

Our Savior is Born!

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SEASONS OF SERVICE **SNAPSHOTS OF 2022**

As we further emerge from the pandemic...in fits and starts... service at The Madeleine began to feel a bit more normal. On pages 4 and 5, we provide a glimpse into the many ways The Madeleine Community has heeded our call to service this Christmas season. and all throughout 2022.

Thank you, and a blessed Christmas to all!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

5:00 pm, Saturday, December 31 • 10:00 am Sunday, January 1

Next week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This solemnity offers the opportunity for us to recognize God's continued activity in our lives—just as Mary did through her acceptance of the graces offered by God. Join us as we celebrate Mass at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 31, and 10:00 am on Sunday, January 1.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER FOR PEACE

December 31, various times • In person, Fireside Room, or by Zoom

Therese Fenzl and Deacon Mike will be leading a time of prayer for peace on December 31, 2022. It will be in the Fireside Room from 10:30 am to Noon. You are invited to join us at whatever time can work for you. We will lead a brief reflection and decade of the rosary every 30 minutes. (10:30 am, 11:00 am, and 11:30 am.) This will be followed by quiet reflection time

before the next decade. Thank you to those who will be able to join us.

Zoom virtual option

A half hour of prayer for peace will also take place on Zoom at 1:30 pm.

Zoom link is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83692839370 Meeting ID: 836 9283 9370

Nativity of The Lord

This feast is for those who are sitting in darkness or waiting to hear a meaningful word from God. Today we celebrate that Jesus is truly light for those who cannot see and that God has said everything that can be said in the Word made flesh. God is among us, showing us everything we need to know and lighting our way. If we have never really looked at who Jesus is and what he is for us, the glorious time to do so is now.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Sr. Frances Harold
- ▶ Pam Wiggin
- ▶ Claude Leonard
- Sarah Warner
- ▶ John Flynn
- ▶ James (Jim) Hopson
- Kathleen Nims

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- ▶ Christie Kmetz
- Mason Lugar
- ▶ Bill Stack
- Chadd Garvens
- Jesse Kissinger

WORSHIP & PRAYER

12/27, Tues	Chadd Garvens
12/28, Weds	Claude Leonard †
12/29, Thurs	Simran Ruta
12/30, Fri	Mary Hall †
12/31, Sat	Peggy Russell
10/01, Sun. 10:00 am	Kelly Gorton †

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

10:00 am: Mass—Church ALSO LIVESTREAMS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:30 pm: FA Meeting-Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 am: Mass-Church

9:00 am: Adoration-Church

11:00 am: Rice Funeral Mass-Old Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00 am: Mass-Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 am: Mass-Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 am: Mass-Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:30 am: Prayer for Peace—Fireside Rm

5:00 pm: Mass-Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

- ▶ Mary, Mother of God Holy Day
- ▶ No 8:00 am Mass today

10:00 am: Mass—Church ALSO LIVESTREAMS



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

PARISH LIFE

BOOK CLUB NEWS

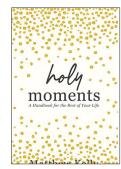
May the glorious message of peace and love fill vour hearts and minds with joy throughout this holiday season.



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 powerful 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.

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

4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE

The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i).

Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come January 20-22, 2023 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center in Beaverton Oregon. For confidential information about or to register for the program call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit us at Helpourmarriage.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.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

We love having you on our team!

Through the generosity of past beddings drives, we have 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.

Thank you to The Madeleine Community for the continued support!



Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy." Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear. In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting 48 families and a total of 140 individuals including gifts for 47 children and \$2,680 in Fred Meyer Gift cards.

-Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

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.

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

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



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 ireilly@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-Fr. Mike ext. 111 Infant Baptism—Darlene Maurer ext. 125 First Reconciliation, First Eucharist-Rose Horton..... sac-prep@themadeleine.edu RCIA-Christi Bohmbach, rcia@themadeleine.edu Confirmation—Fr. Mike.....ext. 111 COUNCILS & CONTACTS Pastoral Council—Meg Scharle Finance Council—Jim Jones. 503-284-3301 Buildings & Grounds—Erin Couch . . 503-281-9575 School Advisory—Tim Resch503-984-46072 Facility Requests—themadeleine.edu/facilities Maintenance Requests—John Garrow igarrow@themadeleine.eduext. 118 **St Vincent de Paul** (Food, utility, rent assistance) Mary Clare O'Brien...... 503-309-7639 **Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday** Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

The Madeleine







The Madeleine Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

In spite of some challenges brought on by the "tridemic," our intrepid band of Good Samaritans did an amazing job of collecting food for those in need, then delivering it. According to Bill Johnson regarding the St. Vincent de Paul food drive, "We served 48 'families,' a total of 140 individuals including 47 children....approximately 2,400 pounds including fresh produce and hams for all families. We wrapped presents for the 47 children on the list, and provided a total of \$2,680 in Fred Meyer Gift Cards." Plus, at right are the Junior Vincentians who create and sell Life Pax packets...easy food packs to hand out to folks in need.







The Haitian Project

Even though the pandemic was still not *quite* over, The Haitian Project Garage Sale went on as planned in 2022. Dozens of volunteers put on the sale, attended by thousands of community members. And all of this to benefit the Louverture Cleary School in Haiti, which provides a free Catholic education to help lift students out of poverty.



adeleine School in Service







Our parish school has a foundational commitment to service, and 2022 saw many opportunities. A representative few are shown here. **LEFT**: Seventh Grade's service project was restoration work at Harpers Playground. **CENTER**: Fourth Grade wrote Thanksgiving letters and made holiday bracelets for the seniors at the Center for Positive Aging in Hollywood. **RIGHT**: Formerly called "St. Michael's Lunches," our school's long-standing program to bring extra lunches each week for Portland's hungry is now called Nourish our Neighbors. And as always, The Madeleine School families stepped up and provided thousands and thousands of lunches for those in need. Thank you to Tiffany and Reid Cooper for .spearheading this program.

in Service, 2022



Faith Formation Ministries forming the future Church

Some of the most active ministries at The Madeleine are our Faith Formation ministries, which help form, educate and catechize members of all ages who are joining or deepening their connection with the Catholic Church. These ministries are Baptism, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA.

Below are some photos of 2022's Faith Formation Ministries. At left we have First Communion. Below left is our 2022 RCIA group. And below right is our Confirmation class, who are working now to be confirmed in the spring of 2023. We thank all of the catechists and volunteers who make our Faith Formation ministries possible!







Soul Box Project Exhibit

The Madeleine was pleased to bring a nationally-renowned art exhibit to the parish and community uniquely highlighting our country's gun violence epidemic. 7,500 origami boxes were on display, each representing a life lost to the misuse of guns. Leslie Lee, founder of the Soul Box Project was the featured speaker at a November 18 open house, and a demonstration and opportunity to make soul boxes was planned for November 20.



Care for our Common Home Laudato Si-

Our initiatives to follow Pope Francis' lead and care for our common home has really taken off in 2022...and this is just the start. Here are a few of the activities/events from the year:

Annual E-Waste Recycling Event (below left)—Joined by parishioners from Holy Redeemer, St. Charles, and St. Andrew's, we had the largest collection in the history of this multi-year event.

CLEAN Club (below center)—Students in this Catholic Leadership Environmental Action Network club meet weekly to discuss things we can all do to protect our climate and environment. They also had a booth at The Madeleine Marketplace, where they sold items to raise money to plant trees in the Amazon rainforest.

Environmental Enrichment Speaker Series (right)—Sponsored by the NE Vicariate Care for Creation Steering Committee, this series included Zoom talks by four expert speakers.











The Madeleine **Giving Tree 2022**

As always, The Madeleine Giving Tree was a HUGE success. Past years had been so generously accepted that this

year we worked with two organizations: Northwest Family Services' Children of Incarcerated Parents, and Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Services. And of course, The Madeleine Community sprang into action, claiming the 230plus tags in a jiffy and returning loads and loads of gifts to our Giving Tree!

And, as a special touch this year, a tree was planted in honor of each gift recipient through One Tree Planted...donated by The Madeleine's Care for Creation fund.

Thank you to everyone who participated by buying a gift, helping organize and transport the gifts or by hanging tags on the tree!







BEEN PLANTED IN YOUR

Refugee Relief Program: Outreach Fund at work

As Catholics and as members of The Madeleine Community, we are all aware of our obligation to the world around us. Catholic Social Teachings, common sense as good stewards, and exhorta-

tions by Father Mike—these all ask us to look beyond ourselves to help those in need. Below, we have two examples of The Madeleine doing just that.

REFUGEE FAMILY REPATRIATION

Recently, as we were working with Catholic Charities to adopt families for our annual Giving Tree, Father Mike asked, "Is there some more we can do?" Catholic Charities, of course, responded

that they are working with a refugee family in need of some additional help.

The family was brought to the United States under false pretenses, then subjected to human trafficking here for years. Thankfully, the individuals who were causing the abuse were eventually caught, and the family was freed. Their next problem: How could they get back to their native South American home. That's where Catholic Charities asked us to help.

Father Mike authorized use of our parish's Outreach Fund to write a check to Catholic Charities to help pay the cost of airfare for this

family. It's a heart-wrenching story we don't have space to print here, but you can read the story in the the thank-you letter we received at **www.themadeleine.edu/cc-letter**

AFGHAN SISTERS

Parishioner Catherine Glavan has been working with Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement program for years, and brought to us another situation: Two Afghan sisters who were evacuated by the US military and are being resettled in Portland by Catholic Charities. After hearing of their story, Father Mike authorized parish funds to pay the security deposit on a new apartment for the sisters that will be much safer for them and closer to public transportation.



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FUND

These are just two stories among hundreds of refugees in our community—people who need help paying for rent, utilities, food, and clothing. At The Madeleine, we recognize our obligation to help and our privilege to be able to do so. If you would like to support this ministry, we would appreciate your donations. Donations may be made online at **www.themadeleine.edu/refugee-relief** or via check to the parish office (be sure to note "Refugee Relief" on your check to make sure it gets to the correct fund).

Donate at www.themadeleine.edu/refugee-relief



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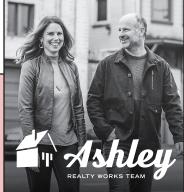
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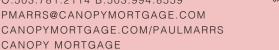


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