe.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we begin this new school year. I cannot thank our dedicated faculty and staff enough for their hard work during these unprecedented times. I am truly blessed to be part of this wonderful community.

**Ms. Dianne Lakatta**, proud principal

## Children's Faith Formation Registration Opening Soon

### 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 on Sundays, after the 9:30 a.m. family mass. The full schedule and registration details will be available soon. Additional details available on the parish website: <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).

We hope you will consider joining this wonderful ministry!

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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.



## Mass Intentions

### Mass intentions for the week:

#### Monday, August 16—

8:15 am Lloyd Paff (D)  
Lita Cervero (L) (Healing)

#### Tuesday, August 17—

8:15 am Neal Murphy (D)

#### Wednesday, August 18—

8:15 am William Lippi (D)  
Nathalie Kong Fong (L) (Healing)

#### Thursday, August 19—

8:15 am Betty Christopher (D)

#### Friday, August 20—

8:15 am Franz Cuznar (D)

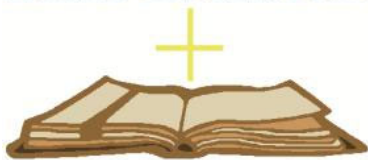
#### Saturday, August 21—

8:15 am Johanna Whitehead (D)  
5:00 pm Phil Rosprim (L) (Healing)  
Jean Knapik (L) (Healing)  
People of St. Brendan

#### Sunday, August 22 —

7:30 am Albert & Madeline Brandi (D)  
9:30 am Robert Scully (D)  
11:30 am Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)  
Robin Kern (D)

## Mass Intentions



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## Saints & Observances

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday: Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Stephen of Hungary  
Thursday: St. John Eudes  
Friday: St. Bernard  
Saturday: St. Pius X

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord*



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The vision concerning the woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab).

**Psalm** — The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold (Psalm 45).

**Second Reading** — Christ, the firstfruits; then those who belong to him (1 Corinthians 15:20-27).

**Gospel** — Mary praises God in the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-56).

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