

St. Brendan Church

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August 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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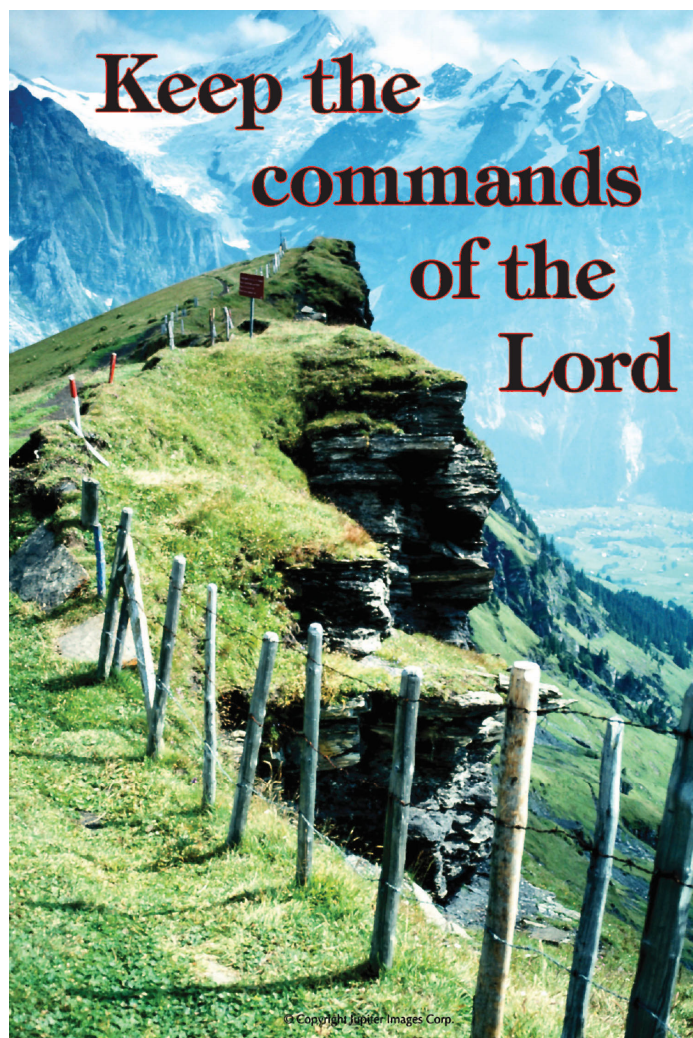
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Mass Times During COVID-19

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

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Liturgical Ministries

Liturgy Committee
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Parish Life

Welcome Committee
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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.



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Sick:

Sandra Toti, Clare Thompson, Lenny DeBono, Josephine Velasco, Ray Laval, Jackie Riordan, Victor Zele, Corona Virus Victims, Homebound Parishioners

Recently Baptized:

Ellen Rae McAuliffe

Other Prayers:

Wildfire, Hurricane, & Earthquake victims

Deceased:

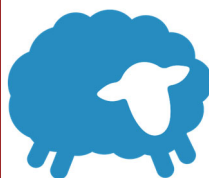
Betty Christopher, William Lippi, Edna Balingit, Johanna (Jean) Whitehead, Elisa Cabahug, Christopher Xavier Clark

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



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 _____

Email Address: _____

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

Pastor's Column

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.



MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

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Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection for week of: August 2-8, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal: **\$9,500**
Sunday Collection Received: **\$14,159**
Over by: **\$4,659**

Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021

AAA Goal **\$120,735**
AAA amount received/pledged **\$85,413**
AAA still needed **\$35,322**

Second Collection next week: **St. Brendan School**

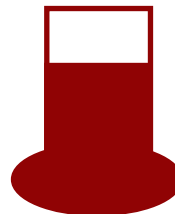
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Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Vocations

Our number of new **candidates for the priesthood** is far lower this year than last year, **so please continue to pray** for an increase and strengthening of vocations to the priesthood. I always appreciate when a parish is able to plan and carry out some concrete initiative to pray for priestly vocations.

Jesus said to his disciples,

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Thanks for all your prayers and support.

Fr. Cameron Faller

Vocation Director



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News from St. Brendan

HOLY COMMUNION (continued) by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser

“And so the BREAD OF LIFE comes to us in various ways.

Jesus nourishes us whenever we pray to Him; the Eucharist feeds us with the bread of life whenever we partake of it; and the Community of the faithful also functions as Eucharist. The love, friendship, support, and care we give to others and receive from others is also Communion---holy, sustaining food from heaven, flakes of protein from the Body of Christ. The Bread of Life”



Just a REMINDER that the ADORATION CHAPEL at St. Brendan's is open MONDAY-THURSDAY from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Every Thursday, which we call “PRIESTLY THURSDAY”, we intensify and focus on PRIESTLY VOCATIONS, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

For more information email ZENY nenemen2010@live.com or srangela@stbrendanparish.org

School & Faith Formation Updates

St. Brendan School Update:

It's Back-to-School Time!

We are off and running. The teachers and staff opened the school year with a wonderful retreat given by Fr. Mike before they got down to all the business of the year.



School opened on Monday, August 23rd and we were so happy to see all those happy smiling eyes, knowing that the beautiful smiles were hidden under masks.

Looking to Work with children? We are looking for an **Instructional Aide** for our 4th 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.

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.

Our teachers have spent countless hours preparing for their students. We are so excited to start this year in-person. We ask for your prayers for our staff and students as we begin this new school year.



Ms. Dianne Lakatta,
proud principal

Back to School

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Children's Faith Formation – Registration Open! Classes Begin September 19!

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 1st grade, with children receiving First Communion in the spring of their 2nd grade year. Children may also begin First Year preparation in 2nd grade, receiving First Communion in the spring of their 3rd grade year.

Confirmation preparation for students **not** attending Catholic school is a two-and-a-half-year program, beginning in 6th grade. Students attending another Catholic school (parochial or independent) may begin classes in 7th grade. Confirmation is administered in the fall of the 8th grade year.

Classes are held most Sundays from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Families are expected to attend the 9:30 a.m. Family Mass and then proceed to Faith Formation Class. For the full schedule and registration, please go to: <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.

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

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.



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Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for the week:

Monday, August 30—

8:15 am Julianne Miel Parayo
Joe Chen

Tuesday, August 31—

8:15 am Rosario Mendoza (D)
Dr. Pedro Pinto (D)
Juanita Evans (L) (Birthday)

Wednesday, September 1—

8:15 am Julianne Miel Parayo
Joe Chen

Thursday, September 2—

8:15 am Kay Weidinger Driscoll (L)

Friday, September 3—

8:15 am Joseph Khac Do (D)

Saturday, September 4—

8:15 am Frank Pagano (D)
5:00 pm Phil Rosprim (L) (Healing)
Jean Knapik (L) (Healing)
Delia Lee (D)

Sunday, September 5 —

7:30 am People of St. Brendan
9:30 am Helen & Edward Flynn (D)
11:30 am Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)
Sonia Andaya (D)

Mass Intentions



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Saints & Observances

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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