



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • June 18-19, 2022

12TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Saturday, August 20, 6:00 pm
The Madeleine Courtyard

- ▶ Welcome back after a 2-year absence!
- ▶ Tasting of fabulous varietal wines
- ▶ Paired cuisine by Mar Mar Clark, in a return engagement
- ▶ Live music ▶ Wall of Wine and signup parties to purchase
- ▶ Childcare: \$10/child; register when you buy your tickets
- ▶ \$55 per person before August 1 ▶ Order online today!

Tickets/Info:
themadeleine.edu/wine

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF HUNGER and yearning that can only be satisfied in the kingdom of God. Jesus responds to the hungry crowd, and he gives himself to us in the Eucharist as a pledge of the life to come.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Alexia Dragoo
- ▶ Terry O'Hanlon
- ▶ Marjorie O'Mahoney

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- ▶ Patricia Wilson
- ▶ Lisa Nice

WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 06/21, Tues. Ann LaGrande
- 06/22, Weds Peggy Barnett †
- 06/23, Thurs Hal † & Vivian Hunerlach
- 06/24, Fri Vicki Perkins
- 06/25, Sat Jo Conover †
- 06/26, Sun. 8:00 am... The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am... Sarah Frelander Riddle †

Summer Invitation from Therese Fenzl

A RETREAT "WITH" POPE FRANCIS

I have been blessed with the opportunity to share in a week's retreat every summer. That is not possible for everyone, so I am pleased to provide a retreat in daily life: "A Retreat with Pope Francis," this summer.



31, August 7 & 14.

Our gatherings will include 25 minute audio conferences by Fr. Anthony Ciorra on the writings of Pope Francis. (If you would like to know more about Fr. Anthony you can go to learn25.com.) We will

The retreat is based on the writings of Pope Francis. It will be held in the St. Catherine Room at 11:20 am on the following Sundays this summer: July 3, 10, 17,

then share prayer, reflections, join in faith sharing on what we hear with suggested questions. Questions or more information, contact me at tfenzl@themadeleine.edu

Happy Fathers Day



Calendar This Week

All Masses in person only unless noted

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 am: Mass—Church

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

MONDAY, JUNE 20

▶ Juneteenth Holiday—Parish Office Closed

6:30 pm: FA—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

7:00 mp: Haitian Sale Meeting—Courtyard

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 am: Mass—Church

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am: Mass—Church

1:00 pm: VOZ Dinner—Parish Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 am: Mass—Church

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

▶ Collection for the Holy Father

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

▶ Collection for the Holy Father

8:00 am: Mass—Church

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

11:30 am: Laudato Si'—St. Catherine Room

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED JUNE 20

In observance of the Juneteenth holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, June 20. We will be open as usual Tuesday morning

SAVE THE DATE

▶ **The Haitian Project Garage Sale:** July 29–31
themadeleine.edu/haitian

▶ **Wine Tasting:** August 20
themadeleine.edu/wine

▶ **The Madeleine Auction:** November 5
themadeleine.edu/auction

▶ **The Madeleine Marketplace:** December 8
themadeleine.edu/marketplace

MILESTONES

Marriage

Congratulations to **Jeunfai Lo & Anna Nguyen** on embracing the joy and commitment of sacramental marriage June 18 at The Madeleine.

PARISH LIFE

THE HAITIAN PROJECT GARAGE SALE IS JULY 29-31...SAVE THE DATE!

Scour your garage, closets and attic! Get your shopping shoes on. It's nearly time for The Haitian Project Garage Sale at The Madeleine!

The Garage Sale benefits the Louverture Cleary School in Haiti, which offers a Catholic education to children who otherwise would not be able to afford an education.



The Garage Sale is July 29-31, with collections in the Parish Hall beginning July 18.

The sale always needs volunteers, so if you want to help, Steve Holmes, steveholmes@shtrucking.com or 503-706-7937. More information, including detailed dates and hours, at

www.themadeleine.edu/haitian

FATHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS

Have a Father in your life remembered with a Mass intention. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, and may be put in the offertory baskets or delivered to the Parish Office. We will contact you to determine the date of the intention.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center (NCC) has two great marriage preparation workshops coming up that we'd like to share with you and your parishioners! The dates are September 23-24, on Friday from 5:30 pm–8 pm and Saturday from 9 am–11 am and 12:30 pm–3 pm. Participants can learn more and register at www.nwcounseling.org/product-category/marriage-preparation/

PETER'S PENCE

Next weekend, June 25–26, is the time for the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. If you did not make a Second Collection gift in your Parish Offertory pledge, envelopes are in the pews, or consider a donation online at www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Would you enjoy opportunities to meet with others to share in genial discussion/debate over the contents of some very excellent books? If so...



You are most cordially invited to join our group! For more information and/or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC ministry coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834;

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Happy Father's Day! Wives, give your husbands the greatest gift of all, the gift of your love. Participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on November 18-20 at Mt. Angel Abbey, in Mt. Angel, Oregon, or information about WWME call 503-704-0836 or by email at reservations@rediscoverthepark.org

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Singles, ages 40-60. Topic: Living the Faith While Single and Catholic. Talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Friday, July 22 at 7:00pm. Beverages and snacks provided. St. Birgitta Catholic Church 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com



Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear Jesus ask his disciples, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes. Today as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

THE MADELEINE IS HIRING!

We have some part-time jobs available at The Madeleine. See below. For more information or to apply, visit www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

Events Coordinator

Works at the direction of the Parish Events Manager. Responsibilities include set up and take down of event spaces, maintaining

More information on these positions at www.themadeleine.edu/jobs

Discerning Catholic CALLED TO AN APOSTOLIC LIFE?

I've always been suspicious of the idea of "being called" unless, of course, my mother was at the back door hollering for me. There's no getting around that one. But for all else, ingrained skepticism and years of practice as an analyst makes it difficult to distinguish "calling" from "interest" or "opportunity." The paint jobs just look too similar. And, to paraphrase a podcasting media savvy Catholic bishop: If you enjoy what you feel called to do, it's probably not God calling. Yet, like my hollering mother, there's no getting around the fact that people all over the globe feel compelled to serve without being able to articulate why. They simply act.

This past Monday was the Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua. Known as the Patron Saint of lost articles, of sailors, and a few other things, St. Anthony is also my patron, the saint whose name I borrowed for my confirmation because I liked its East-Coast Italian sound. I was told to pick a saint and I did.

Fast forward a few decades and several trips to Europe, including a stop in Padua, where I said a prayer and lit a candle at St. Anthony's Cathedral, though I was not at that time a practicing Catholic. Curious, I joined the line of pilgrims reverently laying hands on St. Anthony's tomb. When my turn came, I pressed both palms against the tomb, expecting something tangible, an

relationships and professionalism with clients, and overseeing the responsibilities of dishwashers and bussers. Minimum age 21.

Dishwashers

Washes dishes for parish, school and rental events in our Parish Hall kitchen. Minimum age 16 years.

electric shock, the jolt of Spirit filling me, but recognizing only cold, polished granite. Disappointed, I let go of the tomb and moved on. Over the next ten years, however, every place I looked in Europe (and in a few places in the States) there was St. Anthony, with his open book and the Christ Child, looking back. Despite my best efforts, he didn't appear ready to let go of me.

St. Anthony, I found out later, felt compelled to die a martyr for Christ while preaching in North Africa. Instead, suffering from illness, God ship-wrecked him in Sicily, sent him on to Tuscany where a frantic Prior on the spur of the moment brought young Father Anthony in from the sidelines to give a short homily for a group of visiting Dominicans. Keep it simple, he was told, let the Spirit speak through you. And that's how St. Anthony, sick, shipwrecked, side-lined and put on the spot, discerned God's call.

Maybe we can do the same. As Discerning Catholics, we're meant to break open the Word, the lives of the saints, and our own lives and experiences, to discover Christ's intentions for us as His apostles. If you're interested in being a part of the Discerning Catholic Ministry, please reach out to me, Dan O'Brien, at discerningcatholic@themadeleine.edu or text or call me at 503-206-2843. Our first face-to-face meeting is planned for Sunday July 10 after the 10:00 am Mass.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Masses:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am
 Thursday No School: 8:00 am
 During School: 2:00 pm
 Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am

► Livestream 10:00 am Sunday
 at youtube.com/themadeleineparish

Penance By appointment; call Parish Office

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Hours Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm

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 Mary Clare O'Brien 503-309-7639

Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday

Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

Green Tips for a More Sustainable Lifestyle

In the Bible, the sun is perceived as a living thing, obeying God by marking time. Today, we know that the sun is an enormous ball of hydrogen that produces nuclear fusion at its core and emits radiation. The radiation that reaches the Earth stimulates evaporation and warms the ground (thereby creating weather), and when it touches the green surface of a plant, this energy is turned into sugar by photosynthesis. The free energy of the sun can also be used directly for human activities.

► **Passive solar:** This method involves using solar energy without technology, such as hanging clothes on a clothesline to dry and opening curtains in the winter to warm a room.

► **Thermal solar:** Black solar panels can heat water which is then sent to the home's water heater, reducing the cost of running the water heater.

► **Electric solar:** Electric (or photovoltaic) solar panels convert light from the sun with 15 to 20% efficiency and thereby increase a home's energy autonomy.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

This weekend we celebrate the last of the trilogy of feast days that begins with Pentecost, The Trinity, and now, the Solemnity of the “Body and Blood of Christ.”

This Solemnity recognizes that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of our faith”—the pinnacle of who we are and what we believe as Catholics. In the eyes of the Church, the whole of the Mass becomes the eucharistic sacrifice—with the act of receiving Communion (or Eucharist) the culmination of the entire liturgy.

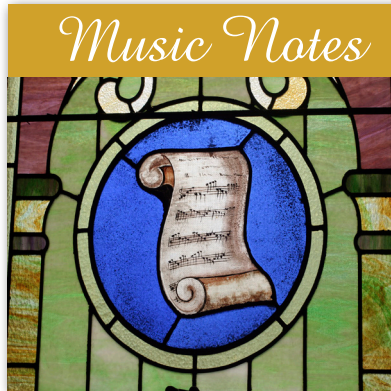
That being said, the Communion Procession is that part of the Mass that physically unites us as the Body of Christ. If you think of it that way, then singing the Communion Chant (as it is called) is very important—as it helps to unite us further through song. Practically speaking, it is helpful if the song has a short refrain that is easily sung by memory. Any more than that, it becomes a challenge to walk, balance both the hymnal and receive communion all at once!

Prior to Vatican II and throughout the history of the Church, of course, many sacred motets (or songs) evolved from Latin chant. One such motet, the “Ave Verum Corpus,” (Hail, True Body) dates from the 14th century and was attributed to Pope Innocent VI. During the Middle Ages, it was sung as a chant at the elevation of the Host during the consecration. It was also used frequently during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. While the text for the “Ave Verum Corpus” has been used as a basis for many composers throughout the centuries, certainly one of the most well-known and well-loved is by Mozart. It is also one of my favorites. It was composed in June of 1791 for Mozart’s friend, Anton Stoll, who was a school teacher and choirmaster of a small parish church of St. Stephen in Baden.

Mozart wrote the motet as payment to Stoll, who had helped him with some personal arrangements for his wife, Costanze. Presumably intended for the feast of Corpus Christi, the work

contains minimal direction for expression, and is deceptively simple with its homophonic structure and Adagio tempo—as if Mozart were conscious of the limitations of a small-town choir. Nevertheless, with its beautiful over-arching melodies and sublime harmonies, Mozart’s “Ave Verum” remains one of the most go-to motets for this Feast Day for choirs of all sizes.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (or Corpus Christi, as it was previously called) reminds us of what being a Catholic is all about. It is not just what we believe—it is who we are.



Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, True Body)
Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

—Maria Manzo

The Madeleine Knights of Columbus Council 11682 • Charity-Unity-Fraternity

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

ACTIVITIES:

- ▶ At the last Council meeting new officers were elected for the upcoming fraternal year. Outgoing Grand Knight Dan Evans deserves our praise and gratitude for all of his hard work for navigating the Council through tough times. Great job, Dan! The newly elected Grand Knight is Dan O’Donnell.
- ▶ Proceeds from the recent Council’s activities were distributed for eighth grade scholarships, Mother and Child Education Center, Ukraine Relief through Catholic Relief Services and a few Altar Server awards.
- ▶ Madeleine Council has more events planned for the future so keep reading the Parish Bulletin for announcements.

QUICK FACTS:

- ▶ Archbishop Alexander Sample addressed the Knights of Columbus State Convention held in late April. He said of the



Knights, “Christ is calling us forward as witnesses in the world. This is a great time to be a Knight. You are on the leading edge with Christ rebuilding the world through faith.” (Catholic Sentinel)

- ▶ Worldwide Knights have donated more than \$10 million in aid to the people of Ukraine and nearby Poland which is taking in Ukrainian refugees.
- ▶ There are now more than two million Knights worldwide and more than 9,000 in Oregon.
- ▶ Men who are eighteen years of age and older and are practicing Catholics may join the Knights. For more information please call Dan Evans @ 503-701-5581 or Dan O’Donnell @ 503-440-9415.

The Council’s next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12th. The meeting will be our annual summer get together. The Council will meet at TC O’Leary’s Irish Pub at 6:00 pm.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS IN THE MAIL!

Our Parish Stewardship Letters for the 2022-23 fiscal year are making their way into the mail. If you have not yet received your letter by the end of May, contact the Parish Office.

The feature most folks are drawn to is the graph in the middle of the page that shows your past 5-years' giving compared to parish averages.

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This letter, and the graph, show giving for our Parish Offertory, Second Collections and our Capital Repair Fund (used for maintenance and repairs on campus). **This graph does NOT include Old Church Capital Campaign gifts.**

Upon receiving your letter, if you have questions about the Stewardship Campaign, your past giving, or your upcoming donation, contact John Garrow at the Parish Office, 503-281-5777 or jgarrow@themadeleine.edu, or Father Mike at fathermike@themadeleine.edu

By The Numbers

1 Giving History. So you don't have to dig through your bank records, these green bars show how much you've given each year, averaged by month for simplicity. Parish Offertory, Second Collections and Capital Repair gifts are used here. **These bars do NOT include Old Church Capital Campaign giving or pledges.**

2 Parishioner Average Giving. For context, we've provided the average monthly contribution per contributing parish family over each of the past 5 years.

3 Contact information. We have included what we have for your current contact information. See an error or a phone or email missing? Just make the correction when you send in your commitment card!

4 Suggested 2022-23 monthly amount. This is an amount for you to consider for your 2022-23 giving. It reflects the greater of your prior year monthly average plus our requested 6% increase, or the parish average. It's just a suggestion...we are grateful for any amount.

5 Your Commitment. Here, we list the commitments for the coming year.

▶ **Combined Monthly Commitment.** The amount here is intended to cover not only your Parish Offertory, the main fund that our parish runs on, but Second Collections and Capital Repair Fund also. **This does NOT include any gifts to our Old Church Project Capital Campaign.**

▶ **Additional Gifts:** If you did not include Capital Repair Fund and Second Collections in the past—or wish to add more—please consider including a monthly amount here.

▶ **Total Per Month:** Please TOTAL ALL THE LINES ABOVE for your total monthly commitment.

6 Method of payment: We are really hoping people will experience the convenience of automatic electronic payments this year. Complete instructions are on the back of your commitment card.



Dear John & Jane

Thank you for your support of The Madeleine! Every family, every person in the parish benefits from your generosity. Your ongoing support is critical to the ministries and mission of The Madeleine.

As you know, the pandemic has been up and down. This time last year, we thought we were in the clear...but COVID had another thought. Most of our supporters have been steadfast, but not everyone has been able to support the parish at their previous levels.

With increased costs for 2022, accelerated by the inflation seen in the United States and world economies, I am asking all parishioners to consider a 6% or greater increase over your prior giving amounts—if possible, to increase giving to our parish average of \$185 per month, as noted on the Stewardship Commitment Form below. I know I can count on your generous support, and I remain very grateful for your leadership in our journey.

If you have any questions, please contact me or John Garrow, our Business Manager, at the Parish Office, 503-281-5777.

Fr. Mike

Fr. Mike Biewend, Pastor



“A huge beneficiary of our return toward normal are our Faith Formation ministries. Here, Therese Fenzl leads our Confirmation class in prayer.”

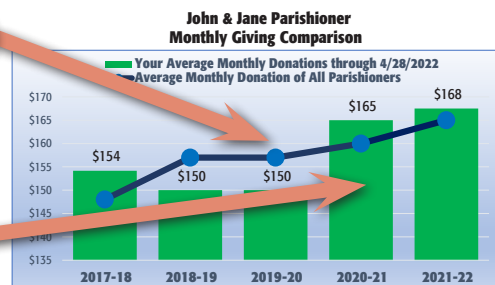


“In partnership with Providence Health, The Madeleine hosted two vaccine clinics in the Parish Hall. Folks lined up all the way to the school parking lot to “get the job”; more than 700 doses were administered.”

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Your combined monthly giving by fiscal year for Offertory, Second Collections and Capital Repair

2022-2023 PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

- Please make any corrections below
- For electronic donations, please complete the information on back
- When completed, please return this form in the envelope provided or drop in our weekly collection basket

Email: j&j-parishioner@mail.com
Phone: (503) 123-4567

John & Jane Parishioner
1234 NE Neighborhood St
Portland, OR 97212

Please consider increasing your total combined monthly commitment to our Parish average of: **\$185**

YOUR COMMITMENT	
Please enter your combined monthly commitment, to include Offertory, Capital Repair and Second Collections	\$
OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL GIFTS:	
Additional Capital Repair Fund—Monthly	\$
Additional Second Collections—Monthly	\$
Total per month (Add together all 3 lines above)	\$

- METHOD OF PAYMENT**
- Auto Debit (EFT)—Preferred
 - Online Bill Pay
 - Debit/Credit Card—Preferred
 - Envelopes

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The Body and Blood *of Christ*

Jesus Christ, God with Us

The incarnation is more than a doctrine of faith just found in theology textbooks. It reveals the most fundamental way that God chooses to relate to creation and to us as human beings. The idea of a divine being taking human form is not unique to Christianity for many pagan religions had similar tales of their gods appearing in human form. But Jesus' incarnation is unique in what it says about the God who comes into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

First, we must be precise: to speak of the incarnation is to speak of the human embodiment of the second person of the Trinity, the Word of God. In itself the incarnation is an act of the whole Trinity—the Father wills that the Word become human through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The spatial notion of Christ being in heaven before the incarnation and being on earth after it cannot be applied here. God is not bound by the same strictures that bind us as embodied creatures who are always in

one time and place. As St. Hilary of Poitiers noted, “Christ does not cease to be divine because he became human, nor fail to be human because he remained forever divine.” The Word made flesh involves God in time and history in a new way and declares God's Lordship over both.

Second, the incarnation expresses God's love and desire for a new creation, one not distorted and disfigured by evil and sin. The Word becomes flesh in order that the children of flesh might become children of God, not just in their origin but in their very nature. The early teachers of the Church spoke of this as *theopoesis* (Greek: “making God-like”). By this they do not mean that Christians become gods, but rather that through our baptism into Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to share in the divine life (sanctifying grace) and thus be completely transformed into Christ's image. Through this divine life working within us we share with God in the re-creation of the world.



Jesus Gives Himself So We Might Live

Without food, we cannot survive and we die. So feeding was the responsibility of the father or head of the household. When the Hebrews were liberated from Egypt in the exodus to become God's covenant community, they expected that God the new "father" of their community would feed them. God fulfilled this expectation and first gave them manna and quail for their food in the wilderness (Ex 16), then gave them a land where they could grow crops to support themselves.

This gift of food was only a preview of what God would do with Jesus. Jesus, who shows his divinity by doing the things that only God can do (forgiving sins, controlling storms) also shares God's ability to give food. Jesus makes bread available to the hungry crowds—a sign of how eager and willing God is to provide what we need for survival.

But Jesus, at the Last Supper, went one step further. He not only gave bread; he also promised that he would actually become the bread and wine in the celebration of the eucharistic ritual. With this holy food and drink, his own body and blood, he nourishes us so that we can begin to share now in communion with God's own life. His gift of himself as our food and drink is the gift making possible our ongoing communion and life with God.

The sign of our "thanksgiving" or eucharist is to imitate Jesus' action of taking, blessing, breaking and sharing bread and wine, which represent the essential nourishment for our lives. He transforms the bread and wine into his body and blood so we can share his life and sustenance. Just as plants and animals give up their lives to become our food, so Jesus gives his life to become our nourishment. He expects us to do the same.

The Eucharist: Growing in Communion with Christ

The Eucharist is the way that we nourish our relationship with God and deepen our communion with God and one another. At Mass, we do some of the same things that we do at home—gather with others, listen to God's word, praise and thank God, bless bread and share meals, and carry on Christ's mission. Both at home and at church, Christ is present, inviting us into deeper communion with him and with others. Our communion grows through the ritual of receiving and giving, gathering to immerse ourselves in God's word, sharing a sacred meal, and eagerly accepting the commission to carry on Christ's work for the world.

Growing in relationship with Christ is an everyday task, so the more we understand about the Eucharist, the more we will be able to move from celebrating on Sunday to living eucharistic lives during the rest of the week. Communion with Christ and with the Christian community in each Eucharist offers the nourishment we need for a life-long process of becoming a Christian. Our goal is not just participation in our eucharistic celebration (communion), but on making our whole life a eucharistic experience.

We participate in our Eucharist so that we may be transformed by God and sent back into the world. Our Eucharist is a celebration of the Eucharist of our daily lives. Everything is changed when God gifts us with life and we say "thanks" with our lives.

Our challenge, then, is to connect our experience of Christ's presence found in the eucharistic celebration with those found in our households and in our everyday lives. Thus our whole lives become an experience of growing in communion with Christ and with others. Celebrating the Eucharist brings about changes in ourselves and then invites us to change our behavior in our household, in our school, at our job and in every other part of our life.



"We earnestly pray that the precious blood, poured out for all mankind, may at long last bring to all, to all persons everywhere, salvation and conversion, that the blood of Christ may be to all the pledge and promise of eternal life.

—Pope St. Pope John XXIII



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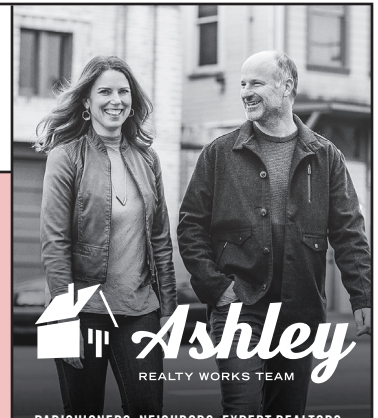


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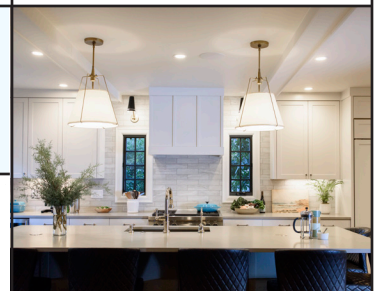
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