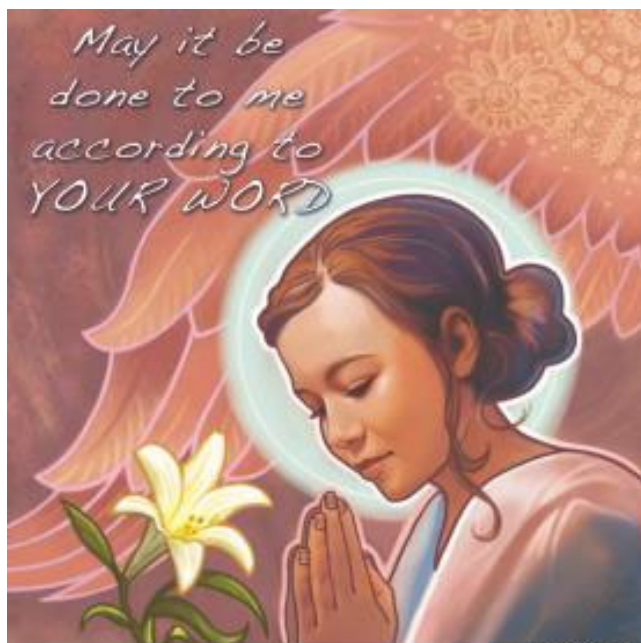


# ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

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December 20, 2020  
4th Sunday of Advent



## Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4 pm

## Staff

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**Priest in Residence:** Fr. Paul Warren—ext. 208

## 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 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

## Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 am (School Mass), 6 pm

## Confessions

Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

By appointment.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 7-8 pm

Saturday 4-4:45 pm

Adoration Chapel open Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

## Baptisms

Contact Sr. Angela: [srangela@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:srangela@stbrendanparish.org)

## Weddings

Call Fr. Mike at least six months before the desired wedding date at [frmike@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:frmike@stbrendanparish.org)

## Anointing of the sick

Please contact the office 415-681-4225.

## Mass intentions for the week:

**Monday, December 21**—St. Peter Canisius

8:15 am Edna Baluyot (L)  
Raquel Garcia (D)

**Tuesday, December 22**—

8:15 am Lily Martinez (D)  
Eric Handerson (L)

**Wednesday, December 23**—St. John of Kanty

8:15 am Olivia DeMendoza (D)  
Eric Handerson (L)

**Thursday, December 24**—Christmas Eve

All Masses on Christmas Eve are for the Parishioners and Guest of St. Brendan

**Friday, December 25**—Christmas Day

All Masses on Christmas Day are for the Parishioners and Guests of St. Brendan

**Saturday, December 26**—St. Stephen

8:15 am Ann Marie Tassone (D)  
5:00 pm Eldon Jesse (D)

**Sunday, December 27**—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am People of St. Brendan  
9:30 am Neil Correa (D)  
11:30 am Laura De Leon-Schalk (D)

## MINISTRY INFORMATION

### 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

## FAITH FORMATION

### Schedule

We will return to classes in January.

### Voyagers (ages 3-Kinder)

Sign up to receive a weekly email with fun, age-appropriate and faith-filled activities centered around the Gospel. **Email Mrs. Stanko to add your family's name to the list:**  
[stephanie@stbrendanparish.org](mailto:stephanie@stbrendanparish.org)

### For All Families

The Catholic Bishops of California are offering a 15-minute interactive take on the weekly readings called, "Family, Fun and Faith". <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJiKc57jfoYgdTE3ZlcYtA> Great for "kids" of all ages.



## 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.



Pray for ...

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### Sick:

Corona Virus Victims,  
Homebound Parishioners

### Other Prayers:

Wildfire victims, Hurricane victims

We continue to pray for our parishioners who have lost loved ones this year.

*We will be collecting Christmas Flower envelopes during this month. If you need a Christmas Flower envelope look for it in the mail soon. If you want one early please contact us at the rectory.*

### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Interested in being a New Parishioner at St. Brendan?

Please email us at [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com) or call the rectory at 415-681-4225

We can't wait to see you at St. Brendan!



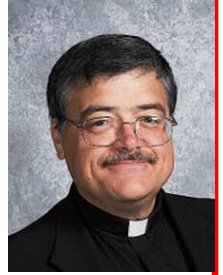
*The staff at St. Brendan Church and School would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas! May you all enjoy the day and stay healthy until we can gather again.*

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Even last year at this time, I could never have conceived that we would have closed church doors for indoor worship on Sundays. As we approach the birth of our Savior into our lives, we should feel definitely, despite these adverse times, that we do have the virtues of joy, hope and peace which characterize this Sunday and the Christmas season. It is manifest even more when we welcome our Lord into our lives. (Recent studies have shown that people of faith experience far less depression in these pandemic times.) For those of us who are reluctant, the Lord comes to us. How wonderful to contemplate!



Embrace joy in this holy season as we concentrate what we have versus what we have lost. Embrace joy when we contemplate that our Lord loves us more than we can possibly comprehend. (I have always thought that I could do better in communicating this message!) Here at St Brendan's, we can witness joy in people greeting each other, especially children, despite masks! Choose to focus upon joy!

We are a family of faith whose common characteristic is hope. It is a hope that will guide us through turbulent times such as this pandemic, through changes in our lives, changes of people in our lives, and ultimately to God. We all have different circumstances plus gifts and weaknesses, but hopefully we are united in hope through trust in God. In our second reading this weekend, St. Paul refers to those who can embrace this faith, and ultimately hope, as "wise people". Choose to be wise.

Our faith allows us to have peace in our hearts in difficult moments. We become ambassadors of peace when we comfort one another; When we celebrate our families; when we see opportunities to build bridges of understanding versus walls of many types. We bring peace to people's hearts, perhaps our greatest gifts to them -when we simply recognize, forgive and care for their needs.

To all who read this message, I ask you to join us in worship, to take a few moments of "vacation from worry" as we place our trust in God. He comes for each of us at Christmas!

See you all at the Virtual Christmas Eve & Christmas Mass accessible through our parish website!

**Fr. Mike**

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Sunday Collection for week of: November 30-December 6, 2020

Sunday Collection Goal: **\$9,500**  
Sunday Collection Received: **\$10,734**  
Over by: **\$1,234**

Second Collection next week: **None**

Give online to St. Brendan Church on our website  
or via the direct link of:

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1668>

Please send or drop off all other donations to:

St. Brendan Church  
29 Rockaway Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94127

### Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2020

AAA Goal	<b>\$126,320</b>
AAA amount received/pledged	<b>\$83,895</b>
AAA still needed	<b>\$42,425</b>



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# NEWS AND UPDATES

## School News

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### St. Brendan School Update:

Dear St. Brendan Parish Families,



Our school's Christmas Mass, with its beautiful reenactment of the Nativity, has always been a highlight of the year for us. This year, sadly, we were not able to be in church together for this. However, we have created a video that we hope you will enjoy. You can find it on the school's website (stbrendansf.com) on the home page under "Featured Video". It is our Christmas gift to you, our wonderful parishioners!

We are now conducting our Annual Fund campaign, to help raise the funds needed to make our school the best it can possibly be. We are so grateful for all of the parishioners who have contributed so generously to this campaign in past years. It is especially important this year, as we need to cover all the extra expenses that come with our Covid-19 preparations.

We would love to have you join us, at whatever level you can. You can drop a check in the school's mailbox outside our front door on Laguna Honda, or donate securely on-line through the school's website: [www.stbrendansf.com/supporting SBS/Annual Fund](http://www.stbrendansf.com/supporting_SBS/AnnualFund).

School is now closed for the Christmas holidays, reopening on January 5, 2021. Until then our entire school community wishes all our parishioners a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and better times ahead in the New Year!

Thank you!

God Bless you all,  
**Ms. Dianne Lakatta,**  
proud principal



### Christmas 2020 at St. Brendan

- Christmas Eve Live Streamed Mass-**6:00 pm**
- Christmas Day Live Streamed Mass-**9:30 am**
- Christmas Day Mass in person-**11:30 am** with limit of 50 people per the city of San Francisco and state of California COVID restrictions will be in the Breezeway between the Church and the Rectory Building. Look for the signups in our email blast and [stbrendanparish.org](http://stbrendanparish.org)

All donations for Christmas, Offertory or any other collection made to St. Brendan Church dated in 2020 will count towards your 2020 tax letter. Please make sure to drop them off at the rectory, mail them to us at 29 Rockaway Ave. San Francisco, CA 94127 or give online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1668>

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) 2020:

We still need over \$42,000 to reach our goal for AAA 2020. It would be very helpful if you could help us reach our goal. To donate visit <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1668> or go to our website to find more information. We appreciate everyone who has already donated to AAA 2020 and thank you all for your support. You can also text (415) 767-1934 and enter the donation amount (no dollar sign or decimal point) then a space, then the fund code **AAA** and click "send."

### Christmas Flowers:

Please note: The Christmas Flowers Fund is now active for online donations at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1668> . You can also text (415) 767-1934 and enter the donation amount (no dollar sign or decimal point) then a space, then the fund code **FLOWERSXMAS** and click "send." If you would like to donate in memory of or in honor of someone please enter names in the special intentions box. We will include these names on our list.