

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. BRENDAN & ST. GEORGE PARISH

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Sunday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday----- 11:00 am (*Spanish*)
5:30 pm (*English*)

Sunday----- 8:00 & 10:30 am (*English*)
1:00 pm (*Spanish*)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE (IN THE CHURCH)

Monday - Friday----- 12:00 pm

Tuesday----- 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)

PENANCE

Saturday----- 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Monday----- 6:00 - 8:00 pm

*Personal appointments can be made
by contacting the Parish Office.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Daily----- Following 12:00 pm Mass

Monthly----- First Friday of every month,
1:00 - 6:00 pm

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"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

— John 3:16

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at your earliest convenience by completing this form and returning it through the Sunday offering. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a letter in the mail confirming your registration, along with an envelope number.

☐ Please check the box if
you would like to sign up
for online giving.

Name _____ Email _____

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***All parishioners must pick up envelopes to stay registered.**

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 12th – February 20th, 2022

Saturday, February 12th

- 11:00^{AM} *Feligreses de San Brendan y San Jorge
 5:30^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 7:00^{PM} †Julia Aponte
 †Ofelia Aguillon Sosa

Sunday, February 13th

- 8:00^{AM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 10:30^{AM} †Martin & Katherine Verostek
 †Alex Morreria
 1:00^{PM} †Margot Rios
 †Larry Barrosa
 †Maria Sara Zambrano Campoverde
 †Ivan Chabla Zambrano

Monday, February 14th

- 12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Tuesday, February 15th

- 12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 7:00^{PM} *Feligreses de San Brendan y San Jorge

Wednesday, February 16th

- 12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Thursday, February 17th

- 12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Friday, February 18th

- 12:00^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Saturday, February 19th

- 11:00^{AM} *Feligreses de San Brendan y San Jorge
 5:30^{PM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 7:00^{PM} †Salvador y Carmen Dorante

Sunday, February 20th

- 8:00^{AM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 10:30^{AM} *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners
 1:00^{PM} *Feligreses de San Brendan y San Jorge



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Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the list.

Remember

We remember all those who were called home to our Lord recently, especially **George Olsen**. May they sleep in peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



The Sanctuary Candle will be burning this week in loving memory of:
 † **Mary Chiarella**



FYI: Our next 2nd collection envelop is Sunday, February 20th. This collection is for:
Central & Eastern Europe

Weekend Collection February 5 th – February 6 th	
5:30 PM	\$ 280.00
7:00 PM	\$ 309.00
8:00 AM	\$ 787.00
10:30 AM	\$ 1,046.00
1:00 PM	\$ 1,523.00
2 nd Collection Sisters of Charity	\$ 805.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,048.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 409.00
Total	\$ 6,207.00
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Saint Teresa of Lisieux stated: “Love gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that love contained all vocations. I have no other way to prove my love than by throwing flowers, that is, by not wasting any small sacrifice, no look, no word, turning all small things into love.” “The tiniest movement of pure love is more profitable than all other works put together,” said Saint John of the Cross.

As I began 5:30 pm mass two weeks ago, I became anxious about what to say for my homily. I honestly spent a lot of time praying and asking God what to say, and nothing came to mind that made sense for me. So, I said to Fr. Milton: “I am completely lost. I do not know what to preach today. So, what am I to preach?” Then Fr. Milton shared three simple questions to reflect on for my homily. I said to myself deep in my heart, yes. I like them.

What is my biggest fight? What’s my battle? We all have one inside. The prophet Jeremiah had his. He didn’t want to preach to his people. His family wanted him to be a priest. God wanted him to be his prophet. Jeremiah planned to marry a girl he fell in love with. He felt deep inside that God was calling, but he was afraid. His fear was his battle. His fear was his obstacle. It was at this moment when God spoke to this boy: “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

For me, this translates like: “I am God, and I am with you. Take charge. I know it will be challenging. Do not be afraid. Face your dragon. For it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass.” So, my friend, the battle is inevitable. We must fight. We must have courage. We must take responsibility. But, we are not alone. God is with us. He guarantees the victory.

The second question was: **What is my greatest gift? What makes me unique? Why?** Saint Paul says: “Strive for the greatest spiritual gifts, but I shall show you a more excellent way.”

Love is our highest calling for “love never fails.” You were made for meaning because you were created for love. What does love mean for me? Love for me means better—better means aiming to improve my being. Love says: I will make my life better so that my family might become better. I am becoming better today, next week, next month, and next year. So if you love, you make an effort to improve your being and life and become less impatient and kinder. Love is the best in me serving the best in you.

Love is a virtue. It’s first articulated in the heart. Then it becomes a habit. Then it becomes a virtue. That’s why the three greatest enemies of love are resent, deceit and arrogance. But the greatest enemy of love is to lie. Don’t lie, says the commandment. Tell the truth.

The third question is this: **How is my faith in the person of Jesus? What is my doubt?** Saint Paul says that love believes all things. The people of his native place rejected Jesus. The gospel says that when the people in the synagogue heard Jesus, “they rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away” (Lk 4:21-30). This can be taken as a metaphor. We have taken Jesus away from our thought, talking, and actions, pushing him to hurl him down headlong. This is what we do when we love little. If you love little, you believe little, and you hope little. If you believe little, you receive little. The gospel also says that Jesus did not perform any miracle in his place of birth because of their lack of faith.

May God bless you always.

Fr. Jesus Peralta

PLEASE NOTE A CORRECTION FOR LAST WEEKS BULLETIN:

Parishioner’s Contributions for the Jan 29th – Jan 30th collections totaled: **\$3,141**

Miscellaneous totaled: **\$1,421**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ’s teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

Tres preguntas simples

Santa Teresa de Lisieux decía: “El amor me dio la llave de mi vocación. Comprendí que el amor contenía todas las vocaciones. No tengo otra forma de demostrar mi amor que tirando flores, es decir, no desperdiciando ningún pequeño sacrificio, ninguna mirada, ninguna palabra, convirtiendo todas las pequeñas cosas en amor.” “El más mínimo movimiento de puro amor es más provechoso que todas las demás obras juntas”, decía San Juan de la Cruz.

Cuando comencé la misa de las 5:30 pm la semana pasada, me inquietó qué decir en la homilía. Sinceramente, pasé mucho tiempo orando y preguntándole a Dios qué decir, y nada me vino a la mente que tuviera sentido para mí. Entonces, le dije al P. Milton: “Estoy completamente perdido. No sé qué predicar hoy, ¿qué vas a predicar?” Entonces el P. Milton me compartió tres preguntas sencillas sobre las que debía predicar. Me dije a mí mismo en el fondo, sí. Me gustan.

Esta fue la primera: **¿Cuál es mi mayor pelea? ¿Cuál es mi batalla interna?** Todos tenemos una dentro. El profeta Jeremías tuvo la suya. No quería predicar a su pueblo. Su familia quería que fuera sacerdote. Dios quería que él fuera su profeta. Jeremías planeó casarse con una chica de la que se enamoró. Sentía muy dentro que Dios lo estaba llamando, pero tenía miedo. Su miedo era su batalla. Su miedo era su obstáculo. Fue en este momento cuando Dios le habló a este niño: “Antes que te formase en el vientre te conocí, antes que nacieras te dediqué, profeta de las naciones te puse”.

Para mí, esto se traduce como: “Yo soy Dios y estoy contigo. Hazte cargo. Sé que será un desafío. No tengas miedo. Enfrentate a tu dragón. Porque yo soy hoy quien te ha hecho una ciudad fortificada, un pilar de hierro, una pared de bronce.” Entonces, amigo mío, la batalla es inevitable. Debemos luchar. Debemos tener coraje. Debemos asumir la responsabilidad. Pero no estamos solos. Dios está con nosotros. Él garantiza la victoria.

La segunda pregunta fue: **¿Cuál es mi mayor regalo? ¿Qué me hace único? ¿Por qué?** San Pablo dice: “Esfuércense por los mayores dones espirituales, pero yo les mostraré un camino más excelente”.

Es amar nuestro llamado más alto porque “el amor nunca falla”. Fuiste hecho para el sentido porque fuiste creado para el amor. ¿Qué significa el amor para mí? El amor para mí significa mejorar, mejorar significa aspirar a mejorar mi ser. El amor dice: mejoraré mi vida para que mi familia sea mejor. Estoy mejorando hoy, la próxima semana, el próximo mes y el próximo año.

Entonces, si amas, te esfuerzas por mejorar tu ser y tu vida, te vuelves menos impaciente y más amable. El amor es lo mejor en mí al servicio de los mejor en ti.

El amor es una virtud y es gracia. Primero se recibe y se articula en el corazón. Entonces se convierte en un hábito. Luego se convierte en una virtud. Por eso los tres mayores enemigos del amor son el resentimiento, el engaño y la arrogancia. Pero el mayor enemigo del amor es la mentira. No mientas, dice el mandamiento. Di la verdad.

La tercera pregunta es esta: **¿Cómo está mi fe en la persona de Jesús? ¿Cuál es mi duda?** San Pablo dice que el ama todo lo cree. La gente de su lugar natal rechazó a Jesús. El evangelio dice que cuando la gente en la sinagoga escuchó a Jesús, “se levantaron, lo echaron fuera de la ciudad, y lo llevaron a la cumbre del monte sobre el cual estaba edificada su ciudad, para derribarlo. Pero Jesús pasó por en medio de ellos y se fue” (Lc 4, 21-30). Esto fue real, pero puede tomarse como una metáfora también. Hemos quitado a Jesús de nuestro pensamiento, de nuestras conversaciones y de nuestra actos, empujándolo para derribarlo de cabeza. Esto es lo que hacemos cuando amamos poco. Si amas poco maltratas y abusas. Si amas poco, crees poco y esperas poco. Si crees poco, recibes poco. El evangelio también dice que Jesús no hizo ningún milagro en su lugar de nacimiento por su falta de fe.

Que dios te bendiga siempre.

P. Jesus



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Committee Members Needed

Do you enjoy decorating and maintaining the beauty of our church throughout the different liturgical seasons? Would you like to get involved in organizing and decorating the altar and the prayer alcoves to keep our church at peak beauty for our parish and visitors? Please call the office today and let us know you want to join our Decorating Committee! We look forward to hearing from you!

Grupo de Oración Carismática

Reúne: Todos los martes después de Misa de 7 pm.
¡Todos están invitados a unirse!!

Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group

Meets: Every Tuesday following the 7pm Mass.
All are invited to join!



Our next Baptismal Prep course for Parents & Godparents will be held on Saturday April 2nd at 9:00AM. Please fill out this form online to register:
www.stbrendan-george.org/baptism

Pastoral Care for Elderly and Homebound

If you or someone you know are unable to attend mass in person because you are elderly, sick or otherwise homebound, please contact our office to be added to our visitation list so we can offer the sacrament of penance and/or communion. Visitations will occur the first Friday of every month.

Si usted o alguien que conoce no puede asistir a misa en persona porque es un anciano, está enfermo o está confinado en su hogar, comuníquese con nuestra oficina para ser agregado a nuestra lista de visitas para que podamos ofrecer el sacramento de la penitencia y/o la comunión. Las visitas ocurrirán el primer viernes de cada mes.

RCIA- Accelerated Program

Are you an adult seeking to obtain sacraments like baptism, communion and/or Confirmation through the Catholic Church? This Accelerated RCIA program is open to any adult person who is seeking to receive any of their missing sacraments.

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Growing in Spirit, Growing in Life

If you are seeking to grow and add purpose and vision to your life, I am beginning spiritual conversations using a coaching approach.

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If you are interested in receiving additional information or setting a meeting to talk, please contact me.

-Fr. Jesus Peralta

Creciendo en el espíritu, creciendo en la vida

Si está buscando crecer y agregar propósito y visión a su vida, estoy comenzando conversaciones espirituales utilizando un enfoque de coaching.

Está abierto tanto a individuos como a familias. Si está interesado en recibir información adicional o programar una reunión para conversar, comuníquese conmigo.

-P. Jesús Peralta

Protegiendo a los Hijos de Dios Protecting God's Children

Se requiere que todos los voluntarios completen una verificación de antecedentes y el curso *Proteger a los niños de Dios*. Tenga en cuenta que hay un curso programado para el jueves 17 de febrero a las 6:00 p. m. en el salón de la Iglesia que se impartirá en español y está abierto a aquellos que son voluntarios o que desean ser voluntarios. Es necesario registrarse: envíe un correo electrónico a CHernandez@StBrendan-George.Org para registrarse



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