



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • April 23–24, 2022

ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE TO VISIT THE MADELEINE NEXT WEEKEND

Town Hall, April 27 in the Old Church • Mass, May 1 in the Main Church

Archbishop Sample will be making an official visit to The Madeleine, with two events open to all parishioners.

► **Town Hall, April 27, 6:30 pm**—Archbishop Sample will hold a Town Hall meeting with parishioners in our Old Church. This will be an unprecedented opportunity to hear directly from the Archbishop, to raise issues or concerns you may have,

or to hear what he has planned for the Archdiocese.

► **Mass, May 1, 10:00 am**—For the first time in his tenure, Archbishop Sample will celebrate a Sunday Mass at The Madeleine! It will be a very special liturgy, which will also debut our 2022 Mother's Day video...we hope everyone will attend.

CELEBRATE MOTHERS IN MAY!

Upload mother & child photos to www.themadeleine.edu/mothers by April 27

A May tradition at The Madeleine: celebrating the Month of Mary and Mother's Day in a special way!

Each weekend beginning April 30/May 1, we will show a slideshow of mothers and children sent in from The Madeleine Community. The photos will show at all weekend Masses and any livestreams.



mother and child (children), or a photo of mothers and their mothers. Please send us just one photo of a mother/child combo per family grouping, as we want to have time to show all our photos.

Send photos by April 27

Upload your photos to our website at www.themadeleine.edu/mothers

If you have only a photo print, bring it to the Parish Office during work hours (label it with your name and phone number). We will scan it and leave it for you to pick up.

Help us to honor all mothers and those from our community, as well as Mary, the Mother of God, in this very special way!

We are starting over—all new photos!

This year, again, we're making a fresh start, a blank canvas. So even if you've sent us a photo before, please send a new one this year.

Submissions can be either a photo of

E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Sunday 9:00 am–1:00 pm • Details Inside

Inside this week's bulletin:

- **Madeleine Fiesta**—See Page 3 for details of this all-new family event.
- **Environmental Corner**—See pages 8 & 9 for lots of Care for Creation based information.
- **Madeleine in Memorial**—Turn to pages 6 & 7 for fond remembrances of memorable Madeleine parishioners Katie Scharle and Bill Rooney, both of whom died within the last couple of weeks. Bill's funeral is Monday at 11:00 am.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

TODAY'S READINGS are about faith, doubt and God's unending mercy. Thomas is not condemned for doubting, but becomes a powerful witness preaching the Gospel. His doubt becomes a pathway for us, who sometimes struggle with doubts of our own.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- Bill Rooney—*Funeral April 25, 11:00 am*
- Katie Scharle
- Sarah Riddle
- Michael Masterson
- Beth Wills

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Mike Wakamatsu
- Marty Foster
- Kevin McMenamin
- Lisa Nice

WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 04/26, Tues. Bill Rooney †
- 04/27, Weds Katie Scharle †
- 04/28, Thurs. Sarah Riddle †
- 04/29, Fri. John DeBenedetti †
- 04/30, Sat Cindy Wakamatsu †
- 05/01, Sun. 8:00 am . . . The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am Larry Mason †

Calendar This Week

All Masses in person only unless noted

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

► Catholic Home Missions Collection

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Recycling Event—Parish Hall Driveway

9:00 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room

10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

10:00 am: First Communion Class—Fireside Rm

MONDAY, APRIL 25

11:00 am: Bill Rooney Funeral Mass—Church

12:00 pm: Rooney Funeral Reception—Old Church

6:30 pm: FA—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Nourish Our Neighbors Gr. 4

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

10:00 am: Silver Exchange—Rectory Dining

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 am: Mass—Church

2:30 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm: Archbishop Sample Town Hall—Old Church

6:30 pm: Environmental Enrichment Series, Marc Brune—Zoom

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

2:00 pm: Mass—Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 am: Mass—Church

7:00 pm: Confirmation for NE Vicariate—Holy Redeemer

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 am: NPM Liturgical Workshop—Old Church

3:30 pm: Mayes Baptism—Church

5:00 pm: Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room

10:00 am: Mass with Archbishop Sample—Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

10:00 am: First Communion Class—Fireside Rm

NO CONTEMPLATIVE MASS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Next scheduled Contemplative Mass is May 29.

Visit www.themadeleine.edu/mass for updates.

PARISH LIFE

RCIA: THANK YOU TO THE MADELEINE COMMUNITY

Thank you for supporting Kevin, Mark, and Heather during the past months as they prepared to make their Profession of Faith and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Thank you to everyone who wrote a Note of Welcome, provided a word encouragement, or shared a story for our Welcome Booklets. A special thank you to Rich Hammons for creating our

keep-sake welcome booklets. Thank you to the team of silent angels who provided a fabulous reception following the Vigil, complete with cake and spirits! To Fr. Mike, thank you for your words of wisdom and guidance every week, and for making us laugh! Easter Vigil was a joy-filled experience and one that will be remembered. Thank you again.

—Christi Bohmbach RCIA Director

RCIA NEWS

Heather, Mark, and Kevin now embark on the next stage of the RCIA process, a phase called Mystagogy meaning “revelation of the mysteries.” In the next few weeks, we continue our exploration of the meaning of the sacraments,

and through the readings in the Acts of the Apostles we explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Please continue to keep Heather, Mark, and Kevin, and the entire RCIA team in your prayers.

THANKS BUNNIES!

Thanks to all those who showed up to Easter Mass this Sunday then joined us in the hunt for special treats on the church grounds. Wow! There sure were a lot of you! And the sun was shining!

Three lucky kiddos found eggs with a Winner's Token and took home a special Easter basket.

These bonus prizes were curated with games, toys and treats donated by Made You Look, madeyoulookpdx.com

We didn't expect so many participants—so next year we promise to make sure the Easter Bunny brings more eggs.

For those of you who shared your treats with others who may have not gotten any (at our hunt)—we appreciate your kindness.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Trust the Lord, Jesus with your marriage. Learn how to follow Jesus in your relationship on the upcoming 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

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE BEGINS

Please join The Madeleine Parish and Knights of Columbus in supporting Mother & Child Education Center with its Baby Bottle Campaign kicking off the weekend of April 23.

Take home a bottle today and return it at the conclusion of the campaign. Coins, dollars, and checks are welcome. Money collected in the campaign helps support mothers and families in need.

More than 2,400 families were assisted during 2021 and the Center was able to keep its doors open continuously throughout the Covid pandemic. Several pregnant mothers who recently fled from Ukraine have also been helped in the last month.

Mother & Child Education Center, located at 1515 NE 41st, also welcomes donations of gently loved children's clothing from infant to 5, maternity clothing, diapers, wipes, strollers, and books. Mother & Child offers hope, support, education, and guidance to women who are pregnant and parenting to help build a community of competent, confident mothers.

Services are available Monday-Friday and after-hours through a parenting support line. Call 503-249-5801 or email mauraw@momchildpdx.org



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. In the past month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help 50 families, providing 477 lbs in food, \$1,714.00 in rent and \$1,035.00 in utilities. Thank you Madeleine Community!

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

Madeleine Fiesta

Friday, May 6 ~ 5:30 pm

\$20 per adult

\$10 kids age 10 & under

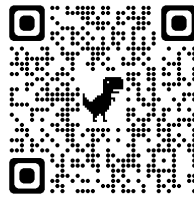
Taco Bar/ Taquitos
Live Music • Margaritas
Beer & Wine • Raffle

Fun, games & activities for
the kids... Silent disco, face
painting and more

We need volunteers!

Contact Julie Kupers,
jkupers@themadeleine.edu

Scan code
for tickets
& info



MADELEINE BOOK CLUB

Are you a bookworm? Would you enjoy opportunities to meet with other parishioners and friends to share your thoughts about the contents of some very excellent books? If so, we invite you to join us at future discussion sessions. Our book selection for May is



Homegoing, by Yaa Gyasi.

For details and/or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.

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
6:00 pm Old Church

Notes:

- ▶ Livestream 10:00 am Sunday
at youtube.com/themadeleineparish
- ▶ Updates at www.themadeleine.edu/mass

Penance By appointment; call Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Hours Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm

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First Reconciliation, First Eucharist—
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Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

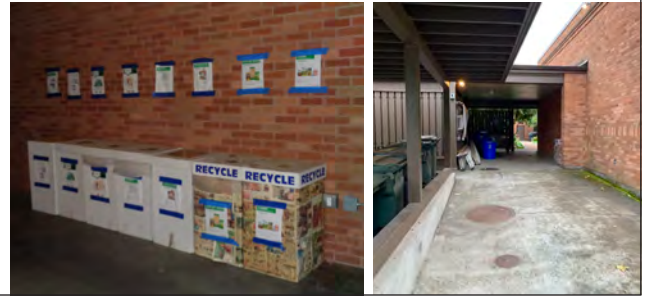
**Due to travel schedules, information for our May 22
bulletin needs to be submitted no later than May 8.
bulletin@themadeleine.edu**

RECYCLING PROGRAMS 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.



DISCONTINUED: STYROFOAM/ POLYSTYRENE

Regrettably, we can no longer accept Styrofoam and Polystyrene materials. Although endorsed by Metro, we have recently learned (through an independent report) of major violations by the local recycler in the responsible handling and recycling of these materials.

LATE JULY® SNACKS

All Late July® snack packaging as seen in these examples. Limited to Late July brand only.



GILLETTE® AND VENUS RAZORS AND RAZOR BLADES

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



BIC WRITING INSTRUMENTS AND PACKAGING

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



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.



ORAL CARE PRODUCTS

All brands of used or empty oral care products, including toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes, and dental floss containers.



SWIFFER REFILLS



Swiffer only brands of Sweeper™ Dry, Wet, and XL Refills, WetJet Refills™, and Duster™ Refills.

FOOD STORAGE

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



CIGARETTE BUTTS, SANTA FE NATURAL TOBACCO COMPANY

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

LOOP

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

God's Surprises

Thoughts on John 20:11-18 • Easter 2022

The disciples returned to their homes, but Mary stood outside of the tomb crying.”

Was Jesus there all this time...standing in the early morning shadows of the garden near the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea? Had he watched his friends come and go, eventually leaving in their frustration and disappointment? Did he know the heart of his beloved Mary Magdalene well enough, to know in advance, that she would be the one to linger in the garden after the others had left?

Did he know that she would be the one to let her sorrow and disappointment consume her? In the solitude of this beautiful garden at dawn, did Jesus know he would see tears streaming down her cheeks? Had he chosen her from the beginning to be the one to spread the news to the world that he was alive? She had waited patiently through the long Sabbath hours to return to the tomb and honor the body of her precious Jesus with fragrant spices and oils. She had suffered with the

others through his slow, humiliating and painful death on the cross. Now all she wanted was to find his body.

Jesus stands in the shadows and watches her. He witnesses her pain. When the time is right, he surprises her and speaks her name. He is there, standing in front of her, his beloved Mary Magdalene, the dear friend he has chosen to be the first one to see him as the Risen Lord. Dear Mary Magdalene, that special friend with whom he had shared many conversations while walking together between towns, or over meals that lasted late into the night. It is Mary, in her darkest moment that Jesus chooses to surprise with his resurrected love, his light, his hope and his joy.

Like Mary Magdalene, Jesus waits for us in the shadows of our lives. He sees our tears and offers to wipe them away. He holds for each of us surprises beyond our wildest dreams. Mary Magdalene only planned to anoint his corpse with fragrant oil...not see him alive and hug his resurrected body! Be open to the surprises God has planned for you.

As I was gathering my thoughts for this Reflection, the words from a hymn written by John Ylvisaker in 1985 came to my mind.

*I was there to hear your borning
cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
When you heard the wonder of
God's Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living
God
To whom you now belong.
In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through
the night
Complete what I've begun.
When evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there, as I have always been
With just one more surprise.*

—Marilyn Robb

COMMUNITY, STEWARDSHIP, AND HOSPITALITY: THROUGH THE EYES OF LITURGY

Saturday April 30 • Old Church • No charge for Madeleine parishioners

A workshop sponsored by the Portland chapter of NPM (National Association of Pastoral Musicians).

Join us for a morning of renewal with Janèt Sullivan Whitaker, including continental breakfast, morning prayer and a concluding ritual.



▶ **8:30-9:00 am**—Registration, continental breakfast

▶ **9:00 am Morning Prayer**

▶ **9:30am-Noon**—Workshop

▶ **Madeleine parishioners**—Madeleine parishioners admitted at no charge. Please register at www.npmportland.org/events/
▶ **Cost for other groups**—\$20/person, \$100/parish group (5 or more)

About Janet Whitaker

Janèt is a singer, teacher, pianist, and composer of music for the church in our world. Her music is published by OCP

Publications in Portland OR, and GIA/WLP in Chicago, IL.

Her best-known songs include Here at This Table, In Every Age, This is Our Cry, The Least of These, Christ Before Us, and Day of Peace. Janèt holds a BA in Music from CSU East Bay, and an M.T.S in Liturgical Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

In Memoriam

THE MADELEINE FAMILY REMEMBERS

KATIE SCHARLE

A Funeral Mass was held for parishioner Katie Scharle on Saturday, April 23, at The Madeleine.

Catherine “Katie” Scharle, age 91, passed away on Good Friday, April 15, 2022 with her daughter Meg, son-in-law Dan, and three grandchildren, Teddy, Andrew, and Sarah Kate Gehred, at her side. Born on May 2, 1930 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Thomas Hugh Quiery, an immigrant from Belfast, Ireland, and Margaret Graham (Bartlett) Quiery, a registered nurse. Katie and her five siblings shared gifts of music, humor, and storytelling.

After graduating from St. Monica’s grade school, she attended Holy Angels Academy, where she was elected Sodality Prefect her senior year. Upon graduation, Katie joined The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dubuque, Iowa. Her first teaching assignment was at Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago, where she taught for six years. Months after assuming a new position in Iowa, she was called back to her original post after its historic 1958 fire killed 92 children, most of whom she had taught, and three of her nun friends, who died in heroic attempts to save their students. She taught by day and visited the families of the deceased children by night.

In 1959, the order asked for a volunteer to teach the deaf for Catholic Charities. Katie boldly stepped forward to Northwestern University to earn a master’s degree in Education of the Deaf. She left the convent in 1969 to live and teach near Margie, her only sister and lifelong best friend. Set up on a blind date with Theodore Scharle, a philosophy professor at Bradley University, she found his “dancing needed help, but his personality was adorable.” Their love took root in mutual admiration of each other’s deep faith and goodness. They married on June 26, 1971.

Having moved to Peoria, Illinois, Katie supervised the education of children living with disabilities for the school district. She resigned her position after a year in the hope of having a baby, and at the age of 43 gave birth to their only child, Margaret (Meg) in 1973. She later mused, “For a moment I thought I heard some distant music and felt like reaching up and holding time still—where the first pure note is struck for the melody of a relationship.” Her wonder at unanticipated motherhood never faded.

When Meg entered first grade, Katie commenced 19 years of teaching English at Peoria Notre Dame High School. She supervised the school newspaper and literary magazine and transformed her classroom into a hub for political action that sharpened student pens into swords: her class letters to newspapers and public officials sparked a media blitz that forced the nearby town to construct a new sewer system after many years of dumping raw sewage into the Illinois River. As Katie later wrote in her article published in English Journal, “We English teachers worry about teaching students to write, but we don’t often give them much of significance to write about. We fret that they can’t think, spell, and compose, but our assignments may be dull, lifeless, or abstract. Yet the real world is out there listening and waiting to hear their ideas and arguments.”

Having retired from teaching in 1998, she brushed up on mathematics to become a real estate agent sourcing HUD loans for

low-income families.

In 2004, when Meg and her husband Dan called from Portland, Oregon to announce their pregnancy, Katie and Ted exclaimed, “We are moving!” Settling in across the bridge in Vancouver, Washington, Katie served as president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, wrote letters to the editor, served as a delegate to the Washington caucus, sang in the church choir, and assumed

her central role as Meg’s daily advisor. She taught all three grandchildren to read, delighted them with her stories, relished beating them in board games, and challenged them to live a life of service and faith.

Katie remained true to herself through many transformations, each turn catching the glint of Christ’s light. She sparkled. To her, the world pulsed with stories, and even a chance encounter with a stranger opened a portal into a new world. Sitting next to her on a plane would change you forever—upon landing, you were almost certainly going back to school, switching careers, voting for a new candidate, or viewing a relationship in a new way. Bold and fearless in penetrating the depths of a person to draw out truth, she touched many. She experienced no barriers between herself and others: she even traveled to Europe with pocket-sized language dictionaries so that through a combination of hand gestures, laughter, and basic phrases she could continue engaging townsfolk across the continent. Anyone encountering her left with the feeling they had never met a person quite like her. Born without a dimmer switch and utterly ageless in her vitality, it almost seemed impossible that she could ever die, making her swift and gentle passage into eternal life on Good Friday so appropriate.

Preceded in death by her husband Ted, Katie is survived by her daughter Meg Scharle and her husband Dan Gehred, three grandchildren, Theodore, Andrew, and Sarah Catherine, sister Margaret Dittmann, brother Daniel Quiery, brother-in-law Thomas Scharle, and many adoring nieces and nephews.

Donations in her memory can be made to Catholic Charities, who funded her scholarship to Northwestern University to teach at their schools for deaf children, or to the Portland Rescue Mission.



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

In Memoriam

THE MADELEINE FAMILY REMEMBERS

BILL ROONEY

A Funeral Mass will be held for longtime parishioner Bill Rooney on Monday, April 25, 11:00 am at The Madeleine.

William F. Rooney, 87, of Portland, passed away April 14th. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts to William F. and Lillian (Broderick) Rooney. The oldest of three sons, he grew up with brothers Paul and David in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Moving to Portland, he graduated from the University of Portland. His business career began with Georgia-Pacific Corporation and later Louisiana-Pacific Corporation in their Corporate Communications Department.

In 1962, Bill married Kathleen Walsh of Burlington, Iowa and together they raised five sons in a mellow 1915 Greek Colonial home in Northeast Portland. He authored six books, numerous magazine articles, was host for 15 years on a Saturday morning do-it-yourself radio show on KXL called Around the House with Bill Rooney, and for 15 years taught adult education courses at Portland Community College related to home improvement.

“When you have an older home, five active sons, and a parade of large rambunctious dogs, you quickly become a D-I-Y expert,” Bill explained.

He spent as much time as possible in his workshop where he loved the smell of freshly cut wood and the magic of a keenly-honed tool blade. He was an active amateur furniture maker, enthusiastic woodcarver, and a skilled wood turner who produced

decorative and practical holiday gifts.

It was important to Bill to give back to his community and he served on a number of non-profit boards including SMACCO, Rebuilding Together, and The Madeleine Church Buildings and Grounds Committee. Later he applied his marketing skills mentoring small business owners through the SCORE Association.

He is survived by Kathleen, his wife of 60 years, his brother Dave, sons Peter (Kimberly), Brian, Matthew, Michael, and Mark (Betsy). He is blessed with three granddaughters and two grandsons.



Please pray for Bill, his family, and all the faithfully departed from The Madeleine

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities.

Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

To support this second collection, either make a donation using an envelope in the pews, or visit www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving and choose the Second Collections tile. In the “note” section, please enter “Catholic Home Mission” so your gift gets to the right cause.



Heavenly Father,
you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church
to strengthen and direct her in the mission
of making disciples of all nations
in every time and place.

You raised up in your Church holy men and women,
the missionary priests Saints Junpero Serra,
Isaac Jogues, and Damien of Molokai
and the Venerable Augustus Tolton,
Saints Kateri Tekakwitha, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the
bishop John Neumann,
along with Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini and Servant of
God Thea Bowman.

All were filled with love for your Son, Jesus Christ,
and were emboldened by the power of the Holy Spirit.
They shared the Good News of your abundant mercy
across our country.

We ask, Lord,
that you fill us with the same love
of Christ and of neighbor,
as we follow their holy examples of faith and service.

Strengthen us as we work to build up
your Church throughout the United States and
its territories,
as did these missionary disciples we venerate,
and so bring us to share with them
the glory of your presence for all eternity.

Amen.

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NE Portland Catholic Parishes

ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

Zoom presentations April 20–May 11

Northeast Portland Catholic parishes St. Charles, St. Andrew, Holy Redeemer and The Madeleine are pleased to announce our Environmental Enrichment Series, a series of nationally renowned speakers discussing critical climate and environmental topics.

Each 90-minute session, 6:30–8:00 pm, will be held via Zoom, and include the presentation, a Q & A opportunity, and breakout groups. All are welcome.

Then following the series on May 18, join us for a social and informational gathering in person!

Information and free registration at www.themadeleine.edu/ees



Katharine Hayhoe

Christians and Climate Change

Katharine's presentation date has passed, but visit www.themadeleine.edu/ees for a replay



April 27—Marc Brune

Greening Buildings for Carbon Neutrality

Principal at PAE Engineers and Madeleine School parent, Marc is an internationally recognized leader in sustainable designs for built environments, and expert in mechanical engineering and energy modeling.



May 4—Rachel Wheeler, PhD

Ecospirituality

Dr. Wheeler is an Assistant Professor of Theology at University of Portland. In addition to teaching on the Bible, Christian spirituality, and spiritual practices, she has a particular interest in how people interpret their pro-environmental behavior as spiritual.



May 11—Kids Saving the Earth

Empowering and Mobilizing Youth

Kids for Saving Earth provides "education into action" environmental education curriculum to instructors including action projects, worksheets, music programs, art projects and more. Learn what you can do to empower Kids Saving the Earth.

May 18—Family Friendly Social Gathering

Join us 5:30–7:30 pm at St. Charles for a family-friendly social gathering, dinner, and information stations providing practical suggestions and resources for easily and mindfully adopting sustainable practices. Food catered by Santo Domingo Taqueria (donations gratefully accepted but not required), or feel free to bring your own picnic. **Please register so we know how many to expect.** St Charles is located at 5310 NE 42nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97218.



All sessions provided free of charge, but please register online at

www.themadeleine.edu/ees

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St. Charles
St. Andrew
Holy Redeemer
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The Madeleine Care for Creation ANNUAL E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Sunday, April 24 • 9:00 am–1:00 pm

In conjunction with St. Charles, St. Andrew, and Holy Redeemer Parishes, The Madeleine Care for Creation Committee is pleased to announce our annual Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event. The event is provided at no charge, but donations accepted to help cover costs.

Green Century Recycling will be on hand to accept the following

- ▶ Computers
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- ▶ PDAs, Handheld Games
- ▶ Cameras
- ▶ Telephones
- ▶ Gaming Consoles/Systems
- ▶ UPS (uninterruptible power supply) and other Lead Acid Batteries
- ▶ Small/Large Appliances (which include, microwaves, toasters, blenders, etc.)
- ▶ Electric Power Tools
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- ▶ **NO!** Ni-CD & Ni-MH batteries
- ▶ **NO!** Media (CD, DVD, floppy, VHS, Cassette, tapes)
- ▶ **NO!** PCB Ballasts
- ▶ **NO!** Wood
- ▶ **NO!** Electronic & Magnetic Ballasts (Non-PCB only. Must be post 1978)
- ▶ **NO!** Refrigerators, Freezers, most water coolers, some dehumidifiers
- ▶ **NO!** Capacitors
- ▶ **NO!** Fire Extinguishers
- ▶ **NO!** Mercury Containing Devices (Thermostats, Ionization Smoke Detectors)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

GOD'S MERCY IS FOR EVERYONE, ALWAYS

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

“The present pandemic reminds us that there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice

that is undermining the health of the entire human family! Let us learn from the early Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles. It received mercy and lived with mercy: ‘All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need’ (Acts 2:44-45). This is not some ideology: it is Christianity.

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



St. Faustina's Mission

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

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

St. Faustina's Prayer

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

OUR MISSION TODAY: WITNESSING TO GOD'S MERCY

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

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

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

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

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




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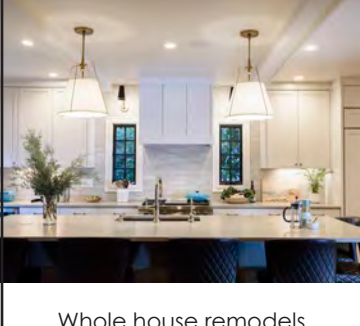
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