

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father." Mt 10:26-33

HOLY MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM & 5:30 PM

DAILY MASS

MON & WED 5:30 PM TUES, THURS, FRI & SAT 8 AM

RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM (during Adoration) SATURDAY

9 AM Parishioners may schedule an appointment for Confession with

one of the priests by calling the parish office.

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9 AM-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM) 614.876.1272

4475 DUBLIN ROAD HILLIARD, OH 43026 STBRENDANS.NET

PEOPLE WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING: **A-M** BRING A SIDE DISH **N-Z** BRING A DESSERT

THIS SUNDAY

12-3 PM

IN THE MPR

FOLLOWING 10:45 AM MASS

HE NAVIGATOR

KIDS GAMES, BOUNCE HOUSES, GAGA PIT, FIRE TRUCK & POLICE (1-2 PM)

> - Plus -SNACK DRIVE & MINISTRY FAIR

MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 26-JULY 2

MON	5:30 PM	Istavan
TUES	8:00 AM	Don Hodgson
WED	5:30 PM	Courtney Lea Smith
THURS	8:00 AM	Gorham Family
FRI	8:00 AM	Bunnell Family
SAT	8:00 AM	Yvonne Johnson
	5:30 PM	Diosdado Lawig
SUN	7:15 AM	Helen Croty
	8:45 AM	Eugenio Family
	10:45 AM	For the People of St Brendan Parish
	5:30 PM	Kenneth Schmidt

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

stbrendan.weadorehim.com

TUES	9 AM-10 PM	
WED	7 AM–5 PM Holy Hour 6–7 PM Confessions available	
THURS	9 AM-10 PM	
FRI	9 AM-10 PM	
SAT	9 AM-1 PM	



SUMMER ADORERS NEEDED

Our commitment to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament does not take a summer break. 54 hours a week are spent in prayer in our Chapel. What if you took a moment to do the same? How would that change your life? Our parish Eucharistic year began on June 11, so now is the perfect time to be our guest for 15 minutes in the Chapel and grow to commit to an hour. You are needed as part of the great Body of Christ to pray and let that prayer change our world. Sign up at **stbrendan.weadorehim.com**

IMPORTANT: Beginning June 20, to increase safety when campus doors are locked after 6 PM, all adorers will need the PIN code to enter the building. Adorers must be registered on the stbrendan.weadorehim.com site to receive a code. The keypad is on the far right side of the doors labeled A2. (A2 doors are located near the statue.) As always, you are encouraged to sign up for a time to adore!

FIRST FRIDAY PERPETUAL ADORATION

Join us to adore our Lord at our First Friday Perpetual Adoration on July 7. Experiencing Jesus in Adoration is one powerful way we can deepen our understanding and devotion to Him in the Eucharist this year. Join us from 8 AM Friday, July 7 through 1 PM on Saturday, July 8. Please sign up through **stbrendans.weadorehim.com** You must be a registered adorer on the site and

sign up to receive the code to access the building after hours. *Please contribute to making our first try of perpetual Adoration a success!*



SAINT BRENDAN INFORMATION CENTER

Church Summer Hours

Weekdays, 6 AM-6 PM (also open during Adoration, evening Mass, and during scheduled events/meetings)

Parish Office Hours Weekdays, 9 AM-12 PM & 1-4 PM (closed 12-1 PM)

New Members – All are Welcome!

Email **receptionist@stbrendans.net** or call 614.876.1272 Request a packet at **stbrendans.net/become-a-member**

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to marriage. Marriage preparation is required.

Baptisms

Celebrated at 12 PM most Sundays. Two baptismal prep classes are required. Request at **stbrendans.net/baptism**

Baptism Preparation Classes

First Sunday of most months at 12 PM (2 classes required). See website for details or email **baptism@stbrendans.net**

Anointing of the Sick Contact the Parish Office.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Jennifer Rice at jrice@stbrendans.net or 614.876.1272, ext 227

Ministry of Evangelization & Catechesis 614.876.1272, fax 614.876.1482

St Brendan School 614.876.6132, fax 614.529.8929

Marketing & Bulletin Request Request form and details: stbrendans.net/marketing Questions? Email marketing@stbrendans.net

Mass Intentions

To schedule an intention, mail request to the Parish Office with **\$10** (due when the request made).

Flowers for the Altar

In remembrance of a loved one or special intention (cost is **\$75**). Donor/intentions are published in the bulletin.

Ministry of Care for Our Homebound

To receive the Eucharist at home or in a facility, contact Jennifer at 614.876.1272, ext 227 or **jrice@stbrendans.net**

Protecting God's Children Class Register at www.virtus.org

POD Nursery

Open most Sundays during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Masses for children ages 6 months to 4 years.

Navigator News

Visit **stbrendan.ccbchurch.com** and create your ParishStaq account to begin receiving our parish e-newsletter. For Sunday worship materials, visit **tinyurl.com/LiturgyAids**

MESSAGE FROM BEN ROMAKER

Greetings, parishioners and visitors to St Brendan. It has been an industrious several months as we navigate the diverse needs of a thriving parish and school. I've been delighted to meet so many new faces, and to serve God with nearly every gift He's bestowed upon me. Between my time split here and at St Margaret, my cup has run over with the warm tidings and support from my new faith families. From rural roots, I moved here almost a year ago to the day and have strived to match the pace and zeal of this amazing parish in my new backyard.



Though I spend some workdays buried in spreadsheets or litigious letters, I'm afforded plenty of creative outlets. One such project, and a personal favorite, was designing medallions for our altar servers at Fr Bob's request. You could say the design brief was very concise: "design medallions for our altar servers," ...so the world was my proverbial oyster. My first iteration was deemed the perfect iteration. Fully bedecked in symbolism and intention, allow me to introduce what I named **Saint Brendan's Compass**...



The outer edge features a nautical rope and compass with the 4 cardinal and ordinal directions. A central cross shape includes a smaller Celtic cross as well as the trinity knot. Finally, four shields bearing the Celtic symbol of water complete the piece. Fr Bob has injected special significance into the ribbons as well, with 3 different color-ways denoting experience, level and responsibilities. Acolytes that rise through the ranks to bear the gold ribbon will be awarded their own medallion to keep.

FINANCIAL DASH		St. Brendan Parish and School					
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Revenue	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School			
Offertory and Gifts	2,444,648	2,444,648	-	-			
Tuition and Fees	3,202,178	- 79,0		3,123,169			
Festival	125,977	125,977 -		-			
ONE Campaign	-	-	-	-			
Total Revenue	5,772,803	2,570,625	79,008	3,123,169			
Expenses	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School			
Salaries and Benefits	3,377,305	692,091	216,667	2,468,547			
Program Costs	294,253	134,868	78,641	80,744			
Administrative Costs	413,740	356,007	-	57,733			
Utilites, Maint, Other	346,883	217,945	-	128,937			
Total Expenses	4,432,181	1,400,911	295,309	2,735,961			
Net	Total	Parish	Faith Formation	School			
Operating Cash Flow	1,340,622	1,169,714	(216,300)	387,208			

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

Wilson Sence Charley Anne Mathews Hannah Therese Steigerwald



Elizabeth Canterbury Paul Harshbarger Jo Jones Dr Peter Kim

SPECIAL ELECTION, ISSUE 1

A special election will take place in Ohio August 8, 2023 to vote on Issue 1, which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60% of eligible voters voting on the proposed amendment." What you can do:



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, PETER'S PENCE

The USCCB has designated this weekend for Peter's Pence Collection (also known as The Holy Father's Collection). These funds provide emergency relief assistance to those who suffer from war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster and are

distributed in the Name of the Holy Father. Please give in the baskets this weekend or scan the QR code to give online. Thank you!





If you would like us to pray for friends or family who are hospitalized or are ill at home or for active duty military loved ones, please email their names to bulletin@stbrendans.net. Or visit our online Prayer Wall and make your request for any other intentions at www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THOSE HOSPITALIZED OR ILL

Michael Boesch	Doris Kopac
Bill Brake	Frank Kreber
Chris Carrino	Jim Logue
Eugene Chervenak	Jane Lumen
Linda Clark	Mary Pat Marchion
Patricia Crane	Jill Markey
Tom Crane	Joe Martin
Ben Diepenbrock	Becky Moyer
Chuck Destefani	Grant Nuss
Mary Jo Flickinger	Tom Speroni
Mary Frick	Pamela Theado
Don Johnson	Mitzie Toth
Bob Kienle	Marilyn Wiggins

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Aaron Grieshop J Sam Imwalle Christopher Keck F Cody Longstreth F

Jackson Maassel Alec Moyer Rick Shonkwiler Rob Shonkwiler

Please continue to pray for all our men and women in service to our country, as well as all healthcare workers and first responders.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, please call 614.876.1272

NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

If you would like the Inviting Catholics Home Ministry to pray for a friend or family member who is no longer practicing the faith, visit the Prayer Wall at **www.stbrendans.net/year-of-prayer** and make your request. Or, write their first name(s) on our St Monica prayer board, located by the Welcome desk and our ministry will pray for their return back to the Church.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 26				
9:00 AM	VBS Grades 1-6	School Cafeteria		
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
7:00 PM	VBS Grades 7-12	Davidson Road		
		Mtg Rms A & B		
TUESDAY, JUNE 27				
6:30 AM	Men's Ministry: Faith Sharing	Davidson Road Meeting Rm A		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM	VBS Grades 1-6	School Cafeteria		
7:00 PM	Parish Festival:	The Carter Center		
	Planning Meeting			
7:00 PM	VBS Grades 7-12	Davidson Road		
		Mtg Rms A & B		
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28	Evaluation A.J. (1	Adamatica Cl		
7:00 AM-5:00 PM 9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration VBS Grades 1-6	Adoration Chapel School Cafeteria		
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
7:00 PM	KofC #11208: 2023-24	Wellnitz Hall,		
7.00 FIW	Officer's Installation	Mtg Rm 1 (w/patio)		
7:00 PM	Summer Bible Study:	Chas McCurdy		
	Romans	Learning Center		
7:00 PM	VBS Grades 7-12	Davidson Road		
THURSDAY, JUNE 29		Mtg Rms A & B		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM	VBS Grades 1-6	School Cafeteria		
7:00 PM	VBS Grades 7-12	Davidson Road		
		Mtg Rms A & B		
FRIDAY, JUNE 30				
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM-10:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM	VBS Grades 1-6	School Cafeteria		
7:00 PM	Summer VINE	OFF-SITE: Ziringer Pool		
SATURDAY, JULY 1		Zinnger i öör		
8:00 AM	Daily Mass	Adoration Chapel		
8:45 AM	The Rosary	Adoration Chapel		
9:00 AM	Confessions	Confessional		
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration Chapel		
5:30 PM	Vigil Mass	School Gymnasium		
SUNDAY, JULY 2				
7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM	Mass	School Gymnasium		
During 8:45/10:45 AM Mass	POD Nursery	Childcare Center		
After 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass	Coffee & Donuts	Davidson Road Mtg Rms A & B		
12:00 PM	Baptismal Prep Class	Wellnitz Hall, Mtg Rms 1 & 2		

CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION CALENDAR

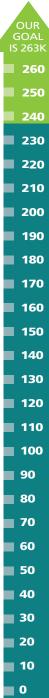
JUNE						
S U N	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Parish Picnic	Parish Picnic 🔘 New Flooring in Church					
VBS Begins 🔘 Repaving of Parking Lot (weather permitting)						





PARKING LOT REPAIRS TO BEGIN ON JUNE 26

Construction on the parking lot will commence on Monday and hopefully be completed by end of the day on Friday. Areas of the main parking lot will be open at various points for weekday Masses and events. Signage and traffic cones will help guide visitors. For easy, uninterrupted parking, consider utilizing the parking strip along Davidson Road. Thank you for your ongoing patience!





Your gift to The 2023 Appeal benefits many ministries and services including Catholic education, evangelization, social concerns and services, and vocations, including the growing list of seminarians starting this fall.

Thank you to all those who have already made a gift or pledge! As of June 19, our pledges total \$236,387 from 465 parishioners, which is 90% of our \$263,000 goal.

All gifts, large and small are important and appreciated. All monies received above goal will be applied toward renovating our lighting system in the sanctuary — a much needed update!

Please pledge to *The Appeal* today if you have not already done so. Return your envelope to the dropbox in the gathering space, mail to the church office, or pledge online by scanning the QR code below or by visiting:

ColumbusCatholicgiving.org/appeal Thank you for

your generosity!

The progress chart shows dollar amounts in increments of \$10,000. Our pledge amount reached so far

is shown in the darker teal color.

LIVESTREAMED MASS

facebook.com/StBrendanHilliard youtube.com/c/SaintBrendantheNavigatorHilliard

- Sunday 10:45 AM
- Mon, Wed 5:30 PM
- Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:00 AM

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS!

We need your help to water and weed our beds around campus this season. Give whatever time you can! To help, contact Jamie Young at jyoung@stbrendans.net

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP, JUNE 25

All are welcome to help one another through this grief journey! Join us for our grief workshop this Sunday evening at 7 PM in Wellnitz Hall. Contact Dennis: **edmuch@me.com** or 614.946.8099

ARE YOU CALLED TO CARE & CONSOLE?

We continue to expand our consolation team to support our families in grief. Roles needed: **funeral coordinators** support and coordinate funeral Masses; **hospitality team** greets, guides and supports families the day of the funeral; **luncheon team** provides a meal after the funeral; **and bereavement support** send cards to families following a loss. Training will be provided. We always need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join our nursing facility teams Sunday mornings and during the week for Communion services or visiting rooms. Commit to once a month or once per quarter. Training is provided and you do not need to be an EMHC already. Please contact Jennifer at **jrice@stbrendans.net** or by phone for more information.

2023 PARISH FESTIVAL

DONATE AN EXPERIENCE If you have tickets to sporting events, vacation timeshares, or other "experience" types of items that you are interested in donating to the 2023 St Brendan Festival Silent Auction OR if you are in contact with a business that would like to donate items, or participate as a festival sponsor, contact Mike Lynch at **festival@stbrendans.net** or 614.264.0314



THE GIVING TREES ARE HERE!

There are 2 giving trees for the 2023 Parish Festival Silent Auction available: one in the lobby across from the Parish Office and one in the School MPR. Please consider donating an auction item to be used in our Silent Auction Baskets. Items should be returned to the bins next to the tree by July 24. For convenience, an Amazon gift list has also been created and

can be veiwed by visiting **https://tinyurl.com/2023-Giving-Tree** Items purchased from the Amazon List will be shipped directly to the Silent Auction Chairs and used to create baskets. Thank you for your generosity!

ST BRENDAN AT 4TH OF JULY PARADE!

Look for the St Brendan float at the Hilliard 4th of July Parade this year! The parade begins at 9 AM, July 4 in downtown old Hilliard. Parishioners are welcome to march in the parade with us! Please fill out the form by June 28 to participate available at https://tinyurl.com/2023-parade

USHERS & WELCOMERS NEEDED

Do you have 30 minutes to share your time and talent once a week or even once a month at Mass? Please join the Usher or Welcome Ministry! All the training you need will be provided. If interested, contact Sheri Raitz at **welcoming@stbrendans.net**

Lead, they'll follow.

Empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their communities.



Knights of Columbus[®] MEMBERSHIP "DELTA CHURCH DRIVE" JULY 15/16



The St Brendan's Knights of Columbus, Council #11208, will be having a Delta Church Drive after every Mass on July 15 and 16. They will provide information, and invite men to join the over 200 St Brendan men who already belong to this international, fraternal organization. Learn about the benefits of how we men can grow our faith, lead and strengthen our families, serve others in our community, and defend life. For more information on who the Knights are, go to www.KofC.org/joinus or contact Timothy Thissen at kofc11208@gmail.com with membership questions.

Seniors NOW

A St Brendan parish social group for those age 60+

JULY 7, 8 AM – 1ST FRIDAY MASS & BREAKFAST Mass followed by breakfast at the Olympic Diner, 5454 Roberts Road.

JULY 10, 12 PM – MONDAY LUNCHEON

Lunch at the Norwich Pavilion in Hilliard. Bring lunch, drink and a chair. (No RSVP required for either event)



FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for St Brendan's 2023 Fall sports including football, cross country, cheerleading, and volleyball. Register by visiting the athletics web page at www.stbrendans.net/athletics

BISHOP WATTERSON HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to these St Brendan parishioner students who attained Honor Roll status with a 3.7 or higher grade point average for the fourth quarter at Bishop Watterson High School.

ADVERTISE IN OUR BULLETIN

Help support our parish by advertising in our bulletin. Contact Kati at Dee Printing 614.777.8700 or kati@deeprinting.com

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ST BRENDAN MINISTRY OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS



2023-24 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Thanks for a great year of Family Faith Formation. Registration is now open for this Fall and we are so excited to see what the coming year will bring. Scan the QR codes below to register for next year or find them in ParishStaq forms.



REGISTRATION (fill out once)



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



The success of our Family Faith Formation program relies on our solid and consistent volunteers, who help to communicate the Truth of the Gospel through their teaching and example. Scan the QR code to the left, to sign up and we will send you a discount code to use.

LEAD CATECHISTS (50% discount) will coordinate adults in leading a group of children in songs, games, and sharing short teachings that are prepared for you by our staff. Catechists also use the online platform Martha to give short feedback and follow up with families as they complete their family meetings at home. Catechists will lead 8 at-church sessions throughout the year, once a month.

AIDES (50% discount) support the Lead Catechist in managing the room and leading activities with small groups of elementary-aged kids. They may support the Catechists to provide feedback for family follow-throughs on the Martha online platform. Aides will assist at 8 at-church sessions, once each month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS (100% discount) will accompany a group of 6th-8th grade children as they mature in their faith. They are good facilitators, using discussion-based small groups to help students grasp the faith. They have a heart for young people, an openness to their questions, and an eagerness to share Jesus and His Church. Small group leaders will be present at 12 small groups throughout the year, usually twice each month.

FAMILY COACHES (50% discount) are present to share their wisdom and accompany 6-8 families. They lead a small group of parents at each family session and are available to help with questions about sharing faith at home and raising kids to be Catholic. They also provide feedback on family follow-throughs for their small group of families via the Martha online platform. Family Coaches are present with their group of parents for 8 parent sessions, once each month.

Questions? Contact Maggie Agra at magra@stbrendans.net or Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENT PREPARATION

For 2023-24, Family Faith Formation at St Brendan will begin to offer three different pathways for families. Each family will be involved in one of the following:

SEEK & ROOT - If you are new to family faith formation, you will join the Seek & Root pathway. These families meet on Monday night at church 10 times throughout the year - twice a month in September and October, and once a month November-April.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION - Families returning to family faith formation and preparing one (or more!) of their children for a sacrament this year will meet on a Monday night five times throughout the year, in addition to sacramental celebrations. These family sessions run from October-March.

CONTINUED GROWTH - Families returning to family faith formation who are not preparing any children for a sacrament are part of the continued growth pathway, which meets on a Sunday morning or evening, OR Monday night 8 times from September-April.

Each of these pathways needs volunteers, too! We need catechists, aides, middle school small group leaders, and parent small group leaders. Please reach out if you have a heart for families and can help!



HAPPENING AROUND THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS...

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SESSIONS

Presented by Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry and sponsored by the North High Deanery: Sessions are held 5 consecutive Sundays, 2-4 PM, July 9–August 6 at Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd, Columbus. RSVP to Debbie Kennedy at **kennedydeborah@yahoo.com**, or call 614.937.0516 by Wednesday, July 5.

EWTN'S LIVING RIGHT WITH DR RAY

Coming to Columbus to tape four (4) LIVE programs and YOU are invited to be part of Dr Ray's LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE! The recording dates are Wednesday, August 9 and Thursday, August 10 at Ohio Dominican University. Each day, the first recording is at 5:30 PM and second recording is at 7:15 PM. Go to **www.stgabrielradio.com** for details and to register online. Attendance is FREE!

BETHESDA HEALING MINISTRY

Abortion changes everything – mood swings, intimacy issues, isolation, and depression. If you or someone you know is struggling from a past abortion experience, please call during office hours 614.719.0277 or (24/7) 614.309.0157

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES

Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversaries in 2023 are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries in honor of their marriages. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate Mass at 2:30 PM on Sunday, September 10, at St John Neumann Church in Sunbury. Registration is now open at https://columbuscatholic.org/marriagefamily/marriage/jubilee

COLUMBUS SERRA CLUB

This Fall, the Columbus Serra Club will challenge eighth grade boys to write an essay of five hundred words or less, answering a question about whether God might be calling them to the priesthood. Writers of the ten best essays will be awarded a \$1,000 tuition assistance grant to a diocesan Catholic high school. In the future, the competition will be extended to high schoolers. Volunteers are needed for this program. To help, contact Mary Pardi at vlahakismary@gmail.com or Car Faehnle at carl@faehnle.com June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When I was in middle school, I came upon a group of students who had singled out another student, accusing her of some pretty rotten things. The Lord must have helped me to be brave that day because I decided to step in and defend her. Thankfully, calling them out on their cruelty was enough to fend them off. Thank God for his presence and aid in that moment! In the first reading today, Jeremiah tells of his experience of being betrayed and accused: "All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped [they say]; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him." But Jeremiah does not lose heart, saying also, "the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion." And Jesus' words in the Gospel echo the resolve of Jeremiah when he says: "Fear no one ... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light ... And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." It seems pretty clear, then, that our job is to bring the Good News of Jesus into the world whenever we can and let his light shine forth by our words and actions. We are commissioned to be warriors for Christ who should not fear injury but rather call upon him in our need and trust in his goodness and mercy to render aid.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Stepping into a conflict or situation can be difficult. But we are not meant to do it alone. Yes, we are called to proclaim the Word of God at every opportunity – to let "zeal" for our Father's house consume us, as we heard in the psalm. And the task at hand may seem a daunting one – until we focus on the second part of the Gospel and soak in the depth of the love Jesus has for each of his children. Matthew writes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." We are not alone as we do the work of the Father; rather, we are known and loved by him and strengthened by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. We can feel emboldened by this as we pursue the everlasting gift of heaven.

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