



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • January 29-30, 2022

THE MADELEINE SCHOOL 2022-23 OPEN HOUSE AND ADMISSIONS

Open House and Tours: Sunday, January 30, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
Priority registration for parishioners through January 31, 4:00 pm

It's that time of year again...time to start thinking about school enrollment for Fall 2022. We invite all interested parents and guardians and their children to come visit the school, and learn more about our commitment to providing an academically excellent and faith-filled education for the children of our community.



Spread the word to your friends and neighbors and tell them to give our principal, Carol Glasgow, a call for more information about our school.

▶ Open House and Tours will be held on Sunday, January 30, right after Mass until 1:30 pm.

▶ New this year...all teachers will be in their classrooms to meet prospective new parents and students!

▶ Priority registration is offered for registered parishioners at The Madeleine until January 31, 4:00 pm.

▶ To receive in-parish tuition rates, families must be registered and active in the parish for at least 6 months prior to enrollment.

▶ Financial aid available. Please contact the school office for details.

Visit www.themadeleine.edu/admissions for more information, or contact Carol Glasgow, cglasgow@themadeleine.edu or 503-288-9197.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AS HAPPENED TO PROPHETS BEFORE HIM, Jesus was not embraced with loving arms. He met resistance early on in his ministry. Speaking the truth and challenging the status quo is always risky. Paul says that among the spiritual gifts of faith, hope and love, love is the greatest. Jesus showed this in his ministry. If we follow him, we will encounter resistance. But faith, hope and love can sustain us.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Bob Swanberg
Steve Judge
Tom Foster

Anh Hoang
Dorothy Baker
David Kimball

GUITARIST YURI LIBERZON CONCERT AT THE MADELEINE

February 5, 7:00 pm • Old Church • Portion of ticket sales benefit The Madeleine

Classical Guitarist Yuri Liberzon, a rising star in the classical guitar world, will present a concert in The Old Church at The Madeleine on February 5, 7:00 pm.

Launching the Faces of the Guitar Series of CDZ Collegium Musica, his program will consist of his own published arrangements of Bach Violin Sonatas, works by Leo Brower, and a premier performance of works by Konstantin Vassiliev, which he recently completed on the Naxos label. These exciting new virtuosic works by Russian composer Konstantin Vassiliev are thoroughly modern and appealing, containing a wonderful synthesis of classical, American Jazz, and Russian folk music. (An interesting side note, director Dr. Peter Zisa is a former Music teacher at The Madeleine School.)



Born in Russia, raised in Israel, Yuri has been described as "unquestionably an outstanding talent and certainly one of our very top guitarists" (Manuel Barrueco, Peabody Conservatory of Music).

Visit www.CdzCollegiumMusica.org for more information and tickets

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of negative COVID-19 test result is required for admittance of adults. Masks are required.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Kitt & Corrine Jordan
Marty Foster

Patrick Jasper

WORSHIP & PRAYER

02/01, Tues. Angel Diaz †
02/02, Weds. Brian James †
02/03, Thurs. Jane Reilly †
02/04, Fri. Kathy Sheahan
02/05, Sat. Alan Morrill
02/06, Sun. 10:00 am Daniel Sundholm †

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 am: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

9:00 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Rm

9:00 am: Confirmation Class—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Mass—Church

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

11:30 am: School Open House

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

► Catholic Schools Week: Celebrating Families

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

► Catholic Schools Week: Day of Service & Giving

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus—Fireside Rm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

► Catholic Schools Week: Celebrating Students

8:00 am: Mass—Church

6:30 pm: Pastoral Council—Zoom

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm: Safety and Security—Fireside Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

► Catholic Schools Week: Celebrating Vocations

2:00 pm: Mass—Church

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

► No School: In-service Day

8:00 am: Mass—Church

8:30 am: Dept. of Catholic Schools—Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

 **IN-PERSON ONLY**

7:00 pm: Guitar Concert Series—Old Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 am: No 8:00 am Sunday Mass this weekend

9:00 am: Confirmation Class—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Mass—Church

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

ACCESSING THE MADELEINE IN TIME OF COVID

► **Mass livestreams:**

www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish

► **Parish Emails:** To sign up, visit

www.themadeleine.edu/email

Care for our Common Home *Laudato Si*

GREEN TIPS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

Even though our landscape may be under a white blanket of snow (or ice) at this time of year, it is not too early to start thinking about planting in the spring. The ritual of planting a tree is a good way to celebrate a baptism or to symbolize the new life that comes with the Resurrection (there is no snow left at Easter!).

If you decide to plant a tree, consider planting it on the south side of a home which can help lower heating and air conditioning costs. During the summer, the tree's foliage provides welcome shade as it blocks the harsh rays of the sun. During the winter, since the tree is bare, the sun's rays will help to heat the home.

PARISH LIFE

MADELEINE SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday February 2 • Fireside Rm

The Madeleine Safety & Security Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2 at 7 pm, in person, in the Fireside Room. Appropriate COVID precautions will be followed to ensure the health and well-being of everyone in attendance. A virtual meeting may be used as a contingency.

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 or visit our web page, www.themadeleine.edu/safety

INVITATION TO REFLECT ON SYNOD PROCESS

Therese Fenzl, Director of Spiritual Ministries, is facilitating two Zoom sessions to reflect on Pope Francis' invitation to Synod from his book *Let Us Dream*, pp. 81-94. These sessions will include Scripture, faith sharing and prayer. The focus of this second session will be pp. 87-94. You do not have to have the book to attend. Even if you missed the first session, you are welcome to join for the second. Please send your name and email to: tfenzl@themadeleine.edu

► Monday, January 31, 6:30-7:30 pm

A CONVERSATION WITH CARDINAL WILTON D. GREGORY AND SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

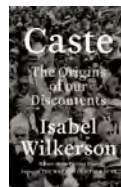
February 1 • 1:00 pm

Join Cardinal Wilton Gregory, archbishop of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, and Sister Helen Prejean, as they discuss the death penalty in the United States in a webinar presented by RENEW International and The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.

In addition to sharing their own views of capital punishment, Cardinal Gregory and Sister Helen will talk about how Catholics can participate in civil discourse on this polarizing topic and how Catholics can take part in the movement to abolish the death penalty. Visit www.bit.ly/tmp-212022 for information or to sign up.

MADELEINE BOOK CLUB

We cordially invite you to join our group for opportunities to connect with other readers for great book discussions and camaraderie. We are currently reading *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson to be discussed in February. For details, please contact: Gretchen Stevenson, MBC Ministry Coordinator, 503-312-6834 or gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"They left everything and followed him." Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on May 27-29 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton, Oregon. To apply for YOUR WWME Experience or search other dates go to rediscoverthepark.org

For information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthepark.org

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

This past weekend I had the pleasure of hearing Father Michael Driscoll speak at The Madeleine for an NPM (National Pastoral Musicians) workshop on Liturgy and Music. Among his numerous accomplishments in 40+ years of priesthood, Father Driscoll co-founded and directed the Sacred Music Program at the University of Notre Dame. Suffice to say, his inspirational thoughts on the role of music in liturgy, coupled with the boisterous singing by those in attendance (we sang ALL the verses of “How Can I Keep from Singing?” and “Sing a New Church”), reminded me once again of why we sing at all.

First and foremost, we sing because God gave us all the gift of the human voice. We were born with it and because of that, it can never be taken away. A baby sings with abandon—and if nurtured, that gift of song will always be a part of their life. But don’t take my word for it. In the document, “Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship” (Chapter One: Why We Sing), the Church says: “God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises.” The document goes on to say, “A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things.”

Throughout history, human beings have looked to song to inspire, to pray, and to express human emotion. In times of war and peace, oppression and freedom, in joy and in sorrow, we sing! The early Church chanted the Psalms as a way to transcend the spoken prayer and reach to the heavens. We sing of praise to God, we sing the blues, of love and lost love, and everything in between. Most of all, we sing, not just for ourselves, but for one another. Quite simply, singing builds the kingdom of God.



In her book, “Melodious Accord”—a treatise on congregational hymn singing—legendary choral composer, conductor and teacher Alice Parker has this to say: “Music, especially song, is the most human of the arts. It needs no materials or tools other than the ear and throat—along with mind and heart. When we sing alone, we are led out of ourselves into the world of the song. When we sing together, we create a community, a communion in sound. The group becomes more than the sum of its parts: It is creating beauty.”

Thankfully, as Catholics we have a designated Saint to protect our human voice. St. Blaise is known as the Patron Saint of Throats (legend has it he once cured a child choking on a fish bone, among other miracles). Each year on February 3, it is customary to bless the throats of the faithful with two twisted candles in the shape of a wishbone. Coincidentally, St. Blaise is also considered the protector of the City of Dubrovnik, Croatia—the home of many of my family and friends. A gigantic statue of St. Blaise (Sveti Vlaho) sits high atop St. Blaise Church in the heart of the Old City of Dubrovnik. Since the 10th century, the statue has survived earthquake, fire and even war—miraculously remaining undamaged.

In conclusion, it is perhaps St. Augustine who says it best: “Singing is for the one who loves. Music is therefore a sign of God’s love for us and of our love for him.” And that, in a nutshell, is why we sing.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and
earth, How can I keep from singing?*

—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

Notes:

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

Penance By appointment; call Parish Office

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Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu



In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God’s poor is indeed living gospel values. Is God calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

—Mary Clare O’Brien, 503-309-7639

POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES A SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

We invite and encourage your participation

“It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium. Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey?”

—Pope Francis

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church worldwide to embark on a journey together—Synod on Synodality (formally known as “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”). In 2022, through listening and discernment, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding its mission and future. We will travel together on a journey of spiritual discernment guided by God’s word and the Holy Spirit. It is a grace-filled event and a process of healing.

What is a Synod?

Formally speaking, a Synod is a meeting of bishops gathered to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance, and culminating in a document of advice or counsel to the Pope. A Synod is the mechanism by which the Church begins this important work. However, it is not just a convening of Bishops reflecting on a particular topic and advising the Pope. Rather, 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 sharing, we will seek to understand what the Holy Spirit’s will is for the Church. Pope Francis extends the invitation to the entire Church, and promises to intently listen for understanding and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

What do we mean by Synodality and what is its purpose?

Simply stated, Synodality is discerning how the Holy Spirit is moving through and with the Body of Christ, so that we may continue fulfilling our mission to evangelize in the world. Pope Francis stated his intent for this particular Synod



as a *“Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries”* (Homily, October 10, 2021). It’s a personal invitation extended to each of us for shaping the future Church.

Three verbs define the path for this Synod—encounter, listen, and discern—and these two questions will lead us in doing that:

- ▶ Are we good at listening?
- ▶ How good is the “hearing” of our heart?

If we approach the Synod with sincerity, we are sure to be amazed by the ways in which the Holy Spirit leads us to fresh paths and new ways of thinking and speaking.

In the spirit of Synodality, Pope Francis has challenged us to *“... not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. Certainties often close us off. Let us listen to one another”* (Homily, October 10, 2021).

When will I be invited to participate in this Synod?

As a signal of its importance, Pope Francis launched this two-year global

Synod consultation process in October 2021, and it concludes in Rome in October 2023. At the direction of Archbishop Sample and the Synod Steering Committee, we will begin preparations in January 2022.

Here is a preliminary timeline:

Now until...

- ▶ **August 15**—Prayer Phase.
- ▶ **January 20**—Virtual workshop for Archdiocesan pastors, pastoral council chairpersons, religious superiors, apostolate directors, and Catholic leaders.
- ▶ **February & March**—Parish Participation Phase.
- ▶ **April & May**—Vicariate (regional) Participation Phase.
- ▶ **June**—Archdiocesan Discernment Phase.
- ▶ **July**—Preparation of Report and Submission to U. S. Bishops.
- ▶ **August 15**—Conclusion of Local Participation in the Synod.

How is The Madeleine Parish preparing for this Synod?

Prayer and adoration will form the foundation of the Archdiocese of Portland’s Synod discernment process. Discernment gatherings will take place at three levels: parish, vicariate (regional), and diocesan. As a parish (and throughout the Archdiocese), we will be praying the special Prayer for The Synod on Synodality found on the inside cover of the Breaking Bread books. Copies of the prayer card will also be available for taking home and including in daily devotions.

During the parish phase, pastors, with the help of Pastoral Council members and others, will organize discernment sessions. During this phase, all are invited and encouraged to participate in the Synod.

How will you respond to this important invitation?

Can we count on you to participate in this important work?

“Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening, and discernment. In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first” (Pope Francis’ Homily, October 10, 2021).

Academic Excellence and Faith-Filled Education

Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 30–Feb. 4 • Open House on Sunday, January 30



Catholic Schools Week highlights and celebrates all Catholic Schools, but especially our very own, The Madeleine School!

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide.

National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors.

For the 2022-23 academic year, The Madeleine School will hold an **Open House on Sunday, January 30, 11:30 am–1:30 pm**. For more information, see front page of this week's bulletin, visit www.themadeleine.edu/enroll, or contact school principal, Carol Glasgow by email to cglasgow@themadeleine.edu or by phone at 503-288-9197.

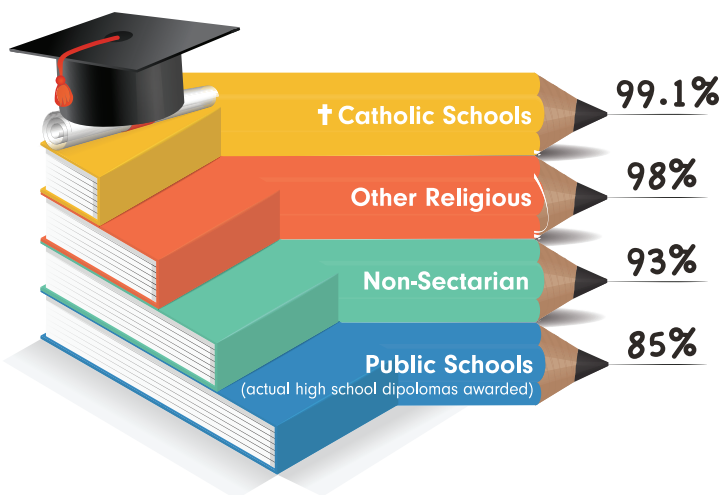
THE MADELEINE SCHOOL QUICK FACTS

- † Accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association
- † Highly developed Science, Math, Music and Arts curriculum with science lab and musical instruments for every student
- † One-to-one technology in Middle School; technology integrated into lessons and activities; computer lab
- † Teacher aides in K-3 classrooms
- † Hot lunch available 5 days per week*
- † Reading and learning specialists on campus 5 days per week
- † Dedicated specialist teachers for Music, Art, Science, PE and Technology
- † Counselor on campus
- † Numerous student activities, including CLEAN Club, after-school choir, student government and yearbook
- † On-site before- and after-school care program*
- † Inclusive playground for children of all mobilities

** Offered in years prior to 2021-22, and anticipated to be offered in 2022-23 depending on COVID protocols at that time.*

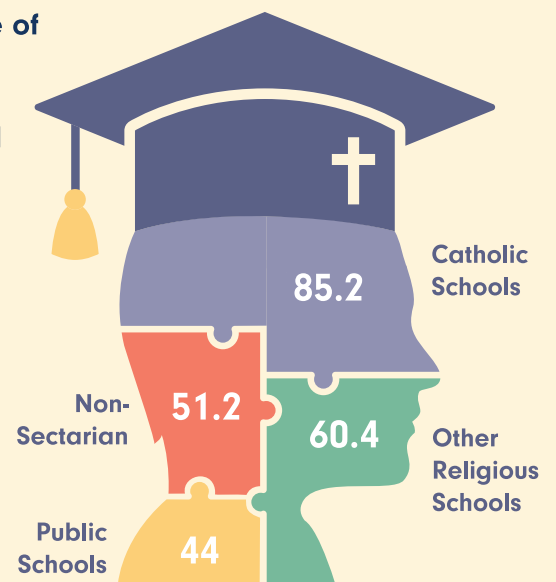
U.S. Graduation Rates

A look at national high school graduation rates.



Source: Broughman, S.P., Swain, N.L. (2019); Stillwell, R., and Sable, J. (2018-2019).

Percentage of high school graduates who attend a four-year college



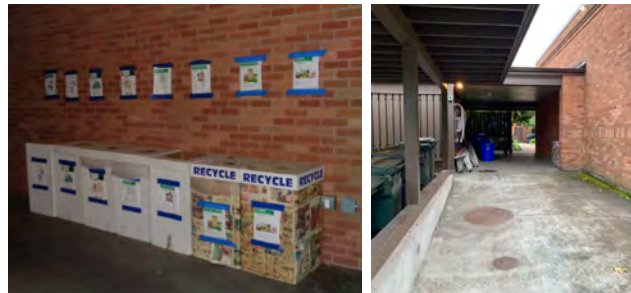
Sources: Broughman, S.P., Kincel, B., and Peterson, J. (2019); McFarland et al. (2019).

RECYCLING PROGRAMS EXPANDED AT THE MADELEINE

Marked collection bins in the breezeway facing 23rd Ave.

The Madeleine's Laudato Si' Circle and Care for Creation Ministry have joined with U. S. based recycler, Terracycle, to offer our parish, school, and community opportunities to responsibly recycle specific items (primarily plastics) not generally handled at curbside. Terracycle has added more manufacturers to its program, and in turn, we have expanded our recycling offerings. Here is a current listing of what we are collecting. Please keep this in mind:

- ▶ Do not include garbage or items not specifically mentioned in the descriptions.
- ▶ Empty containers of contents. No need to wash first; * ensure packaging is dry.



STYROFOAM AND POLYSTYRENE

We have identified a local recycler of Styrofoam and Polystyrene (anything marked #6 like block packaging, meat trays, and to-go containers).

*Please thoroughly wash and dry food containers



METAL-BASED COOKWARE AND CUTLERY

All brands of metal-based cookware, bakeware and cutlery (non-stick Aluminum, Stainless Steel, Carbon Steel, Cast Iron). Please make sure items are thoroughly clean and dry.



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All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units), rigid plastic packaging, and flexible plastic bag packaging.



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All brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, water-color dispensers, highlighters, paint sets, and flexible packaging.



HAIR AND SKIN CARE/COSMETICS

All brands. Hair care packaging (bottles/caps of shampoo and conditioner, hair gel tubes/caps, hair spray triggers, hair paste caps). Skin care packaging (lip balm tubes/caps, soap dispensers/tubes, bottles/caps of body wash and lotion dispensers). Cosmetics packaging (lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases, eyeliner pencils, foundation packaging, powder cases).



FOOD STORAGE

All brands of well-used plastic and glass food storage containers.



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All brands of fully extinguished cigarettes (and ashes) and tobacco products, including filters, plastic packaging, inner foil packaging, rolling paper, and loose tobacco pouches.



OFFSITE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES

REDYPER DISPOSABLE DIAPERS

Subscription service for purchasing and recycling Redyper brand disposable diapers through Terracycle

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Offers zero-waste packaging of everyday essentials (beauty, health and personal care, grocery, and household essentials) from leading brands (including Haagen-Dazs!) Details at www.loopstore.com

Details on all programs at www.themadeleine.edu/terracycle

The Liturgical Year



Presentation of the Lord, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas, and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the fortieth day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present him/her to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up forty days after Christmas, and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary."

The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to the entire world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of Ordinary Time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

The candles you hold for the blessing may come from your parish, or you may bring your own from home. If you like to

use blessed candles for household prayer throughout the year, here is your chance to get them. On the day following this feast, our calendar permits the option of commemorating St. Blase, a bishop and martyr of the early Church. Legend has it that he once freed a child from choking, and while imprisoned under persecution he received light from friends who visited his cell with candles. Our Church still uses candles from the Presentation of the Lord in the blessing of the faithful's throats on St. Blase's Day. Blessed candles in our churches and homes signify the living presence of Christ in our community. With Christ as our light we warm a lost and wintry world.

St. Blase's Day, February 3

On St. Blase's day, February 3, many Catholic communities offer a blessing of throats. The custom began in the sixteenth century, although Blase is thought to have died about the year 320.

Little is known with certainty about his life, but Blase lived in Armenia, where he is remembered as a bishop. To escape the persecution of Christians under the emperor Licinius, Blase hid in a cave. Wild animals thronged to him because he healed their sick, according to a legend.

Eventually, the legend continues, hunters discovered him and took him to civil authorities. On the way he rescued a poor woman's pig from the mouth of a hungry wolf. Unmoved, the anti-Christian authorities imprisoned Blase. The grateful pigowner brought him candles to brighten his cell. While in jail, Blase miraculously dislodged a fishbone from a boy's throat. The memory of these events—the use of candles and the healing of a throat—influenced later devotions. Blase was tortured with the iron combs used to card the wool of sheep. Then he was beheaded.

Blase is the patron of those with sore throats. On his day the faithful are blessed with this prayer: "Through the intercession of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The minister offering the prayer holds two unlit candles in the form of an X against the bare throat of the recipient. Anyone may invoke this blessing. If a priest or deacon gives it, he makes the sign of the cross over the faithful to conclude it.

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THE MADELEINE
MARDI GRAS
FAT TUESDAY • MARCH 1

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