

# St. Brendan Church

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September 26, 2021  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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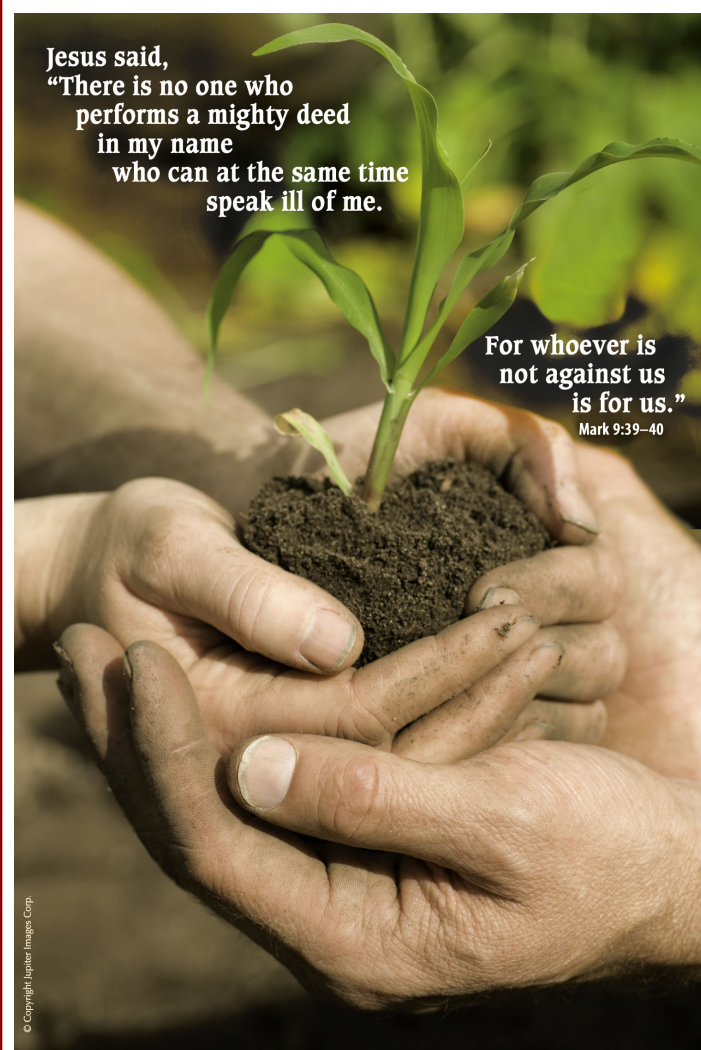
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## Mass Times During COVID-19

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

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

# Flocknote

Do you use a phone book?  
How about an address book?  
Is there a rolodex you cannot part with?  
One might call these **data bases** of the past!

Today at St. Brendan's we are working with UNO from Flocknote to update our database! Please take some time to follow this link: <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/form--update-information.html> to an online form which we are asking you to complete. Or complete the form in the next column with updated information!

There have been several data base managers over the years and this is our opportunity to update our current information.

In a few weeks the new and improved St. Brendan Parish website will be available. Parish and School news will be featured along with Mass Intentions, News around the Archdiocese and enriching faith filled materials.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Brendan's a thriving and welcoming community.

# 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, Victor Zele, Arlene Sawyer, Edward King, Rocky Valderama, Kelly Trundle, Corona Virus Victims, Homebound Parishioners

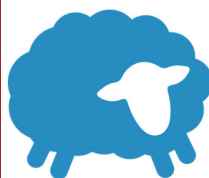
## Other Prayers:

Wildfire, Hurricane, & Earthquake victims

## Deceased:

Jackie Riordan

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



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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



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This weekend's readings suggest both integrity of thought and purpose and the consequences of failing to hold God's purpose first within our hearts. Two images immediately come to mind that perhaps you have also witnessed as well.



The first is of what we might consider initially a crazy person on a street corner shouting about the existence and judgment of God. In my San Francisco travels, throughout my life, there has never been a shortage of people in this category. My faith journey has caused me to consider that perhaps I have been the deficient one in not placing God's desire for our lives first. It is so very easy to become overly concerned with self and our worldly concerns. It takes a stronger and more disciplined person to place the will of God for us first. This will cause us to think, act and value differently- but we will be better for the effort!

The second image that came to mind was that portrayed in a homily I heard from Father Kevin Gaffey before I entered seminary. He related the true story of a priest who found the admonition of being an example to others compelling. In his account, there was a certain priest who wanted all to know who passed by his church that we give witness to God in everything we do or do not do. He wanted a stone to engrave the message about "Better a millstone to be around a persons neck and thrown into the sea than to give scandal to little ones." A generous parishioner found a millstone and purchased it and brought it to the church. The priest had the stone engraved with the admonition to give a good example and it remains to this day for all to see.

My closing thought is that even with the many messages we receive exhorting us to choose God and His ways of love, forgiveness, compassion and example, how often we choose the worldly concerns as preeminent. How crazy that is!

*Fr. Mike Quinn*

## Stewardship Report

### Sunday Collection for week of: August 30-September 5, 2021

Sunday Collection Goal:	<b>\$9,500</b>
Sunday Collection Received:	<b>\$11,548</b>
Over by:	<b>\$2,048</b>

### Archbishops Annual Appeal (AAA) 2021

AAA Goal	<b>\$120,735</b>
AAA amount received/pledged	<b>\$102,763</b>
AAA still needed	<b>\$17,972</b>

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

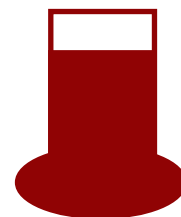
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# Around the Archdiocese

## Priests Retirement Luncheon

Please join us in celebrating the Archdiocese of San Francisco's retired clergy at our Priests Retirement Luncheon on Friday, October 22, 2021. The Luncheon will take place in Patron's Hall on the lower level of St. Mary's Cathedral. This annual event honors our retired priests and helps ensure their financial security and peace of mind after they retire from active ministry.

This year's honorees are Fr. James MacDonald and Fr. Kieran McCormick.

Our retired priests have been present in many of life's most precious moments, from birth to death, sharing God's message of love and compassion. They have devoted their lives to serving others, and now it is our turn to care for them as they have cared for us.

Since 2011, over \$2,200,000 has been raised for our Priests Retirement Fund. Your generosity helps pay for our retired priests' assisted living, skilled nursing care, and unreimbursed medical expenses that are not covered by insurance.

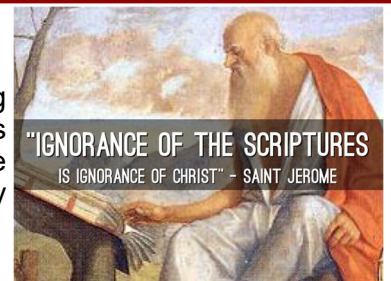
In the words of retired priest Fr. Ulysses D'Aquila, "Thank you very much for your support, both through your prayers and/or your gift to the Priests Retirement Fund. You have a great impact on my life and the lives of my fellow retired Priests."

We invite you to make a generous contribution to the Priests Retirement Fund whether or not you are able to attend the Luncheon. You can do so via the September 18-19 Priests Retirement Collection or by sending in your gift ([www.sfarchdiocese.org/PRFlunch](http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/PRFlunch)). As Fr. D'Aquila noted, your support has a tremendous impact on the lives of our retired priests. Please contact Rod Linhares ([linharesr@sfarch.org](mailto:linharesr@sfarch.org) or 415-614-5581) or Rose Marie Wong ([wongr@sfarch.org](mailto:wongr@sfarch.org) or 415-614-5517) with questions, for additional details, etc.

## News from St. Brendan

### Saint Jerome: Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saint Jerome was born in Strido, Dalmatia (Croatia) in 347. After being educated by his father, he studied in Rome, Aquileia and Trier. Shortly after his Baptism in 366, he chose the religious life, becoming a monk and hermit. He wrote the VULGATE, the Latin translation of the Bible, originally requested by Pope Damasus. He retired to a Monastery at Bethlehem, where he died in 420.



### Small Groups

Beginning in October...A journey of the heart...an interactive book review and self-reflection. Join a new small group for an exploration and an interactive book review while sharing personal journeys of the loss of a loved one. This will be an eight-week course with a dynamic curriculum.

David Kessler's book - *Finding Meaning; The Sixth Stage of Greif* which address the loss of loved ones serves as the text.

Ms. Marlene Enderlein, BS, MS – is a Grief and Bereavement specialist and will facilitate the group, allowing individuals to explore and learn about the sixth stage of grief that allows for hope, healing and growth following a loss.

Participants in the group must have lost a loved one at least 12 months ago as this is the sixth stage of grief and the grieving process must have commenced.

The group will be restricted to no more than eight participants to give all participants enough time to share during each session. If more than 8 individuals respond, we will form a second group at a later date. For further information, please contact: Marlene Enderlein [Maenderleain@gmail.com](mailto:Maenderleain@gmail.com) 415-681-2085 or Sr. Angela, 415-681-4225



# School & Faith Formation Updates

## St. Brendan School News



If you are interested in enrolling your child in kindergarten at St. Brendan School for the next school year (2022-2023), you will find application information on the school website at [www.stbrendansf.com/Admissions](http://www.stbrendansf.com/Admissions). Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022.

At this time we do not know if we will be able to hold in-person tours for prospective parents; we are waiting for guidance from the Department of Public Health. If we are allowed to have tours, we will post the dates on the website, so be sure to keep checking there. Reservations are required to attend and can be made by calling the school office at 415-731-2665 once the tour dates have been published.

In case we cannot have in-person tours, we are working on a video tour and/or a zoom informational night. Please continue to check the website for more details.

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](mailto:dlakatta@stbrendansf.com).

We ask for your continued prayers for the good health of our parish and our school!

**Ms. Dianne Lakatta,**  
proud principal



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The third Sunday in September is recognized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (UCCCB) as Catechetical Sunday. The St. Brendan celebration of Catechetical Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 26 during the 9:30 a.m. mass. Fr. Quinn will bless and install the volunteers who give of their time to share their faith as Catechists in the Parish.

The word Catechesis is defined as the oral handing down of the Faith from teacher to student and has roots in the Greek words for “echoing back”. As Catholics, we are all called to be catechists, to “echo back” our faith to our family, our children and to members of our community.

Children receive their primary and most important catechesis directly from their parents, a pledge all parents make at their child’s baptism. As they grow, children continue to receive supplemental catechesis through a catholic school or parish faith formation program along with sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation.

Adults need sacramental preparation too, and the RCIA program provides the opportunity for adults, older children and teens to discern their desire to become Catholic or, to be in full Communion with the Catholic Church.

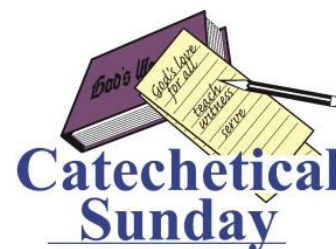
At St. Brendan’s, we are blessed to have a wonderful team of volunteer Catechists who “echo back” their faith through the RCIA and Faith Formation programs. Please join us on September 26 to bless our parish volunteers and encourage them in their ministry.

### Faith Formation Catechists:

Maria del Carmen Talavera  
Roselle Dias  
Elizabeth Gamarra  
Christina Bui  
Liza Bonpin  
Mary Spellman Brady

### RCIA Catechists:

Guy de Primo



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# Tree of Life



Be on the lookout for more information on this year's All Souls Day Tree of Life Leaves. If you have a loved one you wanted remembered throughout the month of November during our All Souls Day Masses let us know on our website by filling out this form for All Souls <https://www.stbrendanparish.org/tree-of-life.html> The form at the bottom is labeled All Souls Remembrance or email us at [saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com](mailto:saintbrendanchurchsf@gmail.com)

If you want your loved one remembered on our Tree of Life forever you may do so by calling the office anytime 415-681-4225 or by filling out the flyer available in the Church and located on our website.

## Mass Intentions

### Mass intentions for the week:

#### Monday, September 27—

8:15 am Arlene Sawyer (L)

#### Tuesday, September 28—

8:15 am Fernando Avila (D)

#### Wednesday, September 29—

8:15 am Denis Dunlea (D)

#### Thursday, September 30—

8:15 am Irene Dignan (D)

#### Friday, October 1—

8:15 am Martin Dwan (D)  
John Driscoll (D)  
Noel (D), Frank (D), and  
Christopher Xavier Clark (D)

#### Saturday, October 2—

8:15 am Jackie Riordan (D)  
5:00 pm Joseph Khac Do (D)  
Jeannie McCulloch Stiles (L)

#### Sunday, October 3 —

7:30 am Aileen Schwab & Family (L)  
9:30 am Sandra Toti (L) and Family  
People of St. Brendan  
11:30 am Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)  
Helen & Edward Flynn (D)  
Michael Coyle (D)

### Mass Intentions



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## Saints & Observances

Sunday:	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
Monday:	St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Wednesday:	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael
Thursday:	St. Jerome
Friday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday
Saturday:	The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** - Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

**Psalm** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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