

EARTH IS CALLING: TO BLESS AND BE BLESSED

Earth Day/Earth Month events and activities with Therese Fenzl

What does it mean to be blessed by the earth and to bless the earth? One of the focuses I have very much appreciated since coming to The Madeleine is the community's strong commitment to care for our earth. I am in awe of the beauty of this part of our earth, Portland, Oregon.



I have grown in understanding, awareness of so many ways I can make a difference in healing and preserving this beautiful planet. As we celebrate Earth Day I invite us as a community to take some time to reflect, pray, plan concrete actions that arise from our concern for our planet and every living thing that dwells on it, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

I will be offering three activities to help empower us to support each other as a community who cares about our earth:

▶ Signing of the St. Francis Pledge at 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 25. We will also enjoy the beautiful Litany

for the Earth. The St. Francis Pledge is so simple and yet so all encompassing of what earth is asking of us.

- ▶ I will lead 12 weekly group faith sharing experiences (approx. 30 minutes each) for adults beginning April 25. Intended to be in-person outdoors on The Madeleine campus or in the Old Church.
- ▶ I'll also lead 12 weekly opportunities for families (approx. 30 minutes each) to gather during which we will focus on the above themes and presented in an engaging and appropriate way for children and parents.

Let us come together to continue deepening our commitment. We will be announcing final locations and meeting times soon. Email to tfenzl@themadeleine.edu for more information.

More information on our website at www.themadeleine.edu/earth-is-calling

Divine Mercy Sunday

AS CHRISTIANS, WE BELIEVE in life that is stronger than death, in love that is stronger than evil, in light that is stronger than darkness. This faith in the redeeming grace of God's mercy allows us to continue on in hope even in the face of adversity and seeming defeat. Before his passion, the disciples had come to believe in Jesus the wonder worker, the teacher, the Son of God. Now, they find themselves face-to-face with Jesus, the one who died and rose again, the Lord of life. Jesus desires to share this life that is stronger than death with all people of all times and places. When did this good news first come to you and how have you passed it on to others?

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Donald Kayser
Judith Montgomery

Consuelo Hernandez

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Nan Kullberg	Barbel Durrett
Mike Mangina	Mike Reilly
Donna Mason	Todd Kersten
Lori Taylor	Gloria O'Brien
Kathy Gaitan	Peggy Barnett
Chad Garvens	Larry Mason

WORSHIP & PRAYER

04/13, Tues	Robert Kester †
04/14, Weds	Mike Reilly
04/15, Thurs	Dolores Wolf †
04/16, Fri	Barbel Durrett
04/17, Sat	McKinley M. Lloyd †
04/18, Sun	Carl Howes †

Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event Information inside

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CITY ... ONE BLOCK AT A TIME

Adopt One Block is a local nonprofit encouraging City of Portland residents to adopt and care for our environment one block at a time. Participants choose a location and commit to weekly walking the public portion of the block, picking up litter and debris, and properly recycling or disposing of the trash. Anyone, any age, can participate (when and how you do this is your choice). Here's how to become a Block Ambassador:

- ▶ Select a block anywhere in the City of Portland you would like to adopt.
- ▶ Submit the block to the organizer at

www.adoptoneblock.org

- ► Request collection supplies you may need trash grabber, gloves, trash bag.
- ▶ Begin weekly walks of your adopted block.
- ▶ Let us know what block you have adopted, and share your stories and photos with us at bulletin@themadeleine.edu with subject line "Adopt One Block."
- ▶ Spread the word with friends and family about how they can become Block Ambassadors too.

Questions: Darlene Maurer, dmaurer@ themadeleine.edu

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 am: Mass-First Communion-Church





TUESDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 am: Mass-Church

9:00 am: Adoration-Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 am: Mass-Church

2:45 pm: Music Enrichment (Virtual)

5:30 pm: Buildings & Grounds-Zoom

7:00 pm: Choir zoom rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

2:00 pm: Mass—Church





FRIDAY, APRIL 16

▶ School 11:30 Dismissal—Teacher Meetings

8:00 am: Mass-Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

5:00 pm: Mass-Church

IN-PERSON ONLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 am: RCIA-Old Church

10:00 am: Mass-First Communion—Church





SCHOOL MASS RETURNS TO **THURSDAYS ON APRIL 15**

With our parish school students returning to everyday in-person school, School Mass returns to Thursdays at 2:00 pm beginning April 15. In person and livestream.

ACCESSING THE MADELEINE IN TIME OF COVID-19

- ▶ ••••••• IN-PERSON —Pre-registration is no longer required; max attendance 150 people, COVID safety procedures in place.
- ▶ **LIVESTREAM** —on our YouTube channel every Sunday at 10:00 am, School Masses, and special events:

www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish

- **▶ Confession:** By appointment
- ▶ Adoration: Watch calendar for times
- Parish Emails: To sign up, visit www.themadeleine.edu/email

PARISH LIFE

PARISH YOUTH MUSIC **ENRICHMENT**

Wednesdays 2:30-3:00 pm via Zoom

If you like to sing and would like to learn more about music, then sign up to join our Virtual Youth Music Enrichment ministry!

Although we are not able to sing together yet, there are things that we can do virtually to learn about music and to sing "together.' Each 30 minute rehearsal will focus on learning how to read music, followed by some virtual singing. We hope to be able to put a virtual choir together in the near future.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this program, please contact Dr. Manzo directly at mmanzo@ themadeleine.edu. Rehearsals have already started, but it is not too late to join!

PRE-REGISTRATION NOT **REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON MASS & EVENTS**

Pre-registration for in-person Mass and events are no longer required. Please note:

- ▶ We will be limiting attendance to 150 people (30% of our church's capacity).
- ▶ ALL COVID-19 precautions are still in place, including: Mandatory mask wearing, mandatory social distancing and hand sanitizing, sanitizing after Mass and more.
- ▶ Please do not come to Mass if you have any of the following symptoms: Cough, fever, headache, muscle aches.

We will continue to livestream Mass on our YouTube channel.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

You are most cordially invited to join our group to discuss some excellent reading material. For further information or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.

MILESTONES

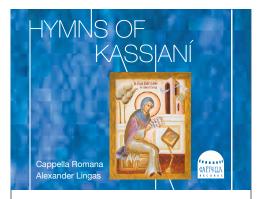
Baptism

Congratulations and welcome to **Ripken Summer Estrada-Bard** daughter of Jeffrey Bard and Xochitl Reyna Estrada, who is joining the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend!



FIRST COMMUNION **COMMENCING THIS** WEEKEND

Due to COVID restrictions, our entire First Communion class will not be able to receive this sacrament together, but will do so over the next three weekends. Please pray for our young parishioners, and also thank our catechists who worked to prepare them.



Hymns Of Kassianí, an album by Cappella Romana, recorded in our Old Church in May of 2020, will be released on April 16. The album features the world's earliest music by a female composer: 9th-century nun, poet, and hymnographer Kassianí (Kassía).

Cappella Romana is the world's leading ensemble in the field of medieval Byzantine chant. Performed by an ensemble of female and male singers, this is the first of a planned series to record all of Kassianí's surviving works For more information or to pre-order, visit www.cappellaromana.org/kassiani/



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" As you turn to others during Mass today and say "Peace be with you", also remember those who are poor and hungry.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Now that Holy Week is over and we

have celebrated Easter Sunday, the Church plunges headlong for the next 50 days into the Season of Easter. Yes, the celebration of Christ's Resurrection is just getting started! This Sunday is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday." It always occurs on the Octave of Easter (that is, the eighth day of Easter).



In today's Gospel, Christ appeared to His disciples and revealed his wounds in his hands and feet—erasing the doubt of even Thomas, who declared He would not believe Christ had risen from the dead until he could personally see and feel Christ's wounds. (Incidentally, this is where the phrase "doubting Thomas" comes from.) It is quite remarkable that, although inwardly Christ was fully healed and whole again, he chose to keep those physical scars as further proof of his suffering and dying on the cross for our sins.

Thankfully for us, Christ never gives up on his promises! Fast forward nineteen centuries when Christ appeared to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska and revealed to Sr. Faustina that divine mercy is the love that he has for mankind, despite our sins that separate us from him and asked for a Novena, or nine days of prayer from Good Friday through the octave of Easter to pray for these intentions. Thus, "Divine Mercy Sunday" was born. This

feast day was officially instituted by Pope

John Paul on April 30, 2000, on the day Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was canonized. Unlike some other devotions, the main prayer is short and repetitive—"Merciful Jesus, I trust in you"—so thankfully there is not much to remember! The directive says that the Chaplet of the Divine

Mercy should be said at the 3:00 pm hour-which coincides with the crucifixion of Christ on Good Friday. Special "plenary indulgences" (extra forgiveness from temporal sin) are said to be granted to those who recite the Divine Mercy prayers, take part in Mass, confession or other suitable actions on Divine Mercy Sunday, although many devout Catholics also make these prayers a part of their daily devotions. For those who like to sing, one of the most popular Divine Mercy Chaplets is a contemporary version by Catholic singer, Donna Cora Gibson. Tune in to any Catholic radio station to hear it—especially at the 3 pm hour.

Suffice to say, any commemoration of Divine Mercy Sunday will go a long way towards healing the "scars" of sin in our life—and draw us closer to the divine healer—Jesus Christ. Yes, the season of Easter has just begun!

-Maria Manzo

PARISH LIFE

VACCINE OUTREACH MINISTRY

If you or a family member need help navigating the COVID vaccine gauntlet, email to vaccine@themadeleine.edu

You can visit our Vaccine Outreach Ministry information page at www.themadeleine.edu/vaccine

We are updating the page as often as we find new information to post, so check back frequently.

CAMP HOWARD 2021

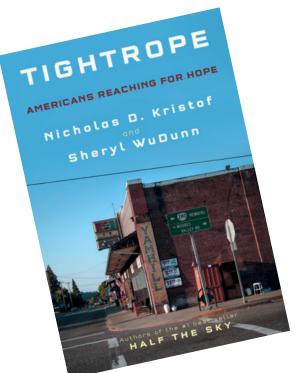
Join us for Summer Day Camp and Family Camp at Camp Howard this summer. Make friends, explore the outdoors, enjoy traditional camp activities like archery, arts & crafts, pedal carts, swimming, fishing, and more. Open house dates: Saturday, May 22nd, 2 pm to 5pm & Sunday, June 27th, 2 pm to 5pm.

Ministries and friends: feel free to send your news and updates to bulletin@themadeleine.edu
Please send your information by
Tuesday, 5:00 pm for the weekend's bulletin.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES Masses: Wednesday8:00 am Thursday (School Mass)2:00 pm Friday8:00 am Saturday Vigil5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am ▶ Pre-registration for in-person Mass attendance no longer required 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–3:00 pm **Phone**: 503-281-5777 **Fax**: 503-281-0673 School Office 503-288-9197 PARISH STAFF Rev. Mike Biewend—Pastor fathermike@themadeleine.edu.....ext. 111 **Deacon Mike O'Mahoney**—Permanent Deacon deaconmike@themadeleine.edu Carol Glasgow—School Principal cglasgow@themadeleine.edu . . 503-288-9197 James Wurzer—Business Manager jwurzer@themadeleine.edu.....ext. 118 **Darlene Maurer**—Pastoral Assistant dmaurer@themadeleine.edu ext. 125 **Therese Fenzl**—Director of Spiritual Ministries tfenzl@themadeleine.eduext. 116 Maria Manzo—Director of Music mmanzo@themadeleine.edu ext. 113 **Ann Hart**—Events Manager ahart@themadeleine.edu Nadia Stickney—Bookkeeper nstickney@themadeleine.edu ext. 119 Mary Prusso—Registration/Special Events mprusso@themadeleine.edu ext. 112 Janeen Reilly—Parish Administrator jreilly@themadeleine.eduext. 110 **Terry Silva**—Facilities Support tsilva@themadeleine.eduext. 117 **Rich Hammons**—Director of Communications rhammons@themadeleine.edu..... ext. 129 SACRAMENTS Marriages, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick-Fr. Mikeext. 111 Infant Baptism—Darlene Maurer ext. 125 First Reconciliation, First Eucharist— Trisha Mummext. 127 RCIA-Christi Bohmbach, rcia@themadeleine.edu **Confirmation**—Fr. Mike.....ext. 111 COUNCILS & CONTACTS Pastoral Council—Ron Oliver.....503-281-9070 Finance Council—Jim Jones. . . . 503-284-3301 **Buildings & Grounds**—Erin Couch . . 503-281-9575 **School Advisory**—Catherine Glavan, 503-875-4679 Facility Requests—themadeleine.edu/facilities Maintenance Requests—James Wurzer iwurzer@themadeleine.edu.....ext. 118

Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu



A SPECIAL INVIATION FOR OUR MADELEINE COMMUNITY

From the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty

A Virtual Zoom Event

COMING IN JUNE!!

Watch for more details & registration to follow!

An Evening with
Nicholas D. Kristof
Conversation and Questions on Poverty
What are our moral imperatives?

How to Prepare!

- Obtain and read the book "Tightrope"
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 Powell's Books, \$16.95 (paperback) 503-228-4651
 Amazon, \$13.59 (paperback) Kindle \$10.99 Amazon.com
- Choose from the following resources:

 OPB Passport members can view a video documentary of Tightrope, with Kristof/WuDunn providing commentary.

NYTimes Book Review interview of Kristof/WuDunn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qGYIIWe5zP8&t=5098s

Katie Couric interview with Kristof/WuDunn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLS-W3tSq-E

• Note your questions for Mr. Kristof.





For COVID-19 safety, this year's event will be limited to electronics to reduce the number of volunteers required. You will unload your own items and volunteers will direct you to proper recycling bins. Masks are required.

ELECTRONICS ITEMS BEING COLLECTED INCLUDE

Desktop computers Cameras Computer components

Printers/scanners

Laptops Telephones Gaming consoles/systems

TVs & monitors Electric power tools Cable & satellite equipment

Cell phones Stereo/audio components

Keyboards/mice Cords, wires & chargers Miscellaneous electronics

ITEMS NOT BEING COLLECTED AT THIS EVENT

Please save household batteries, fluorescent lights, ink cartridges, athletic shoes, and Styrofoam for our next event, hopefully in Fall 2021.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

GOD'S MERCY IS FOR EVERYONE, ALWAYS

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus said to St. Faustina, 'be merciful to everyone always' (December 24, 1937). To everyone: let us not think only of our interests, our vested interests. Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that then we may be struck by an even worse virus, that of selfish indifference—a virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me, and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me. It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, discarding the poor, and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress.

"The present pandemic reminds us that there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice that is undermining the health of the entire human family! Let us learn from the early Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles. It received mercy and lived with mercy: 'All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need' (Acts 2:44-45). This is not some ideology: it is Christianity.

"In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. God gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. The salvation God offers us is the work of God's mercy and is for everyone. No human efforts, however good they may be, can enable us to merit so great a gift. God draws us to himself and makes us one with him. We too can love others as God has loved us, giving our lives for one another. Whoever experiences divine mercy, is impelled to be an architect of mercy among the least and the poor. Let us receive mercy and let us give mercy."



St. Faustina's Mission

Polish born Helena Kowalska (1905–1938), was the third of ten children. When almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, became Sr. Maria Faustina and devoted her life to the message of God's mercy. She traced her spiritual experiences with Christ in her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. She was canonized in 2000.

St. Faustina's life-long dedication to God's mercy was the direct result of her mystic encounter with Jesus, who gave her this mission. "Today I am sending you with my mercy to the people of the whole world. Speak to the world about my mercy. Let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. Let them have recourse to the fount of my mercy. Let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them. Before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the doors of my mercy. One who refuses to pass through the doors of my mercy must pass through the doors of my justice. Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy."

St. Faustina's Prayer

I want to be completely transformed into your mercy and to be your living reflection, O Lord. Help me, that my eyes may be merciful, so I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue. Help me, that my ears may be merciful, so I may heed my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains. Help me, that my tongue may be merciful, so I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness. Help me, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so I may do only good to my neighbors by doing the difficult tasks. Help me, that my heart may be merciful so I may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. Jesus, I trust in you!

Our Mission Today: Witnessing to God's Mercy

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis reminded us that the Church, which means each of us its members, is called to witness to the power of God's mercy to transform us and our world.

"The Church is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative and has loved us first (1 John 4:19). Therefore we can move forward, boldly taking the initiative, going out to others, seeking those who have fallen away, standing at the crossroads and welcoming the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of God's infinite mercy. Let us try a little harder to take the first step and to become involved by word and deed in people's daily lives, to bridge distances, to embrace human life and to touch the suffering flesh of Christ in others."

"Today there is need for people to be witnesses to God's mercy and tenderness. So many situations require our comforting witness. I am thinking of those burdened by suffering, injustice and tyranny; of those enslaved to money, to power, to success, to worldliness. We are all called to comfort our brothers and sisters, to testify that God alone can eliminate the causes of existential and spiritual tragedies. Any environment, even the furthest and most impractical, can become a place where our witness can bear fruit. There are no situations or places precluded from our Christian presence and witness. The witness that Jesus asks of us is not closed, but is open. It is in our hands."

What can each of us do today to be more merciful as Jesus was?

- Whom have I 'infected' with my faith and trust in God?
- How many people have I encouraged with my hope for a better life for all?
- How much love have I shared with those in my life?
- How might I take the first step to heal some broken relationship?
- How might I act to change in some small way the injustice I see around me?



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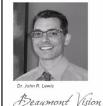
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