



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • February 26–27, 2022

Lent 2022 at The Madeleine

As we begin to emerge from the isolation of the last two years, we invite you to join...in person as you are comfortable...into the many Lenten services and events we have planned. See Page 7 inside for our Lenten schedule, or visit us online at www.themadeleine.edu/lent

TELL POPE FRANCIS WHAT YOU THINK!

We request your participation for the Synod on Synodality
 In-person session Sunday, Feb. 27, 11:30 am in the Old Church

Beginning this weekend, we are offering several ways of participating in the Synod—the invitation to you from Pope Francis to discern how he is to lead the Catholic Church of today and the future. He wants to hear from YOU and from the Church worldwide. Here are the ways you can participate in the Synod process:

► **Facilitated Listening Session**—Attend one of the following one-hour facilitated “listening sessions:”

- **In Person—February 27, 11:30 am**, in the Old Church (with pizza lunch).
- **Via Zoom—March 6, Noon**. Email to synod@themadeleine.edu to register and receive the Zoom link.
- **Online Form**—Anonymously submit responses through our parish website at www.themadeleine.edu/synod
- **Handwritten Response**—Submit responses anonymously in writing and drop off at Parish Office or in the collection basket.

Text of questions & more info at www.themadeleine.edu/synod

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHAT JESUS TEACHES HE LIVES, and in today’s continuation of the Sermon on the Plain, he is the wisdom teacher voicing his expectations of this same integrity in his disciples. If we are blind to our own shortcomings, yet judgmental about those of our sisters and brothers, we have no right to guide them with our advice. In other words, we can’t focus on others before we focus on bringing the best out of ourselves. Jesus invites us to be honest and assess ourselves with a critical eye.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Don Kullberg David Kimball

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Beth Willis Carl Mason
 Virginia Henry Chris Nieman
 Mary Nieman Don Dunbar

WORSHIP & PRAYER

03/01, Tues. Carl Mason
 03/02, Weds. 1:15 pm. Virginia Henry
 6:00 pm Patty Schwendt †
 03/03, Thurs. Don Dunbar
 03/04, Fri. Chris Nieman
 03/05, Sat. Mary Nieman
 03/06, Sun. 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
 10:00 am David Kimball †



THE MADELEINE MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY • MARCH 1

FREE MUSIC, PIZZA BEER & WINE. ALL ARE WELCOME.


- 5:30 PM—** MEET AT THE CHURCH- ENJOY **LIVE DIXIELAND MUSIC** AND A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE.
- 6:15 PM—** **MARCH TO THE COURTYARD** AS THE BAND PLAYS “THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN.” MARDI GRAS BEADS, TOO!
- 6:30 PM—** MEET IN THE COURTYARD FOR **FREE PIZZA, BEER, WINE**, PLUS MORE LIVE MUSIC AND A FEW KIDS ACTIVITIES!

**SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH TO ORDER,
 PLEASE RSVP AT WWW.THEMADELEINE.EDU/MARDIGRAS**

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

► Archbishop's Catholic Appeal Commitment

8:00 am: Mass—Church  IN-PERSON

9:00 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Rm

9:00 am: Confirmation Class—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Mass—Church

 IN-PERSON  LIVESTREAM

11:30 pm: Synod Listening Session—Old Church

6:00 pm: Contemplative Mass—Old Church

 IN-PERSON

TUESDAY, MARCH 1


► School Free Dress (Mardi Gras)

► School: Nourish Our Neighbors Grade 2

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

1:00 pm: School Mardi Gras

5:30 pm: Mardi Gras—Church  IN-PERSON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

► Ash Wednesday

8:00 am: Distribution of Ashes—Church

1:15 pm: Mass—Church

 IN-PERSON  LIVESTREAM

6:00 pm: Mass—Church  IN-PERSON

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm: Safety and Security

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

8:00 am: Mass—Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

► School: Free Dress for Canned Food

8:00 am: Mass—Church

11:30 am: Stations of the Cross—Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am: SOLVE/Clean Club

4:00 pm: RCIA—St. Catherine Rm

5:00 pm: Mass w/Rite of Sending—Church

 IN-PERSON

5:45 pm: RCIA—Rectory Dining Rm

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 am: Mass—Church

 IN-PERSON

9:00 am: Confirmation Class—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Mass—Church

 IN-PERSON  LIVESTREAM

10:00 am: First Communion Class—Fireside Rm

11:30 am: Synod Listening Session—Zoom

2:30 pm: RCIA Rite of Election—The Cathedral

Care for our Common Home *Laudato Si*

GREEN TIPS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

Beauty product manufacturers have managed to brainwash us with the tagline “Because you’re worth it,” but are all these synthetic skin care products really good for us? They can build up and cause damage over time. Avoid BHT and BTA, p-phenylenediamine, dibutyl phtalate, phtalates and others. Shea butter is a natural skin moisturizer. If you find organic and fair trade products too expensive, just remember that you apply less, so the jar will last longer.

PARISH LIFE

MADELEINE BOOK CLUB

Spring is just around the corner and now that the pandemic situation is improving, we hope to finally be able to meet in person once again. We cordially invite you to read Father Mike’s recommended book, *A Pilgrimage to Eternity*, by Timothy Egan and join us for discussion in mid-March.

For additional details and/or to have your name added to our book club email list, please contact our MBC Ministry Coordinator Gretchen Stevenson, gypsy-frau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? Take time to learn about yourself and your spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience 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 rediscoverthespark.org

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

CLEAN CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Neighborhood CLEAN Club Cleanup: Saturday, March 5, 9:00 am–11:00 am. Please join our school environmental CLEAN Club in partnership with the parish Laudato Si’ Circle and SOLVE for a morning of Care for Creation.

Please meet in the Parish Courtyard at 9:00 am for a morning of community stewardship picking up litter around

The Madeleine School and Parish neighborhood.

All ages and families are welcome (13 and younger must be supervised by an adult). Please sign up on the SOLVE site at www.bit.ly/clean-20220305 and/or contact Ann Hart for more details ahart@themadeleine.edu We hope you can join us!

ARCHBISHOP’S CATHOLIC APPEAL

This is Commitment Weekend for the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal. During Mass we will watch a video from Archbishop Sample about the Appeal. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail please fill it out during Mass, and help The Madeleine reach our assigned 2022 goal of \$65,871.

The Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal provides substantial financial support to essential ministries that support parishes in our Catholic Church in western Oregon. These programs provide education and faith formation at all levels and provide a Catholic



presence for tens of thousands of people.

When we stop to count our abundant blessings, we are aware of how truly blessed we are. The Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal is an invitation to share your blessings and support for the Gospel mission here in western Oregon.

Your pledge is also a sign of your gratitude for God’s generous abundance. While we can never out-do God in generosity, we are called to join in the mission of the Gospel as we put forth the gifts of life, goodness, and grace through the sharing of our own blessings from God.



In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?...Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?...A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...” In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, help with utilities, rent and transportation.

— Mary Clare O’Brien, 503-309-7639

PARISH LIFE

CONTEMPLATIVE SUNDAY EVENING MASS IS BACK!

Begins Sunday, February 27, 6:00 pm

Join us for Contemplative Mass in the Old Church on Sunday, February 27, at 6:00 pm.

This is a great opportunity to come to a later, quieter Mass...and possibly at a time that's more convenient for folks who travel on the weekend. And with pizza and drinks following Mass, dinner is taken care of as well.

Moving forward, this Mass will be held on the last Sunday of each month except December.

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| February 27 | July 31 |
| March 27 | August 28 |
| April 24 | September 25 |
| May 29 | October 30 |
| June 26 | November 27 |

MILESTONES

Baptism

Congratulations and welcome to **Amelia Murphy Fleming**, daughter of Richard and Caitlin Fleming, who joined the Church through the sacrament of baptism last weekend!

“Fraternal love is a gymnasium of the spirit, where day by day we measure ourselves and test our spiritual life.”

—Pope Francis via Twitter @pontifex

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MADELEINE

THE MADELEINE IS HIRING!

Spring is coming! And with the sun, birds and blooming flowers are a few prized job openings at The Madeleine...both in the parish office and in the school.

School Development Coordinator

Part-time opportunity • 20 hours/week during school year

We are seeking a part-time Development Coordinator. The hours are ideal for anyone seeking employment on a school year schedule with this position working 20 hours each week, with the potential to increase hours on an as needed basis.

The Development Office is responsible for assisting with the school's yearly fundraising events, administering the Annual Fund Campaign, assisting with

marketing and admissions efforts, and publishing Friday Footnotes each week. This position plays an important role in supporting all department functions. We hope you will consider applying!

More information and complete job description at www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

Please contact Carol Glasgow at cglasgow@themadeleine.edu if you are interested.

Classroom Instructional Assistant

Full time during school year

Our First Grade classroom needs an Instructional Assistant. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing this wonderful opportunity, please take a look at the position description at

www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

If you have any questions about the position, please contact Carol Glasgow cglasgow@themadeleine.edu or 503-288-9197

Event Coordinator Position

Part-time opportunity • Flexible "as needed" hours

The parish is looking to hire another Event Coordinator to assist with use of event rental spaces. Responsibilities include set up and take down of event spaces, maintaining relationships and professionalism with clients, and overseeing the responsibilities of dishwashers

and bussers. We are looking for someone who is personable and can maintain a high attention to detail in a fast paced environment. Hours are flexible and are on an "as needed" basis. Please contact Ann Hart to apply: ahart@themadeleine.edu

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
Contemplative Mass. . . last Sunday of each month
6:00pm Old Church

Notes:

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

PenanceBy appointment; call Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Hours Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm

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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. Mikeext. 111

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Buildings & Grounds—Erin Couch . . . 503-281-9575

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Facility Requests—themadeleine.edu/facilities

Maintenance Requests—John Garrow
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Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AT THE MADELEINE

The Madeleine Children's Choir • The Madeleine Jr. Cantor Ensemble

We are pleased to announce we are recruiting for children and youth to participate in The Madeleine's Music Ministry.

Here are the details:

The Madeleine Children's Choir

The Madeleine Children's Choir is singing again! ALL parish children, grades 3-5 (2nd grade by permission only) are invited to sing in our primary Children's Choir. The Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays from 2:40-3:20 PM in Main Church loft. The remainder of this year, the children will participate in many wonderful parish events, including Mardi Gras, the Family Mass, Easter, First



Communion, and even a spring concert! What a wonderful way to welcome everyone back to The Madeleine! Here is the current schedule. Watch for updates in the bulletin and on the Music Ministry page of the website.

Current Rehearsals: Wednesday, February 23, March 9, March 16, March 30, April 6, April 13.

NO Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 2, March 23

The Madeleine Jr. Cantor Ensemble*

All children, grades six through eight are eligible for the Jr. Cantor Ensemble at The Madeleine. If you would like to learn how to be a cantor, this is the place for you! Children will sing together as an ensemble, as well as work on solo vocal skills. This is a NEW music ministry ensemble, so rehearsals and performances are yet to be determined.

To register for either group or for more information, please contact Maria Manzo, Director of Music, at mmanzo@themadeleine.edu

MUSIC NOTES: FROM FEAST TO FAST

In our Catholic tradition, this week marks the transition between Ordinary Time and the season of Lent. Technically speaking, our Lenten journey begins with Shrovetide. Never heard of it? Historically, Shrovetide (which includes Shrove Sunday, Shrove Monday and Shrove Tuesday) was when people made confessions to priests in preparation for Lent. While I am quite certain there are not many confessions taking place during Shrovetide anymore, Shrove Tuesday is synonymous with the more popular name, Mardi Gras. Also called Fat Tuesday, the celebration of Mardi Gras has its roots in the pagan celebrations of spring and fertility, which became blended into the rise of Christianity—a common practice to help people transition away from paganism. In this instance, the observance of Mardi Gras is the last big hoorah of feasting and merrymaking before the official kickoff of Lent.

While today Mardi Gras has become more of a cultural phenomenon than a religious observance, it is on Ash Wednesday that the “rubber hits the road” in our faith journey. It has been my experience that even “marginal” Catholics flock to church on this day to receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead (perhaps they feel guilty for indulging the night before). Whatever the reason, Ash Wednesday is a sobering reminder that it is now time to get our act together before Easter!

Although both Mardi Gras and Ash



Wednesday get most of the attention, they are really just a build-up to Lent, which - let's face it - is all about Easter. The word, Lent, comes from the Old English, *lenc-ten*, which means springtime—literally translating to the lengthening of daylight. The time period of 40 days is not random, but is referenced in the bible which describes Jesus fasting in the wilderness. Cradle Catholics remember a time when Lent was all about the act of giving up something you enjoy—chocolate, alcohol, television—or practicing other forms of self-discipline, such as not eating meat on Friday (if you are already a Vegetarian, I would consider that one cheating). Nowadays, many prefer a positive spin—instead of giving up, do something extra instead (such as attend Daily Mass, or even volunteer to help feed the homeless).

Musically, the next few weeks mirror our outward faith observances. At the heart of our Madeleine Mardi Gras celebration is a short prayer service and joyous music led by a Dixieland brass band and our Music Ministry. In typical Mardi Gras fashion, traditional New Orleans music will culminate in a grand second-line procession

singing “When the Saints Go Marching In” from the church to the courtyard (traditionally, “second lines” refer to anyone who joins a main-line procession led by a brass band and its participants).

After experiencing the raucous tunes of the Dixieland Band, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent are a stark musical contrast. Parallel to giving up something we enjoy, we refrain from singing the word, “Alleluia,” and abstain from using excess instruments during our Lenten liturgies. The music itself is more reflective, simpler, and often in a minor key. This year, our Lenten Theme Song, “Renew My Joy, O Lord” is set to the familiar Dan Schutte tune, “Beyond the Moon and Stars.” Parishioner Marilyn Robb has once again crafted a beautiful sung prayer which reflects the themes of renewal, mercy, and forgiveness. We will also be learning a new set of Mass Parts called, “Wondrous Love,” based upon the familiar folk hymn, “What Wondrous Love is This.” First published in 1811, its haunting melody is derived from a popular English ballad. Written in a Dorian mode (similar in sound to a minor scale), its simple, reflective style makes the perfect backdrop for Lenten Mass parts.

As we enter into this Lenten season, may our feasting fill us with gratitude... and may our self-denial turn our hearts to you and give us new freedom in love and service to others.

—Maria Manzo

The Liturgical Year



What is Eucharistic Adoration and How Will it Change My Life?

I think of Adoration as a “spa for the soul ... it has made me a more prayerful, peaceful and contented person.”

—Anonymous

In simplest of terms, Eucharistic Adoration is placing oneself in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed inside a “monstrance,” an ornate vessel for public worship. The monstrance draws all eyes to the sacred host that is seemingly surrounded by rays, like the sun. When a consecrated host is placed in the monstrance, it is said to be a solemn exposition. This allows for a personal encounter with Jesus, who is truly present in a very real and special way. Being able to see Jesus exposed before us, instead of hidden in the tabernacle, helps us to better contemplate the mystery of his Incarnation. Jesus waits for us, in his most vulnerable state, and gives us a chance to see him with our own eyes.

As Catholics we believe that at Mass bread and wine truly become the body, blood, soul and divinity (also known as the Real Presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ. Consecrated hosts not used in Holy Communion at Mass are known as the Blessed Sacrament. Acknowledging this, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the tabernacle to be given out later to the sick or the dying who cannot attend Mass.

Instituted at the Last Supper, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was a gift from Jesus, given to nourish and encourage us on our journey, to console and strengthen us in our hardships, and to ensure that we would never be alone. Eucharistic Adoration, then, is an affirmation of our faith, and helps build a community of love.

Why is it Important?

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration has been a part of the Catholic faith since the very beginning. Over the centuries, many saints and popes have extolled the great spiritual blessings and benefits from

Eucharistic Adoration. Pope John Paul II called Eucharistic Adoration “a great treasure of the Catholic faith” and encouraged Catholics to pray as much as possible before the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament encourages us to acknowledge the goodness of God and how great he is, and helps us remain humble as we thank God for all the things he has given us.

One person coming before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament represents all of humanity. Prayer and meditation before him in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special, peaceful time together. You can ask him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on his Word, or just keep him company.

What do we mean by a Holy Hour?

Many people also spend time with Jesus in what we call a “Holy Hour.” Most often it is a time just for silent adoration. A good way to spend an hour with our Lord is to divide your time into 15-minute segments each devoted to meditation in a spirit first of adoration, then contrition, thanksgiving, and, finally, supplication. The renowned Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen referred to his daily time spent before the Blessed Sacrament as his “hour of power” for spiritual renewal. Sheen reportedly began the practice of a daily Holy Hour when he was a seminarian, and he performed it without fail for 60 years!

What is Perpetual Adoration and how does it differ from a Holy Hour?

Perpetual Adoration refers to the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance over a longer period of uninterrupted time, often 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In order to have Perpetual Adoration, at least one person must be present in Adoration at all times because Jesus may never be left alone. For this reason, few parishes are able to offer it. As an alternative, a parish can reserve the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, offering adorers the opportunity to pray in its presence without the need for people to be in constant

attendance (as must be the case when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed).

How do we treat this wondrous gift of the Real Presence of God?

In Eucharistic Adoration, we are to approach Jesus with humility, contrition, and love, treating him as you would one of your closest friends—with love and respect. Through this “friendship,” we are inspired and strengthened to take on life’s challenges, to carry our daily cross with a new attitude, to become a new creation. The blessing of Eucharistic Adoration is that you’re not expected to “do” anything. This is your quiet time with Jesus, to be spent as you wish. You can just sit there and look at Jesus; take the time to be with him. If you prefer, just give God your heartfelt thoughts in meditation or reflection. Keeping him company is a gift, even if you unexpectedly (and peacefully) fall asleep as you rest in his Real Presence.

There is a Polish proverb that says, “You become the one you befriend.” Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to himself and gently transforms us. Feel free to tell the Lord whatever troubles or pleases you. You can also pray whatever prayers you would like such as the Rosary or any number of other Blessed Sacrament prayers. In addition to a prayer book, you might want to bring a notebook to jot down some thoughts. Archbishop Sheen prepared his homilies in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament because, as he put it, “the most brilliant ideas come from meeting God face to face.”

Summary

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Spending time in Adoration draws us into intimacy with Jesus. And as we get closer to him, he gives us the wisdom and strength to serve his Church and the people he has placed in our lives. Take a good look at your routine and find a way to include Adoration in your life. You will truly become the one you befriend.

—Darlene Maurer

A Reflection on the Chair of St. Peter

Please enjoy this reflection on Matt. 16:13-19 by parishioner Marilyn Robb from February 22, 2022

I hope you are all feeling “light-hearted” today, because the words and thoughts I am going to share with you are meant to be said to God’s beloved people who are “light-hearted” and “open-minded.”

When I begin to prepare a reflection, I read the scripture passages for the day and then let God take over. That is when the fun begins. God’s plan for my reflection usually differs from my plan. This week was one of those times. It turned out to be a very enjoyable reflection to write.

Because Peter identified Jesus correctly, Jesus says to Peter: “And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”

One commentary I read about today’s scripture said, “and with these words, Jesus elevates Peter as the leader of the church.” Jesus, of all people, would never “elevate” anyone to lead his church! Jesus himself was a disappointment to the Jewish people, because he refused to be “elevated.” Wasn’t he the one who made his final grand entry into Jerusalem riding on a young donkey?

Somewhere, down through history, we’ve gotten the wrong idea about what Jesus had in mind when he chose Peter to lead his church. By today’s standards and values, when Jesus said those words to Peter, Peter would have immediately stripped off his smelly, stained clothing and jumped into the nearest body of water and cleansed himself with sweet smelling soap. After which, Thomas would have trimmed his beard and given him a fresh haircut. In the meantime, Mary Magdalene would have been busy giving him a pedicure and a manicure.

Mary, the mother of Jesus and her sister, would have been proud to present Peter with a wardrobe that was worthy of his newly appointed position: a simple white linen gown, trimmed in hand-crocheted lace and an outer garment of softest emerald fabric, embroidered with gold thread. Even Judas would have gotten involved by presenting Peter with a new pair of sandals made of finest leather. Now, by the standards and values of today, Peter was ready to lead the church.

I think, Jesus would have taken one

look at him and said: “Peter, you clean-up real well, but this is not the Peter I chose to lead my church. I chose you, because you know me and because you are comfortable wearing the stains of this earth: the green of its grass and the rich brown of its soil. You wear the fragrance of my fish-filled waters. Your calloused hands and feet bear the marks of a laborer. That is why I have chosen you to labor in my kingdom and be the leader of my church. With your humble heart you will never need to be “elevated” above my people but will walk as an equal among them and be their gentle shepherd.”

In closing, I have combined the verses from each of today’s readings: “Tend the flock of God in your midst as a gentle shepherd. Leading them beside still waters and restoring their souls. You are Peter and you are Francis. It is upon you and the solidness of your faith, that I began and will continue to build my church.”

—Marilyn Robb

Lenten Reflections books available!

Once again, Marilyn Robb has spearheaded our very popular Lenten reflections book! This year it’s titled, “Renew and Restore our Risen Joy,” and includes reflections by our own community...clergy, parishioners, staff and students. Pick up your printed copy in the church or, download a digital copy at www.themadeleine.edu/lent



Lent, Triduum & Easter 2022 at The Madeleine

All events in person unless marked otherwise. Livestreams only as indicated at www.youtube.com/themadeleineparish

Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 1 † 5:30 pm  IN-PERSON ONLY

- ▶ 45-minute prayer & music service in the main church, then more music, pizza and drinks in the courtyard. Info and RSVP at www.themadeleine.edu/mardigras





Lenten Small Faith Groups

Wednesdays beginning March 16 † 6:30 pm, Zoom

- ▶ 4-week Lenten study of the Sunday readings and parish Lenten reflection book during this penitential season. Contact Therese Fenzl for link: tfenzl@themadeleine.edu

Ash Wednesday

March 2

- † **8:00 am**—Distribution of Ashes (no Mass)  IN-PERSON ONLY
- † **1:15 pm**—Mass with Ashes  IN-PERSON  LIVESTREAM
- † **6:00 pm**—Mass with Ashes  IN-PERSON ONLY

Rice Bowls

Distributed beginning March 2—Return on Holy Thursday

- ▶ Our annual “spare change” collection for Catholic Relief Services. Pick up your bowl starting Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8 † 11:30 am  IN-PERSON ONLY

- ▶ In the Main Church

Care for Creation Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 10 † 6:30 pm, Old Church  IN-PERSON ONLY

- ▶ A special Stations of the Cross service focusing on Care for Creation, with memorable imagery, music and more.

Adoration

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12 † 9:00 am  IN-PERSON

Communal Sacrament of the Sick

Tuesday, March 15 † 6:30 pm, Main Church  IN-PERSON ONLY

- ▶ As a parish community we will pray for healing and recovery from the effects of the pandemic.

Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, March 29 † 6:30 pm, Main Church  IN-PERSON ONLY

- ▶ Additional priests will be on hand to hear your confession.

Passion (Palm) Sunday

April 9-10

- † **Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 8:00 am**—Gather in front of church.
- † **Sunday, 10:00 am Mass**—Please gather 15 minutes prior to start time at the turnaround in front of the Parish Hall, and join the procession into the church.

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 11 † 7:00 pm, St. Mary's Cathedral

Tenebrae

Friday, April 15 † Noon, Main Church  IN-PERSON ONLY

- ▶ A beautiful liturgy that meditates on Christ's suffering.

Daily Mass Times

- † **8:00 am—Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**  IN-PERSON ONLY
- † **2:00 pm—Thursday School Mass**  IN-PERSON  LIVESTREAM
- ▶ All Masses in Main Church

The Paschal Triduum and Easter

All Masses in person only; no livestreams. In the Main Church unless noted otherwise

Holy Thursday, April 14

† 6:30 pm—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15

† 6:30 pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16

† 8:30 pm—Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter, celebrated in The Old Church. Following will be a reception. NOTE: There will be NO 5:00 pm Saturday Mass.

Easter Sunday, April 17

† 8:00 am—Mass

† 10:00 am—Mass. Following Mass will be an Easter Egg hunt for children, plus pastries and Champagne for the adults!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES UBER/LYFT GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR REFUGEES

By February 15th, Catholic Charities of Oregon will have welcomed 150 Afghan individuals as a result of the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan. By the end of September 2022, we anticipate resettling 250 more Afghan individuals.

We continue to be overwhelmed and humbled by the outpouring of support from local organizations and community members with our previous call for Fred Meyer gift cards to provide new, clean clothing within 24 hours of our new Afghan clients' arrival.

We continue to face unique challenges in responding to this humanitarian crisis. Part of Catholic Charities services for these clients includes employment & health-care support. Upon arriving, our new Afghan clients do not have means of transportation. They have to rely on



Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers to take them to their medical appointments and to interviews with potential employers.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Bouyed by the success of our Fred Meyer Gift Card Drive, we are now asking for Lyft and Uber gift cards. These cards will enable our staff to connect these clients with safe and reliable transportation to their appointments and allow Catholic Charities staff to focus on meeting the other needs of these families and individuals.

Bring your Uber and Lyft Gift Cards to The Madeleine Parish Office, and we will make sure they get to Catholic Charities so they can be provided to those who need them.

LENT

LENTEN RICE BOWLS— HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, “Give them some food yourselves.” Reflect



on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Rice Bowls are available in the church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please be generous during Lent, then return them to the church on Holy Thursday.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Every year, we get questions about the fasting



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requirements for Catholics during Lent. And, sometimes, those discussions can get animated with family histories, special exceptions and imaginative definitions of fasting. So, we thought we'd publish what the Archdiocese sent us. Enjoy (or don't, if it's a Friday!). To quote:

All Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Catholics between the ages 18 and 59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

“Pessimism and complaining are not Christian. We were not made to be downcast, but to look up to heaven.”

—Pope Francis via Twitter
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COMMUNITY

CYO NEWS

For more information and registration forms, visit www.cyocamphoward.org

CYO Track & Field registration is open!

- ▶ Registration is open to 3rd–8th Graders
- ▶ Compete in 4 Regular Season Track Meets across Portland in April
- ▶ Practices begin March 14.

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- ▶ Campers ages 6-14 enjoy connecting with their peers, making new friends and experiencing fun outdoor activities such as archery, swimming, laser tag, campfires, arts and crafts, and much more.
- ▶ Teens ages 15-16 can apply to our progressive Counselors in Training program which focuses on working with youth and building leadership skills.
- ▶ Our Family Camp weekends are amazing! Each family has their own cabin, enjoys the program activities, delicious meals, and the entertaining evening events. Register soon as Family Camp filled quickly last year.

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Or Contact Trieu Nguyen 503-720-0155 or John Wynn 503-309-4170

Proceeds to benefit Mother & Child Education Center & Madeleine Scholarship Fund

THE SEASON OF LENT

A JOURNEY TO HOLINESS

*Go and learn the meaning of the words,
“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”
—Matthew 9:13*

Each year when we start thinking about Lent, we often seem initially drawn to the concepts of sacrifice and self-denial. These issues are significant, but they are neither the starting point nor the end of the season. The goal of Lent, in fact, is quite the opposite. Lent is first and foremost a time, not for diminishment, but for growth and development. We should aspire to expand our hearts, enlarge our souls, and enrich our minds. Perhaps the meaning of the Lord’s words is this—God prefers a full heart to an empty stomach.

THE FIRST GOAL OF LENT

*I came so that they might have life
and have it more abundantly. —John 10:10*

The first question we often ask is, “what should I give up for Lent?” Perhaps instead we might begin by asking: “What do I need for Lent?” or “What is missing from my life?” The first goal of Lent is holiness and the meaning of holiness is wholeness. Such holiness is measured, not by the scale of our deprivation, but by the fullness of our life in Christ. Lent is a time to seek the real gifts we lack: patience, joy, trust, and compassion. True blessedness does not arrive by denying our craving for chocolate, but by fulfilling our hunger for righteousness.



THE TOOLS OF LENT

*You are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing. —Luke 10:41-42*

Once we determine what we lack, only then do we turn to the question of self-denial. The human heart and soul are much like our computers and garages; they fill up with junk very quickly. The role of self-sacrifice is to discard the superfluous in order to clear a space for life’s real treasures. We live in a culture that is often distracted by noise, materialism, and self-absorption. We use the three disciplinary tools of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—to open our hearts and minds to others and to make room in our lives for God.



A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LENT

The Three Basic Lenten Disciplines



PRAYER

Balance your spiritual life by integrating the body, mind, and soul in your prayer life. Increase the quality, not the quantity of your prayer. Enhance meditative prayer by “unplugging” from the modern distractions. Create spaces where God’s voice can be heard. For more active or external prayer, keep a journal, read the psalms aloud, or sing the sacred music from your worship. Let your body express your prayer by trying Yoga, Tai Chi, or dance.



FASTING

Use your fasting, not to impress God with your discomfort, but to feed on the gifts for which you hunger most. Let your fasting serve the lives of others as well as your own. It does

little good to give up dessert, but then to grumble at your children’s need for attention. Fast from some of your private pursuits to become food for your family and friends. Fast from anger, blame, and entitlement; feast on forgiveness, affirmation, and the common good.



ALMSGIVING

Connect your almsgiving to your fasting so that self-denial becomes other-enhancement. If you skip a daily latte, give the money to a local food bank. If you have limited financial means, supplement your alms by giving of your time and talent. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or become a minister of care at your parish. Let your own poverty, whatever it may be, enrich the lives of others. Give generously, not just from the leftovers, but from the “first fruits” of your table.

THE SYMBOLS OF LENT

Color: *Violet* (purple) is the usual color for Lent, symbolizing repentance and prayerful reflection. *Red* on Good Friday relates to Jesus sacrifice, while *white* is the color for Easter.

Ashes placed on the forehead hint at an ancient ritual-covering oneself with ashes in penitence. Receiving the cross-shaped “smudge” reminds us that we are dust and is a public statement of repentance.

The **Forty Days** of Lent parallel the 40 days which Jesus spent in fasting and prayer in the wilderness (among many “40” references in the Bible). Sundays *are not* counted as days of Lent. Good Friday and Easter Vigil, while technically not in Lent, *are* counted as part of the 40 days.

Palm branches in ancient times signified victory and were used in triumphal processions by Romans and Jews.

Stations of the Cross: In the early Church, Christians would make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus on his way to the cross. As the Church grew, such a pilgrimage became unrealistic and a tradition was born to retrace the steps of Jesus by reflecting on pictures that depicted those steps. During Lent, especially on Fridays, Catholics reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus by praying the Stations of the Cross, which has become a time-honored tradition.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

The Church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following practices during Lent unless for some serious reason they are unable to do so:

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal and two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal. Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

READINGS FOR LENT 2022

Ash Wednesday J1 2:12-18 • 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 • Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
1st Sunday Dt 26:4-10 • Rom 10:8-13 • Lk 4:1-13
2nd Sunday Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 • Phil 3:17—4:1 • Lk 9:28b-36
3rd Sunday Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 • 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 • Lk 13:1-9
4th Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12 • 2 Cor 5:17-21 • Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
5th Sunday Is 43:16-21 • Phil 3:8-14 • Jn 8:1-11
Palm Sunday Lk 19:28-40 • Is 50:4-7 • Phil 2:6-11 • Lk 22:14—23:56
Holy Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 • 1 Cor 11:23-26 • Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday Is 52:13—53:12 • Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 • Jn 18:1—19:42
Easter Vigil Gn 1:1—2:2 • Gn 22:1-18 • Ex 14:15—15:1 • Is 54:5-14
• Is 55:1-11 • Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4 • Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
• Rom 6:3-11 • Lk 24:1-12



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