

THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • December 17-18, 2022



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CALL & REHEARSALS

Children: please join the Christmas Pageant at our Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Mass. Please make sure you can attend both rehearsals before signing up.

Sunday, December 18 at 11:15 am, in the Parish Hall—Sign up and participate in two run-throughs.

Thursday, December 22, 5:30 pm in the Main Church—Get your costume and participate in two run-throughs. Eat a light dinner/snack beforehand.

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 3:15 pm—Please arrive at 3:15 pm sharp in the Fireside Room for the big night.

Email kristine.thompson@gmail.com with questions.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: NOTES & REQUESTS

When arriving for Christmas Eve Masses, please be respectful of all.

Respect our honored citizens

Several pews will be reserved for honored citizens for whom getting around is not as easy as it once was.

Also, look around! If you are fit and able, and see someone who is in greater need of the seat than yourself, please offer

them a place to sit.

Speaking of seats, please don't save

It's a dubious tradition here—people using coats, papers, ribbons, prone bodies, etc., to save vast swaths of seats for latearriving friends and family. Please, on this night, let's not do that. Bring your entire family early, and enjoy the pre-Mass music together. Thank you!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ John Flynn
- ▶ Sarah Warner
- Kathleen Nims
- ▶ James (Jim) Hopson
- ▶ Pam Wiggin

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Auxere Francois
- Mason Lugar
- Jesse Kissinger
- ▶ Chadd Garvens
- ▶ Aaron Stevenson
- ▶ Nancy Sharff

WORSHIP & PRAYER

12/20, Tues	Mary Hall †
12/21, Weds	Robert Tracey †
12/22, Thurs	Peggy Russell
12/23, Fri	Betty Couch †
12/24, Sat 4:00 pm	
7:00 pm	Mary Mackin †
Midnight	Paul Wills †
12/25, Sun. 10:00 am	Bill Rooney †

Ministries, teachers, service groups

Please send in photos by December 20 for the annual *The Madeleine in Service* edition of our parish bulletin on Christmas! Instructions at www.themadeleine.edu/photos

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 am: Mass-Church

8:45 am: RCIA-St. Catherine Room

10:00 am: Mass—Church ALSO LIVESTREAMS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 pm: FA Meeting-Fireside Rm

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir & Instrumentalists

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 am: Mass-Church

9:00 am: Adoration-Fireside Rm

7:00 pm: Madeleine Singers Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 am: Mass-Church

2:45 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 am: Mass-Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 am: Mass-Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

▶ Christmas Eve

4:00 pm: Mass—Church ALSO LIVESTREAMS

7:00 pm: Mass-Old Madeleine Church

Midnight: Mass-Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

- ▶ Christmas Day
- ▶ No 8:00 am Mass today

10:00 am: Mass—Church ALSO LIVESTREAMS

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PARISH LIFE



joy throughout this holiday season. For information about our reading group, please contact our ministry coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, 503-312-6834 or gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com.

PICK UP YOUR COPY OF HOLY MOMENTS, OUR GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

On your way out from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, please pick up Matthew Kelly's Holy Moments, as a gift from the parish (one per family please). From the liner notes: Some ideas are so power-



ful that simply becoming aware of them changes our lives forever. Holy Moments is such an idea. It is profoundly simple, astonishingly practical, and once you discover it your life will finally makes sense. It's time to let Holy Moments show you what is possible. It is time to explore your soul-potential.

ADVENT FAITH SHARING, THERESE FENZL

Our final Advent Faith Sharing will meet on Monday, December 19 at 6:30 pm. If you have not already contacted me but would like to attend this gathering, please email me to tfenzl@themadeleine.edu and I will send you the Zoom link.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER FOR PEACE

Deacon Mike O'Mahoney and Therese Fenzl will be leading a gathering to pray for peace in the Fireside Room on New Year's Eve, December 31 from 10:45 am to Noon. You are welcome to attend for whatever amount of time works for you. Therese Fenzl will also host a Zoom ½ hour of prayer later in the day (12/31/22) from 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Details will be explained in the bulletin next week.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Experience God's grace and peace on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on January 13-15 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. 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

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE

Through Christmas, Sleep in Heavenly Peace is accepting bedding donations at The Madeleine. Please look for the blue bins located in the vestibule.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace has provided 300 beds to children in the Portland area. Many of those beds were built and delivered by Madeleine parishioners and provided with sheets, blankets and pillows from Madeleine bedding

drives. Special shout out to the Laskowski family, who have been at every one of our bunk bed builds and many of our deliveries. We love having you on our team!



a good supply of sheet sets, but could always use more twin size blankets and comforters, mattress protectors (no extra long please) and pillows. All donations must be new and still in the original packaging.

Through the generosity of

past beddings drives, we have

Thank you to The Madeleine Community for the continued support!



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

PARISH LIFE

Parish Stewardship and end-of-year giving

Visit www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving

As you know, your donations are what keep our parish working. Please, take a moment and consider The Madeleine this holiday season.

Parish Stewardship Drive

If you did not have the opportunity to make your pledge for the 2022-23 fiscal year in May's Stewardship Drive, please consider doing so today. If you are regularly contributing, but did not complete a pledge card, doing so can help us know to "count on" your generous gifts.

This campaign is the backbone of our parish budget, offering us the financial stability and means to keep our parish running smoothly and carrying out our ministries to the community. We've had a good response to the Stewardship Campaign....we just need to keep up the good work!

We know there are a lot of asks for donations at this time of year. And even through the nearly two years of the pandemic, through prudent fiscal management and good response to our Stewardship Campaign this spring, your parish is on strong financial footing.

Matching Gifts

Many employers will match tax-deductible contributions. If you work for such a company, please consider checking to see if either The Madeleine or The Madeleine School is eligible.

Many ways to give

In addition to regular stewardship via Sunday donations, there are many ways to support The Madeleine:

- One-time gifts
- · Estate planning or bequests
- Life Insurance
- Appreciated securities
- Real estate and personal property

If you wish to consider an additional gift to The Madeleine, please contact John Garrow, our Business Manager, or Father Mike.

Important: For your donation to be included in 2022 year-end statements, please have donations to the parish office by end of business day December 31. Online donations available at www.themadeleine.edu/parishgiving

PLEASE, REMEMBER CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Two collections: Christmas Eve/Day and Sunday, December 25

Every year, we budget for both Sunday and Christmas offertory...the Christmas offertory is very important to our annual budget.

Those of you who contribute via envelopes know this...as you'll find envelopes for both Christmas Eve/Day and Sunday, December 25 in your packets. We thank you for your support.

To our Electronic Givers: To those of you who contribute weekly via EFT or Online Billpay through your bank, if you have not authorized one already, please remember to bring, or schedule, an additional donation for Christmas Day Mass.

You can also make a donation online at www.themadeleine.edu/christmasgiving

RMD for 2022?

If you are at least 70½ years of age and are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, you can donate part or all of that distribution to The Madeleine, tax free! For information, contact parish Business Manager, John Garrow, 503-281-5777 or igarrow@themadeleine.edu



Upcoming concerts at The Madeleine

Performances in The Old Madeleine Church unless noted

- January 12, 7:00 pm 45th Parallel Universe When the Violin, Vijay Gupta and Greg Ewer • www.45thparallelpdx.org
- January 26, 7:00 pm 45th Parallel Universe
 Brave New World, six flute players www.45thparallelpdx.org

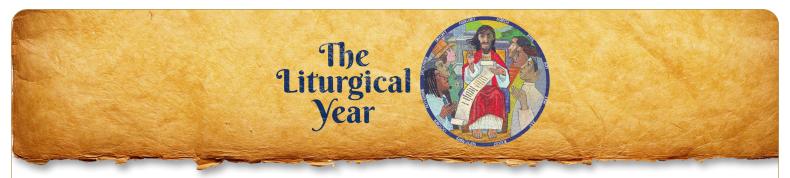
WEEKLY MASS TIMES **Regular Mass Times:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am Thursday. No School: 8:00 am During School: 2:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am ▶ Livestream 10:00 am Sunday at youtube.com/themadeleineparish **Penance** By appointment; call Parish Office PARISH OFFICE **Hours** Monday–Friday, 10:00 am–3:00 pm **Phone**: 503-281-5777 **Fax**: 503-281-0673 PARISH STAFF Rev. Mike Biewend—Pastor fathermike@themadeleine.edu.....ext. 111 **Deacon Mike O'Mahoney**—Permanent Deacon deaconmike@themadeleine.edu Carol Glasgow—School Principal cglasgow@themadeleine.edu . . 503-288-9197 John Garrow—Business Manager jgarrow@themadeleine.eduext. 118 My Schoning—Assistant Business Manager mhoang@themadeleine.edu.....ext. 118 **Darlene Maurer**—Pastoral Assistant dmaurer@themadeleine.edu ext. 125 **Therese Fenzl**—Director of Spiritual Ministries tfenzl@themadeleine.eduext. 116 Maria Manzo—Director of Music mmanzo@themadeleine.edu ext. 113 Allison Blakemore—Bookkeeper ablakemore@themadeleine.edu.....ext. 119 Guy Allen-Events Manager gallen@themadeleine.edu Mary Prusso—Registration mprusso@themadeleine.eduext. 112 Julie Kupers—Special Events ikupers@themadeleine.edu....720-936-5635 Janeen Reilly—Parish Administrator jreilly@themadeleine.eduext. 110 **Terry Silva**—Facilities Support tsilva@themadeleine.eduext. 117 **Rich Hammons**—Director of Communications rhammons@themadeleine.edu..... ext. 129 SACRAMENTS Marriages, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick-

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Midnight Mass

hristmas is the only day on our Church calendar that calls for Mass during the Night or what colloquially is known as "Midnight Mass." Easter has its Vigil, but the pivotal celebration at Christmas is the "Mass during the Night" as found in The Roman Missal.

Actually, The Roman Missal has four options for the celebration of Christmas Mass; each option has unique prayers and Scriptures assigned to it:

- 1. Vigil Mass on the evening of December 24,
- 2. Mass during the Night,
- 3. Mass at Dawn, and
- 4. Mass during the Day for December 25.

We may mix and match the Scriptures if we wish. There's no fixed time when these Masses must be celebrated not even the one we call midnight. The titles are a simple convenience to identify the four. A parish might celebrate "Midnight Mass" at ten in the morning or eight at night. Parish staffs laugh at callers who ask, "What time is Midnight Mass?" But the question isn't as absurd as it sounds. If we attend any Mass Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, it's possible we'll hear the Scriptures of the Mass during the Night.

That's a plus, because the Gospel of the Mass during the Night alone relates Luke's immortal story of the birth of Jesus. It's the good news people want to hear when they come to Mass on Christmas.

The Midnight Mass tradition reaches far back in our history. It originated probably in Rome before the Middle Ages.

One reason for Mass at midnight is that we used to fast all day before Communion, and since Christmas was such a grand day, we wanted to cut to the celebration as soon as possible.

Another reason is the tradition that Jesus was born at midnight. This comes from an interpretation of a passage from Wisdom 18:14–15. The author says that during Israel's Passover, God's word leaped from heaven when the night was half-gone. So in the new covenant, it was assumed God's Word leaped from heaven at midnight. The mystique of Midnight Mass draws some who come to church only rarely. The shepherds, the Magi, the angels, the animals—the mystery of Christmas beckons us all.

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AUDIO/VIDEO MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

As we begin to return to Mass each weekend, we are looking to include some of the "extras" we've had in the past...including the weekly use of our video screens for Breaking Bread ref-

erences, videos and song lyrics. But we need help running them! This is a very important ministry, as the screens help to enhance our worship experience.

5 pm, 8 am: Lead Me, Lord
BB630
10 am: Now is the Time
BB520

Presentations run on a Macintosh laptop using software similar to Powerpoint—you simply run the presentations by advancing from screen to screen. The presentations are al-

ready built...you don't need to edit or create them. Just run them. It's easy! Full training is included. Interested? Please contact Rich Hammons, rhammons@themadeleine.edu

Landato Si

GREEN TIPS FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

During the holiday season, let us maintain a spirit of simplicity and sustainability. Serve food on reusable plates. If you are serving local or organic products, make sure your guests know about it. Finally, keep your Christmas decorations and reuse them next year.





Great job, Madeleine community!

236 gift tags were put on our

Giving Tree, all were taken within a

couple days....and wow, when the gifts

came back to the parish, what huge

generosity we saw for those in need

from Northwest Family Services—

Children of Incarcerated Parents and

Catholic Charities Refugee Program.

Thank you so much to our new church environment crew! When Susie Andersen retired after 15 years, we were blessed to have a new team take up the charge! Thank you to Lauren Carper and Jenny Bailey (pictured), Amanda St. John and Maria Fitzgerald for their work and talent in making our church beautiful for Christmas.









The Madeleine
Marketplace returned on
December 8 and what a
celebration it was! More
than 60 vendors, loads
of delicious food, photos
with Santa and more.
And to top it all off....
the annual Christmas
Tree Lighting.

TIS THE SEASON
TO REJOICE!

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas carol reminds us, the Christmas Season, also known as Christmastide, extends far longer than just the day of Christmas. In the Church year, Christmas day is the first of the 12 days of Christmas. The last night, twelfth night, is January 5, the eve of the feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6. Today, the final Sunday of the Christmas Season celebrates the Baptism of Jesus. Clearly, Christmas is meant to be not just a celebration of the baby Jesus or Jesus' birthday but a summary of our lives in relation to God's intimate, incarnate presence with us today.

In the early Eastern Church, the Epiphany was the primary celebration of both Jesus' birth and his manifestation to the world. It was associated with the winter solstice when the sun's light began to be renewed for another year. In the Roman West in the 3rd century, the celebration of Jesus' birth was shifted to December 25 to compete with the pagan festival of the "unconquered sun" (natalis solis invicti) and the time until Epiphany became the Christmas Season.

From the 4th century on, Christmas, with its focus on Christ's incarnation as a truly human person like ourselves, grew in popularity until today it often surpasses Easter in the popular imagination. During this blessed season, then, we are constantly reminded of God's love and desire to be with us and for us to share in the divine life.



Traditions of the Christmas Season

The Christmas Crib

St. Francis of Assisi first popularized the custom of making a Christmas crib or crèche to represent the nativity in 1223 when he said Christmas Mass in a cave with a hay-filled manger and a live ox and ass.

The Christmas Tree

Though Christmas trees play no part in scripture and have only in the last few centuries found their way into the Christian celebration of Christmas, they are sacred signs of God's life-giving presence among us and their lights remind us of Christ, "the Light of the world" (Jn 8:12).

Christmas Carols

Popular songs called carols (Greek *choros*, a sung dance) celebrate the events of the Season. The oldest known carol is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" from the 12th century. Another popular English carol, "The 12 Days of Christmas" (1780), enumerates a series of daily gifts that total 364—a gift for every day until next Christmas!

ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS DAY

In our society, much of the celebration of Christmas comes before December 25. For Christians, the days after Christmas provide a period of calm in which the spiritual meaning of the manifestation of Jesus, God-With-Us can be explored. The following activities help us appreciate the meaning of the Incarnation as the new year arrives.

- Take some time to look back upon the previous year and identify your personal "joyful mysteries," moments when God was especially present to you. Express your gratitude to God for these moments and your hope that you will experience more fully the presence of God in the new year.
- The slower pace of activity after December 25 makes this a good time for visiting with family and friends during these days. Reflect on how God is revealed to you especially in your relationships.
- Spend some time in silent prayer before the crib, the Christmas tree or in church. Invite God to touch your heart at the wonder of the Incarnation.

THE COMPANIONS OF CHRIST

Over the centuries as the Christmas Season was celebrated, the Church gradually drew together a series of feasts following Christmas Day that by the Middle Ages were often referred to as the "Companions of Christ" (*Comites Christi*), a kind of royal entourage to accompany the newborn king. In their various ways, they represent different forms of witness to Christ or some aspect of our Christian faith.

December 26: St. Stephen, the first martyr, who was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed that salvation came through Christ and was stoned by an angry Jewish (Acts 6:8-8:1).

December 27: St. John, apostle & evangelist, who followed Christ during his earthly ministry and then wrote his Gospel to reveal the meaning of Christ's words and actions (Mt 4:18-21, Jn 21:24-25).

December 28: The Holy Innocents were the children who were murdered by King Herod the Great in his attempt to eliminate Jesus as a threat to his royal power (Mt 2:16-18).

December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the English Church, who was murdered by King Henry II's knights for opposing the king's attempts to control the Church.

December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who show how our own families might reflect a right relationship to God and one another.

December 31: Pope St. Sylvester, who oversaw the transition of the church from an illegal to a legal religion under Roman emperor Constantine and invited the world's bishops to the first Ecumenical Council at Nicea (325).

January 1: (the Octave Day of Christmas): Mary the Mother of God, whose "yes" to God models our willingness to bring Jesus to birth in ourselves and our world (Lk 1:26-38).

January 8: the Epiphany, when God in the incarnate child Jesus is revealed to the all the world in the persons of the Gentile Magi (Mt. 2:1-12).

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord. This feast now ends the Christmas Season by celebrating Jesus' commitment to God's saving activity and God's commissioning him with the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish it.





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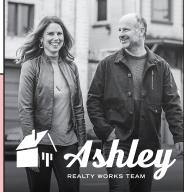
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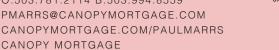


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