



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve—Thursday, December 24

† 4:00 pm— LIVESTREAM IN-PERSON (*This Mass is full*)

† 6:00 pm— IN-PERSON (*This Mass is full*) † 8:00 pm— IN-PERSON

† Midnight— IN-PERSON LIVESTREAM

Christmas Day—Friday, December 25

† 8:00 am— IN-PERSON † 8:00 8m— IN-PERSON

IN-PERSON requires pre-registration at www.themadeleine.edu/mass

LIVESTREAM on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass registrations are now open. Because of limited attendance due to COVID restrictions, we have added additional Mass times as compared to past years.

With the limited spaces, we request that you sign up for only one Christmas Eve or Christmas Mass, and that you sign up with the intent of attending, and in the number of

people you expect to attend.

As you can see above, two Masses are full (4:00 pm and 6:00 pm)...but we have many other Masses available.

Extensive COVID precautions will be in place, including mandatory mask/face coverings, social distancing, sanitizing and restrictions on the number of parishioners in attendance.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MARY'S WORDS, "May it be done to me according to your word," offers us a challenging model of trust and collaboration with God. Mary's "yes" to God's will in her life changes everything, not only for her, but within the history of salvation. Each day we are invited to cooperate in God's desire to bring us to fullness of life. How will we answer this invitation today?

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Johnny Yee	Lee Toth
Patricia Mathews	Bill McSweeney
Gaynor Moynihan	Maria Gascon

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers

My Hoang Schoning	Nate Fick
Terry McGraw	Bob Glavan
Robbie Hicks	Charlie Phipps
Larry Mason	Russ Clark

WORSHIP & PRAYER

12/22, Tues. Drew Langevin †
 12/23, Weds. Cecil Keith †
 12/24, Thurs 4:00. Ed Reilly †
 6:00 pm Gaynor Moynihan †
 8:00 pm Bill McSweeney †
 Midnight Paul Wills †
 12/25, Fri. 8:00 am. . The Madeleine Community
 10:00 am. Bill Mackin †
 12/26, Sat. Ferne Stone †
 12/27, Sun. Maria Gascon †

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am: RCIA—Zoom

10:00 am: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

▶ School Christmas Vacation

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

▶ School Christmas Vacation

10:00 am: Adoration—Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

▶ School Christmas Vacation

8:00 am: Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

▶ School Christmas Vacation

▶ Office Closed at Noon

▶ No School Mass today

4:00 pm: Family Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

6:00 pm: Mass—Church  **IN-PERSON ONLY**

8:00 pm: Mass—Church  **IN-PERSON ONLY**

Midnight: Midnight Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

▶ No School; Parish Office Closed

8:00 am: Mass—Church  **IN-PERSON ONLY**

10:00 am: Mass—Church  **IN-PERSON ONLY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:00 pm: Mass—  **IN-PERSON ONLY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27


10:00 am: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON**  **LIVESTREAM**

ACCESSING THE MADELEINE IN TIME OF COVID-19

▶  **IN-PERSON**—To sign up, visit
www.themadeleine.edu/mass

NOTE: School Masses and Weekday Morning Masses do not require pre-registration. Weekend and Holy Day of Obligation Masses do require pre-registration.

▶  **LIVESTREAM**—on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 10:00 am, plus most Thursdays during school, and special events:
www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish

▶ **Confession:** By appointment

▶ **Adoration:** Watch calendar for times

▶ **Daily Emails:** To sign up, visit
www.themadeleine.edu/email

PARISH LIFE

PARISH STEWARDSHIP AND END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Donate online at www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving

As you know, your donations are what keep our parish working. Please, if you are financially able, take a moment and consider The Madeleine this holiday season.

Parish Stewardship Drive

We are humbled and gratified that our parishioners have continued to strongly support the parish. Of course, some folks have been unable to continue their regular stewardship support, but thanks to prudent budgeting and cost savings by our Business Manager, James Wurzer, we're operating without any staff layoffs.

Regular Parish Stewardship is the backbone of our parish budget, offering us the financial stability and means to keep our parish running smoothly and carrying out our ministries to the community.

If you are able, we would of course appreciate any additional support you could

offer. Thank you for your consideration.

Matching Gifts

Many employers will match tax-deductible contributions. If you work for such a company, please consider checking to see if either The Madeleine or The Madeleine School is eligible.

Many ways to give

In addition to regular stewardship via Sunday donations, there are many ways to support The Madeleine:

- One-time gifts
- Estate planning or bequests
- Life Insurance
- Appreciated securities
- Real estate and personal property

If you wish to consider an additional gift to The Madeleine, please contact James Wurzer, our Business Manager, or Father Mike.

Important: To be included in 2020 year-end statements, please have donations to the Parish Office by end of business day December 31. Online donations always available at www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving.

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Two collections: Christmas Eve/Day on Dec. 24/25 AND Sunday, Dec. 27

We just sent all parishioners a letter about this, but we'll also reiterate here. Every year, we budget for both Sunday and Christmas offertory...the Christmas offertory is very important to our annual budget.

Those of you who contribute via envelopes will find envelopes for both Christmas and Sunday, December 27 in your packets. If you are coming to in-person Mass, of course, please bring your envelope with

you. If not, feel free to drop off at the Parish Office or mail it to us.

To our Electronic Givers: to those of you who contribute weekly via EFT or Online Billpay through your bank, if you have not authorized one already, please remember to bring, or schedule, an additional donation for Christmas Day Mass.

You can also make a donation online at www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving

Parish Office closes at noon Christmas Eve



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty...bringing the real, lasting and deep joy of Christmas.

Blessings to everyone in The Madeleine Family for their generosity.

—Marge Westrup, 503-281-7075; Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

MUSIC FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This week marks the fourth Sunday of Advent. In our liturgical calendar, the readings at this time—no matter which cycle we are in—always focus on Mary, and our thoughts turn to the birth of Christ. Often called the “the first disciple,” Mary reminds us to say “yes” with abandon to the will of God—even in times when we might be uncertain or afraid. In fact, as Mary shows us, it is precisely those times in our life when our faith is the strongest.

This week’s Psalm 89 says “Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.” It is officially called the “Lament over God’s Promise to David,” and was originally not a psalm of joy at all! What, then does this psalm have to do with Mary? Well, perhaps we can take our cue from Mary



– who joyfully proclaimed to the Angel Gabriel, “may it be done to me according to your word,” – when she most certainly would have had feelings of fear and anxiety. If so, then it makes sense that on this Fourth Sunday of Advent we will proclaim Psalm 89 with joy and thanksgiving no matter what our circumstance!

The psalmist (or cantor), takes time for silent reflection before proclaiming the Responsorial Psalm. We call this sacred silence. Its musical equivalent is called a rest, which is as important as singing the notes! And while a few seconds can seem like an eternity when on the altar, it is important for everyone to rest spiritually before the proclamation of the Psalm. —*Maria Manzo*

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

During this very unusual time with COVID-19, we have not been able to provide the Holy Eucharist and/or home visits to our parish homebound. If you are in need of this ministry or know of a parishioner who is in need, please let us know. Arrangements will be made for a phone call, note or other support in a socially distanced and protected protocol until it is safe to come together once again. If a parishioner desires Anointing of the Sick, Confession or the Eucharist, contact the parish office and Father Mike will be notified. Please call the parish office for more information at 503-281-5777 or email to homebound@themadeleine.edu

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS “YEAR OF ST JOSEPH”

In an new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary

THE MADELEINE BOOK CLUB WISHES YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

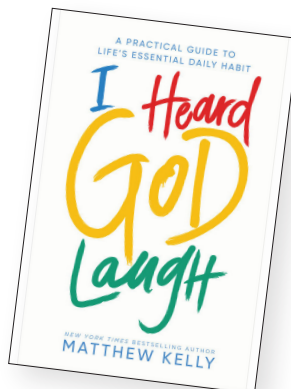
MBC joyfully invites both new and long-time parishioners to join our congenial book club community. Our January reading selection is *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan. Please contact our ministry coordinator for more information: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834 Blessings to all in this most glorious holy season!



of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same fest in 2021.

PICK UP YOUR COPY OF “I HEARD GOD LAUGH” AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

As we do each year, we are offering a Christmas gift to everyone in the parish. This year, we’re offering *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly. Pick it up when you attend Mass at Christmas, or stop by the Parish Office during business hours.



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Masses:

Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday (School Mass) 2:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

► Signup for in-person Saturday & Sunday Mass at www.themadeleine.edu/mass or call the Parish Office

► Livestream 10:00 am Sunday and 2:00 pm Thursday at youtube.com/themadeleineparish

Penance . . . By appointment; call Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Hours Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

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Infant Baptism—Darlene Maurer ext. 25

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist—Trisha Mumm ext. 27

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Confirmation—Fr. Mike ext. 11

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Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Monday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

Show your
Madeleine Pride!

Hang this "Madeleine Together" sign in a street-facing window so everyone can look for them while walking their neighborhoods enjoying Christmas lights. Send pictures of your sign, or signs you see, to Jenn Langhus, jlanguh@themadeleine.edu, so we can post it on social media.

You can pick a poster up in the church at Mass, or in the Parish Office during business hours. Or, download your own printable copy at www.themadeleine.edu/together



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE—KEEP BRINGING YOUR DONATIONS IN!

The Madeleine community always recognizes a good cause when they see one, and has supported Sleep in Heavenly Peace from day one! In Portland and across the US, too many boys and girls go without a bed—or even a pillow—to sleep on. These children end up



sleeping on couches, blankets, and even floors. This can affect their happiness and health. That's where SHP comes in. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

Through Christmas, Sleep in Heavenly Peace is accepting bedding donations at The Madeleine. Please look for the blue bin located in the vestibule or bring to the Parish Office. All donated bedding of new twin sheet sets (no extra long please), pillows, and blankets or comforters must be new and still in the original packaging. Thank you, The Madeleine Community for your continued support.



Mark's Gospel: The Whole Story

We read Mark at Sunday Eucharist in the 2021 liturgical year. This Bible study will take a fresh look at this gospel, its cycles of oral tradition, its use of story, and will pay special attention to women's presence as disciples. Participants will learn skills for deepening their own reading and interpretation of the gospels.

Course sessions will use *Mark's Gospel: The Whole Story* by Joan Mitchell, and the New Testament. Via Zoom, the 90-minute sessions will include presentation and small and large group conversation and activities.

- Jan 21 Read the introduction to *Mark's Gospel: The Whole Story*, pp. 4-12.
- Jan 28 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 1, pp. 13-16; also Mark 1.1 and Mark 16.1-20 and *Whole Story*, Chapter 2, pp. 17-20. Also Mark 1.2-13.
- Feb 4 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 3, pp. 21-27. Also Mark 1.14—3.35. Jesus' women disciples.
- Feb 11 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 7, pp. 50-54. Also Mark 1.12-13 and 8.22—9.8.

No classes during the first weeks of Lent.

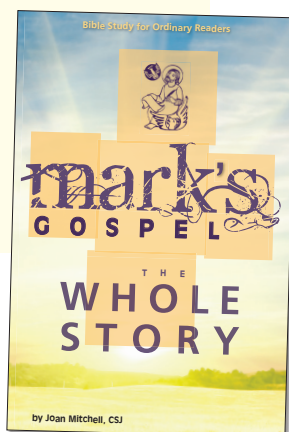
- Mar 25 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 10, pp. 73-83. Also Mark 14.1-15.47, Palm/Passion Gospel. In memory of the anointing woman.
- Apr 1 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 11, pp. 84-88. Also Mark 16.1-8, Easter Vigil Gospel.
- Apr 8 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 4, pp. 28-32. Also Mark 4.1-34.
- Apr 15 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 5, pp. 33-41. Also Mark 4.35—6:33; 6.45-51.
- Apr 22 Same readings as for April 15.
- Apr 29 Read *Whole Story*, pp 42-49. Also Mark 6.34-44; 6.52—8.21.
- May 6 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 7, pp. 50-59. Also Mark 8.22—10.52.
- May 13 Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 8, pp 60-67. Also Mark 11.1—12.44. Read *Whole Story*, Chapter 9, pp 68-72. Also Mark 13.1-37.

When: 12 Thursdays. The class is divided into two parts:
Part 1: January 21—February 11. Part 2: March 25—May 13.

Time of day: 1:00—2:30 eastern time
12:00—1:30 central time
11:00—12:30 mountain time
10:00—11:30 pacific time
8:00—9:30 Hawaii

Instructor: Joan Mitchell, CSJ, PhD New Testament, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul.
MTS Harvard Divinity School, Boston.

Cost: There is no cost for the class. The class text is \$10.00 including shipping.



To register, mail in this form to Good Ground Press or call 800-232-5533. A zoom invitation will be sent for the first class.

Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Please call Sister Joan or Lacy with any questions you have. 800-232-5533.
Mail to Good Ground Press, 1884 Randolph Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105

SAVE THE DATE!

Exclusive Virtual Retreat with Composer Dan Schutte

Join us for an exclusive virtual retreat *just for The Madeleine Community* by legendary Catholic musician Dan Schutte—one of the best-known and most influential composers of Catholic music for liturgy in the English-speaking world. Some of his most celebrated songs include “Here I am, Lord,” “City of God,” and “Sing a New Song.” You might also know Dan’s work from his videos that we play at Masses during Lent, Advent and other seasons.



This retreat is designed to be experienced two ways:

- ▶ In the comfort of your own home ...or...
- ▶ Gathered safely as a faith community in the Old Church (limited capacity, to be determined)

You won’t want to miss this opportunity to be part of this virtual experience with Dan, with a live Q&A chat after the last session.

JANUARY 26

6:30-7:30 pm

Paying Attention to God

FEBRUARY 2

6:30-7:30 pm

Staking our Lives on Jesus

FEBRUARY 9

6:30-8:00 pm.

Sent as Disciples of Hope
Live 30-minute Q&A
follows

Registration opens Tuesday, January 5. Space is limited.

Watch the bulletin & website for more information

Questions? Email Maria Manzo, mmanzo@themadeleine.edu.

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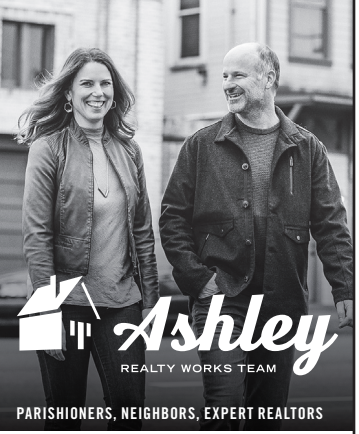
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