

# THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • October 1–2, 2022

## RCIA—COME AND SEE!

Thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process through which the Catholic Church welcomes newcomers. Our first gathering is Sunday, October 9

at 8:45 am in the Old Church. We are excited to meet you! Contact Christi Bohmbach at [rcia@themadeleine.edu](mailto:rcia@themadeleine.edu) for more information.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REGISTRATION

Registration for First Penance and First Eucharist is open for the 2022-23 school year. Our fun and informative class series is based on concepts from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Classes will be held during the 10:00 am Mass,

and once class is complete, children will be brought to Mass to join their families in time for the Presentation of Gifts. Email Rose Horton at [sac-prep@themadeleine.edu](mailto:sac-prep@themadeleine.edu) or call 512-627-5568 for more information, to register and for the schedule.

## SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE, OCT. 5

The Madeleine Safety & Security Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 5, from 7 to 8 pm, outdoors and in person, in the Church Courtyard. Appropriate COVID precautions will be followed to ensure the health and well-being of everyone in attendance.

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

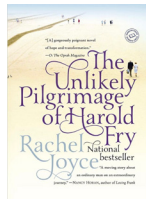
preparedness planning, decision-making, and emergency response to a disaster, pandemic, or other critical events.

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

**Blessing of the Pets, Tues. Oct. 4, 3:00 pm • Parish Hall Driveway • All are welcome**

## BOOK CLUB NEWS

Do you love to read? Would you enjoy opportunities to meet with other parishioners and friends 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.



There is still plenty of time to read *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, by Rachel Joyce before our mid-October meeting. For further information or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, [gypsy-frau47@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsy-frau47@yahoo.com) or 503-312-6834.

## CONFIRMATION NOTES

► **Sunday, October 9**—Confirmation gathering for candidates in 9th through 12th grades (including 8th graders not in our school) in Fireside Room. We will meet from 8:50 am until 9:50 am and then attend 10:00 am Mass. Confirmation candidates and families are asked to sit together.

► **Sunday, October 16**—10:00 am Mass followed by family gathering in the Parish Hall. All school and parish families are invited to participate in this liturgy and gathering. We will share refreshments and a brief presentation (about 15 minutes) on Family Spirituality and October prayer by Therese Fenzl.

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOW LONG, O LORD? Is this not a question most of us have asked countless times? It's a question we ask when we're weary or questioning how to keep the faith when we have lost the vision. Even the apostles who were with Jesus pleaded for increased faith. Jesus responded that real faith takes the form of service.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- Betty Couch—*Funeral, Saturday, October 22*
- Sally McKeon—*Funeral, Friday, October 21*
- Shirley Hughey-Smith
- Lisa Nice

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Kathy Gaitan
- Carolyn Fenzl
- Cathy Peterson
- Debbie Barsotti
- Bill Stack

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 10/04, Tues. . . . . Pat and Gordon Oliver
- 10/05, Weds. . . . . Scottie Crocker †
- 10/06, Thurs. . . . . Sally McKeon †
- 10/07, Fri. . . . . Marie Hong Tran †
- 10/08, Sat. . . . . Bill Rooney †
- 10/09, Sun. 8:00 am . . . The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am . . . . . Lisa Nice †

## Calendar This Week

*All Masses in person only unless noted*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 am: Mass—Church

8:45 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room

10:00 am: First Penance Class—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Mass—  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

11:00 am: Parish Picnic & Oktoberfest

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

▶ Feast of St. Francis

▶ Nourish our Neighbors Grade 6

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

3:00 pm: Blessing of the Animals—Parish Hall Driveway

6:30 pm: CASE Training—Parish Hall

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus—Fireside Rm

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

▶ School Pictures

2:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir

7:00 pm: Safety and Security—Courtyard

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

2:00 pm: School Mass—Church

7:00 pm: 45th Parallel Concert—Old Church

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

▶ No School—In-Service Day

8:00 am: Mass—Church

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 am: Alzheimer's Group—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Northwest Counseling Event—Parish Hall

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

6:00 pm: Mayo 80th Birthday—Fireside Rm

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 am: Mass—Church

8:45 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room

8:50 am: Confirmation—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: First Penance Class—Fireside Rm

10:00 am: Mass—  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

11:30 am: Music Ed Workshop

3:00 pm: Christopher Wicks Concert—Old Church

### NO DAILY MASS TUES & WEDS

Fr. Mike will be at the annual convocation of Archdiocesan priests, so there will be no daily Masses at The Madeleine October 4–5. If you wish to attend a daily Mass, we encourage you to check with Holy Rosary Parish, [www.holyrosarypdx.org](http://www.holyrosarypdx.org)

## PARISH LIFE

# 45TH PARALLEL UNIVERSE

Join us for an incredible season of chamber music at the The Old Madeleine Church!



Join us for our 22/23 season Opening Night concert!

## RADIO HAPPENING

Gemini Project + All Classical Portland

October 6 | 7:00 pm | The Old Madeleine Church

The hosts of All Classical Portland join Gemini Percussion to tell the story of classical music and radio, featuring a special performance of “City Wears a Slouch Hat” by John Cage.

Learn more at [45thparallelpdx.org](http://45thparallelpdx.org)

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UNIVERSE

## CARMELITE SONGS

Music by Christopher Wicks  
on Poems by St. Teresa of Avila,  
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and  
St. Theresa of Lisieux  
with sopranos Janeanne Rockwell Kincanon,  
Aimee Larsen Amend, and Alison Seeber

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

Three p.m. Donations accepted.

The Old Madeleine Church

3123 NE 24th Av. Portland, OR





## THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

On October 4, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis is probably one of the most well-known saints in the world. In the USA, most Catholics I know have a statue of St. Francis in their yard, since he is known as the Patron Saint of animals. He is also a big name in Italy as he, along with St. Catherine of Siena, are the Patron Saints of Italy.

If you have ever been to our home, you would automatically see that St. Francis is one of our top three Saints of all time. Before you enter our house, we have a near life-size St. Francis water feature. Above the arched doors into our living room are the words, "Make me a channel of your peace," which I painstakingly stenciled in Italian. In our backyard we have another St. Francis statue where we bury the birds and other creatures that meet their demise in our yard. And our little dog, "Frankie," is named after St. Francis.

As the Patron Saint of Italy, St. Francis was born and is buried in the hilltop town of Assisi, Italy. And so it makes sense to anyone who has ever visited Assisi—with its cobblestone streets lined with red geranium hanging baskets—Assisi IS Italy. If you wander inside the Upper Basilica of the Cathedral of St. Francis, you will see the most amazing frescoes depicting the life of St. Francis and attributed to the 13th century artist, Giotto. Unfortunately, some of them were irreparably damaged in the earthquake of 1997, tragically turning to dust in the aftermath. One of my fondest memories of Assisi is the year that we were there for the feast day. After a big parade, Italian government officials, Cardinals and Bishops were there for the Mass which was broadcast throughout

the town on big jumbo-trans. After Mass, doves were released and the party began – complete with an Italian band marching through town playing John Phillip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever"—and food, drink, and music well into the night!

St. Francis was an ordinary person who led an extraordinary life. A series of visions and events called St. Francis to renounce all of his worldly possessions and take a vow of poverty. He founded the Franciscan Order in the year 1210. St. Francis also considered nature to be the "mirror" of God—calling all creatures his "brothers and sisters." The hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King," composed by William Henry Draper, is based upon a poem by St. Francis. For the next two weekends, this hymn forms the musical backdrop for our beloved Madeleine pet photos that will be shown at Mass.

Above all, St. Francis was a peacemaker. As a reminder, the word "PAX" (Latin for "peace") is etched into the grass outside the upper Basilica in Assisi. Although St. Francis didn't write the "Prayer of St. Francis," the song (composed by Sebastian Temple and sung by Elton John at the funeral of Princess Diana) sums up what St. Francis was all about—and what we should aspire to on this earth. It says...do not be quarrelsome or take part in disputes with words...or criticize others; but be gentle, peaceful and unassuming, courteous and humble, speaking respectfully to everyone. Perhaps now more than ever, St. Francis is a timeless reminder of how we ought to live our life here on this earth.

—Dr. Maria Manzo

*Music Director, The Madeleine*

## HOLY CHILD ACADEMY ALL-CLASS LUNCHEON

Holy Child Academy, (formerly located at NE 54th & Alameda and closed in 1973), will hold an all-class luncheon at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St. in Portland on Sat. Oct. 15 from 11 am to 2 pm. Cost is \$40. Please call Carol McMenamin, 503-704-7382 or Sr. Kathy Cordes, SHCJ, 971-207-4676 to RSVP.



**In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples,** "When you have done all you have been commanded, say: We are unprofitable servants; we have only done what we were obliged to do." This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned, for indeed we are only doing "what we are obliged to do." A special thank you to The Madeleine School Students for donating 252 lbs. of food in honor of St. Vincent de Paul's feast day, September 27.

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

## CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Singles, ages 40-60. Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Next topic: Early Christian Heresies. Friday, October 14. 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. [www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com](http://www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com) for more details. St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to: [CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com](mailto:CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com)

## 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](http://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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**Marriages, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick**—  
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**Infant Baptism**—Darlene Maurer . . . . . ext. 125

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

Email to [bulletin@themadeleine.edu](mailto: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.



### 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.



### SWIFFER REFILLS



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

### 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.



### ORAL CARE PRODUCTS

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



### 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.



### BIC WRITING INSTRUMENTS AND PACKAGING

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



### 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](http://www.loopstore.com)

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# WELCOME ABOARD

*The Madeleine Auction* • 11/5/22

## SUPPORT THE MADELEINE AUCTION — PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS ONLINE!

Buying raffle tickets has always been a great way to support our parish school’s auction, which goes to the general fund to help keep Catholic education affordable for families. But now we’re pleased to offer them online, so ANYONE can buy them (well, anyone who’s in the state of Oregon, that is). So visit [www.themadeleine.edu/raffle](http://www.themadeleine.edu/raffle) and buy your raffle tickets today! Just \$10 each!

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**GRAND PRIZE:** Option of \$4000 Travel Voucher or \$4000 Catholic School Tuition Voucher (Portland-area K-12)

**SECOND PRIZE:** \$750 Travel Voucher

**THIRD PRIZE:** \$250 Powell’s Gift Card

Need not be present to win. 4,500 tickets available. Drawing to be held at The Madeleine School, 3240 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97212. Ticket drawn 11/5/2022 at approximately 8:30 pm. Cost \$10 per ticket. Winner responsible for applicable taxes. Restrictions may apply. Not redeemable for cash. Must be in Oregon to purchase online.



**Buy tickets online: [www.themadeleine.edu/raffle](http://www.themadeleine.edu/raffle)**



# SERVING MOMS IN NEED LIVING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

On March 25, 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Church celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document, written by a great saint of our time, Pope John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

In this encyclical, the Holy Father explains that the Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, reflecting his glory and his imprint. We are therefore called to "respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."<sup>1</sup>

*Evangelium vitae* highlights the special and particular role of women in bearing the gift of life to the world. Pope John Paul II offers heartfelt thanks to these "heroic mothers," who, placing their trust in God, "devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves."<sup>2</sup>

Pope John Paul II also outlines the many challenges that expectant mothers may face, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health or that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. The Holy Father recognizes that an "unborn child is totally entrusted to the protection and care of the woman carrying him or her in the womb."<sup>3</sup> For this reason,

it is particularly important that the Church come alongside mothers, offering them encouragement, assistance, and support.

Through Christ, we have received the gift of the Gospel of Life in its fullness. As members of the Church, we are the *people of life and for life*. It is our duty to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life to the world, for "to proclaim Jesus is itself to proclaim life."<sup>4</sup> Pope John Paul II tasked us with building a culture of life to combat the forces at work in the culture of death. He challenged us:

**With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.<sup>5</sup>**

In honor of *Evangelium vitae*'s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in answer to Pope John Paul II's call, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities launched a nationwide effort entitled, *Walking with Moms in Need*. Parishes, through the support of their bishops and pastors, are invited to join this effort to increase the Church's outreach and support to pregnant women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. This special anniversary has provided the Church with an opportunity to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods, but in

desperation, they are turning to other places for help. We know the needs and challenges can be immense for women in difficult pregnancies, especially women in poverty, and the sources for help may not be apparent to those most needing support. Women facing challenging pregnancies should see the Church as a place where they can find help, especially with its extensive social services dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis.

Through *Walking with Moms in Need* the Church is being asked to respond to Pope John Paul II's call and honestly assess the pastoral and practical assistance that it currently provides to pregnant moms and families in need and how effective it is in communicating such help.

Pope John Paul II wrote that,

**"gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of man impel us to share [the Gospel of Life] with everyone."<sup>6</sup>**

He said we need to bring this message "to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."<sup>7</sup> By reaching out to lovingly support and care for pregnant women and their children, we witness to the sanctity of every human person, in every stage and every circumstance.

*Evangelium vitae* emphasizes that, "where

life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable... We need then to 'show care' for all life and for the life of everyone."<sup>8</sup> Pope John Paul II highlights the incredible history of service and charity that the Church has provided throughout the centuries to those abandoned and forgotten by society. He urges that "every Christian community, with a renewed sense of responsibility, must continue to write this history."<sup>9</sup>

We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. *Evangelium vitae* teaches us that "the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest."<sup>10</sup>

Pope John Paul II wrote, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel."<sup>11</sup> The Gospel of Jesus is the Gospel of Life, and to love Jesus is to love and serve life. As followers of Christ, may we strive to continually respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable entrusted to us by God.

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As part of *Walking with Moms in Need*, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is providing educational, pastoral, and action-oriented resources to help parishes go to the peripheries and bring hope and help to mothers in need. Through the combined efforts of parishes nationwide, we hope to move closer to the day when every pregnant mother in need knows where to turn for help, and abortion is unthinkable. Visit [WalkingWithMoms.com](http://WalkingWithMoms.com) to learn more and to pledge to prayerfully walk with mothers in need.

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1 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 81.  
2 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 86.  
3 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 58.

4 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 80.  
5 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 95.  
6 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 80.  
7 *Ibid.*

8 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 87.  
9 *Ibid.*  
10 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 43.  
11 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.



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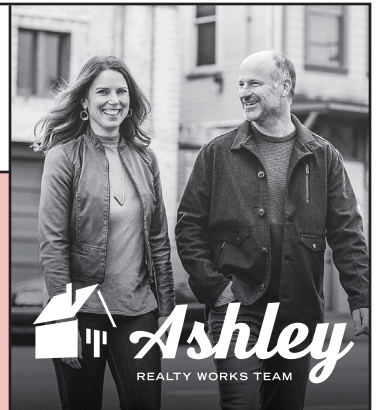
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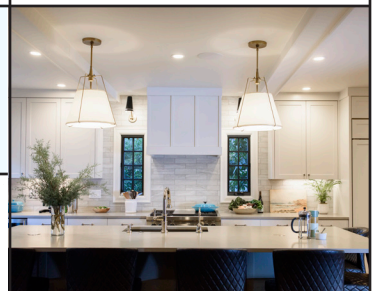
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