



# THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • October 30–31, 2021

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

Please bring photos of deceased loved ones to the church

The month of November is traditionally the time in the Catholic Church when we remember those who have passed, both in the previous year and before.

### Photos or Memorial Cards

Please bring photos or memorial cards of your deceased family members and

friends to place on a table at the front of the church. Drop them off at the Parish Office, or bring them with you when you attend Mass.

Please make sure all photos are clearly marked on the back with name and phone number so they can be returned.

## ALL SOULS SERVICE OF LIGHT

Tuesday, November 2, 6:00 pm

All Souls Day in the Catholic Church has traditionally been a day to commemorate the souls of the faithfully departed.

Our beautiful Service of Light will be an opportunity to reflect and pray for deceased loved ones. During the service there will be special music by The Madeleine



Choir, including selections from the John Rutter "Requiem," and Michael Kissinger's "Jazz Requiem."

Those in attendance are encouraged to bring a picture of their deceased, and to light a candle in remembrance during the service.

## ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Monday, November 1 • 8:00 am

Join us Monday, November 1 at 8:00 am for All Saints Day Mass. While not considered a Holy Day of Obligation this particular year, we will celebrate it at The Madeleine for all who wish to attend.

Annually celebrated on November 1, the day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Come, celebrate the saints in our lives. All are welcome.

## A SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future.

A Synod, which is the process by which the Church will begin this important work is not just a convening of Bishops reflecting on a particular topic and advising the Pope. A Synod is a journey of discernment, in

which the people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Through our listening and our sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit's will is for the topic being discussed—and thus, for the Church.

For the 2023 Ordinary Synod of Bishops, that topic is synodality. Simply put, synodality is discerning how the Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ, so that we may continue to fulfill our mission to evangelize in the world.

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE READINGS THIS SUNDAY call us to listen to the word of God that makes clear the new law of love. Rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures and confirmed in these readings, the commandment that matters most is to love God and to love one another. There is no need for ritual sacrifice but instead we are called to carefully make God's love the center of our lives.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Virginia Richards—Funeral November 1, 1:00 pm  
 Donald Zimmer Patrick Sweeney  
 Dan Feltz Carolyn Kolibaba  
 Cheryl Hulscher

## PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are ill, or in need of our prayers  
 Larry Marbott Sherill Resch  
 Kevin Pennick

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

11/01, Monday . . . . . Virginia Richards †  
 11/02, Tues. . . . . Joyce Nico †  
 11/03, Weds. . . . . Emilia & John Erhart †  
 11/04, Thurs. . . . . Pete Bencich †  
 11/05, Fri. . . . . Bill McSweeney †  
 11/06, Sat. . . . . Peter Cullen  
 11/07, Sun. 8:00 am . The Madeleine Community  
 10:00 am . . . . . Edna Mae McSweeney †  
 7:00 pm . . . . . James Hubler †

# Calendar This Week

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 am: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

10:00 am: Mass—Church

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

7:00 pm: Contemplative Mass—Old Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

► All Saints Day

8:00 am: Mass—Church

1:00 pm: Funeral for Virginia Richards—Church

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

► All Souls Day

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

6:00 pm: Service of Light—Church

7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Zoom Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

► School Picture Day

8:00 am: Mass—Church

6:30 pm: Pastoral Council—Fireside Rm

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm: Safety and Security

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

2:00 pm: Mass—Church

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

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

► School: Free Dress for Canned Food

8:00 am: Mass—Church

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

5:30 pm: The Madeleine School Auction

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 am: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

10:00 am: Mass—Church

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

7:00 pm: Contemplative Mass—Old Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

## PARISH LIFE

### MADELEINE BOOK CLUB

You are most cordially invited to join our group of spirited reviewers of some excellent books selected by our members. We are currently reading *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr to be discussed at our November meetings.

Our group of men and women are also sincere prayer warriors for the intentions of those whose needs are brought to our attention. Please reach out to us at any time.

To join the book club, submit a prayer request, or for further information, please contact our MBC ministry coordinator Gretchen Stevenson at 503-312-6834, or by email at [gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com)



### LAUDATO SI FAITH SHARING GROUPS

- Sunday, October 31: Noon Zoom Meeting
- Monday, November 1: 6:30 pm Zoom Meeting

You are welcome to join us even if you missed the first 3 gatherings. We will focus on Chapter 4: “Integral Ecology” this weekend.

### SAFETY & SECURITY MEETING

The Madeleine Safety & Security Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3 at 7 pm. Appropriate COVID precautions will be followed to ensure the health and well-being of everyone in attendance. If the weather doesn’t cooperate, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

The Madeleine Safety & Security Committee serves in an advisory capacity, supporting the efforts of the school and the parish to provide a safe and secure faith experience. The Committee is currently drafting an Emergency Action Plan, providing a framework for preparedness

planning, decision-making, and emergency response to a disaster, pandemic, or other critical events.

The Committee welcomes new members from diverse fields and backgrounds to enrich our discussion and broaden our vision in our efforts to provide for the safety of our Madeleine School children, parents and parishioners. If you have an interest in becoming a member, or are looking for more information, please contact Dan O’Brien, Safety & Security Committee Chair, at [safety@themadeleine.edu](mailto:safety@themadeleine.edu) or visit our web page: [www.themadeleine.edu/site/safety-security/](http://www.themadeleine.edu/site/safety-security/)

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND DUE NOVEMBER 16

Due to scheduled travel, we have an extra-early deadline for the Thanksgiving Weekend (November 28) parish bulletin

If you have information to submit for the November 28 bulletin, please have it in no later than November 16.

For those keeping track, yes, that means that both November 21 & 28 bulletin submissions are due on the same day.

Questions or submissions? Email to [bulletin@themadeleine.edu](mailto:bulletin@themadeleine.edu)

## Annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive

The Madeleine Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be conducting its annual Christmas Food Box Drive starting November 7, 2021, through December 17, 2021.

We expect to serve 50 families with Food Boxes, and gift items for families with young children. There will be lists available for needed items. Donations can be returned to the St. Vincent de Paul collection barrel in the back of the Church. As always our parishioners have generously supported this event and we are grateful for your participation in this ministry. Thank you so much.



**In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us:** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul?

— Mary Clare O’Brien, 503-309-7639

## ALL HALLOWS EVE—AND MORE!

The tradition of Halloween, it seems, has blossomed into one of our most popular secular celebrations in the country. Perhaps it is a sign of the times, but it is estimated that \$6 billion annually is spent on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday after Christmas!

While now a distinctly American tradition, Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. This day marked the end of summer and the beginning of the dark, cold winter—a time of year most often associated with human death. The Celts believed that on this night, the boundary between the world of the living and the dead was blurred and ghosts would return to earth. Commemorated with bonfires and costumes to ward off ghosts, this event was known as All Hallows Eve, and later, Halloween.

In the 8th century, Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Roman Pantheon to honor all Christian martyrs, and the Feast of All Martyrs Day was established in the Western church. Pope Gregory III expanded the feast to include all saints as well as martyrs and moved the feast to November 1. By the 9th century, the influence of Christianity had spread, where it gradually blended with and replaced older Celtic rites. In 1000 A.D., the church officially made November 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor all the dead.

In today's Western Church, All Saints' Day (also called "All Hallows" or "Hallowmas"), is the sacred version of Halloween. It is a day set aside specifically to honor those known martyrs and saints recognized by the Church, and thus usually a Holy Day of Obligation for its importance. I mean, without those "heroes and defenders of faith", where would we be? In historically Catholic countries, All Saints is a national holiday. Across much of Western and Eastern Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers or candles lit on the graves.

On the heels of All Saints' Day, we celebrate All Souls' Day—a time for us to pray, not just for our official "canonized" saints, but for ALL who have died—including our loved ones. I have

said before that the Communion of Saints—all of them—is one of the aspects I like best about being Catholic. We choose a Saint's name at our Confirmation, look to the Saints to help us find lost articles, sell our homes, heal our bodies and souls, and during every Mass, we always pray for those that have gone before us. I take solace in the fact that I am still connected to my dad and other family, and now my sister—in death, as in life.

While the Church does not consider All Souls' Day a holy day of obligation, traditionally parishes will honor those that have died with a Requiem Mass or other liturgical service. At The Madeleine we do just that, offering a Service of Light on All Souls' Day. The music itself is taken from various Requiem Masses (or Mass for the Dead). This year, the opening Introit is taken from the Requiem of John Rutter, first performed in 1985. Although in its entirety it has its dark, haunting moments, the beauty of this movement conveys a message of hope and comfort. During the service, votive candles will be lit during the singing of the Litany of the Saints, to include those who have died this year in our parish. At the conclusion, Michael Kissinger's Jazz Requiem combines the ancient Latin chant, "In Paradisum," with an almost lullaby-like paraphrase of the ancient prayer—which was traditionally sung in a procession on the way from the final blessing in the church to the cemetery. At The Madeleine, we also go one step further. The names of all those that have died in our Parish the last 110 years are remembered on banners hung around the church. We are literally surrounded by Saints!

Indeed, more than mere statues in a church building, or names on a banner, as Catholics we believe wholeheartedly that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth—and that brings us together as one body of Christ. As St. Therese of Lisieux said, "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."

*All Souls' Service of Light: Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00 PM*

—Maria Manzo



## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

### Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday ..... 8:00 am  
 Thursday (During school) ..... 2:00 pm  
 Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 7:00 pm

### Notes:

► Livestream 10:00 am Sunday and 2:00 pm Thursday at [youtube.com/themadeleineparish](http://youtube.com/themadeleineparish)

**Penance** . . . . . By appointment; call Parish Office

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# In Memoriam

## THE MADELEINE FAMILY REMEMBERS

### VIRGINIA RICHARDS

A Funeral Mass will be held for longtime parishioner Virginia Richards on Monday, November 1, 1:00 pm at The Madeleine.

Virginia Irene Jones was born December 1, 1931, in Kansas City, Kansas, the oldest child of Gilbert and Erma Jones. She attended elementary schools in Topeka, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri. In 1943, her family moved to Oregon and settled in LaGrande. She graduated from LaGrande High School in 1949.

After high school, she stayed in LaGrande to attend Eastern Oregon College (now EOU) to study pre-nursing. She went on to receive a BS in Nursing at the University of Oregon Nursing School (now OHSU) in 1954.

She continued her education in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she learned to give anesthesia and ultimately became a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She worked for a brief time in Chicago before returning to Portland to work at different hospitals, including Holladay Park, Good Samaritan, and Vancouver Memorial.

She married Edward Richards in 1963, putting her career on pause to raise their four children. After raising her family, she returned to nursing and worked at various nursing homes

in the area.

In her retirement, she was grandma to six grandchildren, supporting each in their educational journeys. She was a longtime member of The Madeleine community, where she attended Mass regularly, served on the Altar Society, and attended various Bible study classes throughout the years. Her faith was a central part of her life and remained strong to the end of her time here on earth.

She is survived by her four children: Douglas of Happy Valley, OR, Gary of Burbank, CA, Janice of Beaverton, OR, and David and his wife Beth of Gorham, ME; and her six grandchildren.

The family expresses their gratitude to all who have reached out and offered their support in this difficult time, and request any donations made to the donor's favorite charity in Virginia's name.



*Please pray for Virginia, her family, and all the faithfully departed from The Madeleine*

## PARISH LIFE

### MASS INTENTIONS DURING NOVEMBER

During the month of November, we especially remember all of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Mass intentions are a wonderful way of honoring our beloved deceased and for the living who face challenges for which they receive special graces from the offering of the Mass. Envelopes are in the church vestibule or you can request a Mass throughout the year by contacting the Parish Office.

#### Mass Intentions Explained

Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. A Mass intention means that the sacrifice is being offered for someone living or dead. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons such as in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (i.e. on a birthday), or most commonly, for the repose of a soul of someone who has died. By doing so, the priest applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. The tradition of

offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church.

A Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present. At the Mass, the Holy Spirit turns the bread and wine into the actual Body and Blood of Christ. This act is not merely a symbolic gesture. Jesus died on the cross while also giving us the gift of the Eucharist for bringing the sacrifice forward in time. A Mass intention, then, allows for inclusion of a particular purpose close to our hearts. When receiving communion, an individual's participation in the Eucharistic sacrifice is complete and their intention becomes open to the fullness of the power of the Eucharist.

When faced with the death of someone close to us (even a person who is not Catholic), offering our prayers and requesting a Mass intention for the repose of their soul are more beneficial and comforting than any sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. At the time of requesting a Mass

intention, the requester is asked to make a recommended donation of \$10 (often referred to as a stipend). The donation does not pay for the graces from God (they are of infinite value and cannot be paid for). Rather, a stipend for a Mass intention is meant to cover expenses of providing not just that particular Mass, but the entire infrastructure related to celebrating the Eucharist. Likewise, the person requesting a Mass intention made a sacrificial offering of their own.

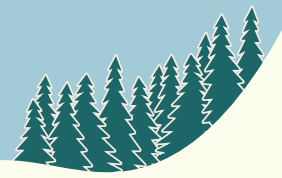
Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" Consequently, Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

#### Requesting a Mass Intention at The Madeleine

Mass intentions at The Madeleine may be requested through the Parish Office. At the time of requesting a Mass intention, you may select a card for memorializing the requested Mass intention.



# A Madeleine Snow Day



An evening in support of  
The Madeleine School

Presented by Theory Mortgage

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## Refresh the Dream. Replace the Turf!

**Each year, we hear from parishioners asking how they can assist with the school auction.  
Best way to help: Help fund our paddle raise for new turf on the Field of Dreams!**

The Madeleine Field of Dreams needs a refresh! After 15 years of kids running, kicking, sliding, dodging, and wrestling, the original turf has been completely worn down and is far beyond its intended lifespan. Just as a previous generation of parents, parishioners and friends invested years ago, we need to maintain what has been entrusted to us.

### *A Brief History of the Field*

Back in the 1960s, the entire field was paved in asphalt. Then in the early 2000s a group of devoted Madeleine parents and parishioners had an ambitious, seemingly unattainable dream: replace the cracked, slippery, crumbling, knee-skinning, clothes-tearing, bruise-inducing asphalt playground and create a multi-use field our community could be proud of.

The entire community gathered together...parents, grandparents, parishioners, alumni and friends. They raised money, they donated professional services, they got grants and foundation donations... and they turned that broken-down asphalt patch into a green, fun, beautiful oasis: the Field of Dreams. Their investment of time, talent and treasure made possible the many activities our kids enjoy on the field today: recess, gym class, CYO practices, Jogathons, school field days, epic kickball tournaments, and so much more.

The Field of Dreams is the backyard of our community, where kids drift in to burn off energy before homework and parents chat along the sidelines. Many teens who graduated from The

Madeleine return to the field on weekends just to hang out or for extra practice time.

And now, in a time when our children must be physically distanced from one another, the Field of Dreams is where they get a "brain break" to run and reset so they have the capacity to learn.

### *Our Team Goal*

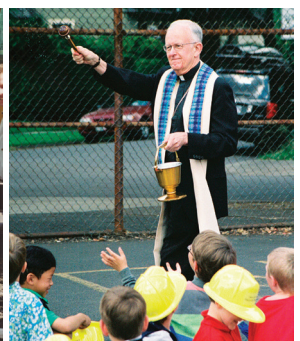
Whether this is your child's last year at The Madeleine or their first, it is time to come together. Regardless of whether you're paying it forward or investing in your future, here are the stats you need to know so we can reach our goal together:

- ✦ Thanks to steady field rental fees through the years, we're starting with a nest egg of \$60,000.
- ✦ The Field of Dreams Replacement Project is estimated to cost \$170,000 (including complete turf replacement and maintenance for the first few years).
- ✦ Our goal is to raise at least \$90,000 during the paddle raise, with the remaining balance being raised through generous donations from the larger community.

Fifteen years ago, The Madeleine community dreamt big and built the field that our children and the entire community enjoy today.

Refresh the dream. Replace the turf!

If you're attending the auction, raise your paddle high. If you are not, donate today at [www.themadeleine.edu/turf](http://www.themadeleine.edu/turf)



# MADELEINE MARKETPLACE 2021 CALL FOR VENDORS

Visit [www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace](http://www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace) to register

Our annual Madeleine Marketplace Holiday Bazaar is Thursday, December 2, 2021. We are reaching out to potential vendors with an invitation to operate a booth selling items.

The one-day outdoor Marketplace opens at 2 pm and closes at 8 pm, taking place in front of The Madeleine Parish Hall/Field of Dreams. Hundreds of parents, kids, parishioners and community members get a kick start on their Christmas shopping, buy hostess gifts for holiday entertaining, and much more. The evening's festive atmosphere is embellished with our annual Christmas tree lighting.

Food and drink are available for purchase as well as kids crafts, gingerbread house contest, caroling and pictures with Santa.

### Vendor FAQ:

- ▶ Table fee is \$60. Registration deadline is November 28
- ▶ The event ends at 8 pm.
- ▶ Vendors can begin booth setup at 1 pm on December 2, 2021.
- ▶ This a family friendly event. Children are encouraged to participate.
- ▶ Tables will be assigned.
- ▶ We have 8-foot rectangular tables & 60" round tables available. Please be sure to specify your preference when you register for the event.
- ▶ Vendors act as their own bank and take payments at their own risk.
- ▶ Food and drink will be available for purchase.
- ▶ The Marketplace organizers retain the right to refuse vendors if the products are not appropriate. (Please no cannabis products or any images or objects that are not child friendly.) If it is determined that your products are not appropriate for this event your table fee will be refunded.

Questions? Contact Julie Kupers at [jkupers@themadeleine.edu](mailto:jkupers@themadeleine.edu), or leave a message at 503-281-5777.

**THE MADELEINE  
MARKETPLACE  
& TREE LIGHTING**

Come Meet Santa!

**DECEMBER 2ND, 2021  
2:00PM - 8:00PM**

**Bundle up and bring that festive spirit! Meet in front of The Madeleine Parish for our open-air Marketplace.**

**Enjoy local vendors, crafts and goods. Dinner, hot cocoa and spirits for sale. Followed by live music and tree lighting.**

**Come join us!**  
**3123 NE 24th Ave**  
**[www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace](http://www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace)**

## A versatile event oasis in the heart of Historic Irvington

With life getting closer to normal, we invite you to consider The Madeleine for your upcoming event needs.

### THE MADELEINE HALL—

Whether dressed up for a formal gala, decorated for a dance, or setup for a professional dinner, The Madeleine Hall is our largest and most versatile space. The high, gabled ceiling adds a majestic air, but the unique configuration retains an intimate feel.

### THE FIRESIDE ROOM—

On its own, The Fireside Room is a warm, cozy space for meetings, talks, recitals and small banquets. It seamlessly pairs with The Madeleine Hall for larger events or as a social area or silent auction space.



taking, historic setting. This beautiful space offers brand-new convenience and comfort with an historic 1911 aesthetic.

### ST. CATHERINE ROOM—

This beautiful fellowship room, regaled with historically restored stained glass, is ideal for meetings, seminars or combined with The Old Church for larger events.

From wedding receptions and retreats to auctions, recitals and fundraisers, our versatile spaces—all air conditioned—are beautiful, cost effective and include ample amenities to make your event truly special.

**THE OLD CHURCH—**After undergoing a thoughtfully spectacular \$4.1 million renovation, **The Old Church at The Madeleine** is available for events from 20 to 200 people in a breath-

**Contact Ann Hart, Events Manager**  
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**or call the Parish Office at 503-281-5777**

# The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 31, 2021



## PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

*The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed falls on November 2 each year.*

*Say a prayer for the dead in your family and community.*

In your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.

In this life you embraced them with your  
tender

love; deliver them now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:  
welcome them into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or  
pain, but fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).

In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their offering of life for others. But, what does veneration mean and why do we pray to the saints?

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthened by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints brings us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed.



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