

THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • May 20–21, 2023



2023 First Communicants

This Sunday, we celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist with 26 youth of The Madeleine. We pray for these children as they grow in their faith, and thank catechists Rose Horton, Siobhan O'Leary, Sr. Joan Spiering and Mary Witka, who have prepared the children for this day.

Olivia A.	Sofia M.
Kate B.	Marlee N.
George B.	Declan O.
Stella B.	Clara O.
Lucy C.	Maxwell O
Eli E.	Juniper P.
Samuel F.	Jonathan R
Keira U.	Alyson R.
Amelia H.	Nicholas S.
Penelope H.	Gemma S.
Sawyer K.	Isabella S.
Zoe K.	McCain S.
Reinier M.	Annie W.

High Tea a smashing success!

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The Ascension of the Lord

We may think that those close to Jesus knew exactly what to do when he was no longer physically with them. They didn't. They saw how he had suffered, and they were afraid. We do not always know what to do either. Experiencing misgivings about the challenges of living as 21st century disciples may be a sign that we're on the right track.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Lois Kester

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- ▶ Mason Lugar
- Chadd Garvens
- ▶ Paul Rager

WORSHIP & PRAYER

05/23, Tues	Paul Rager
05/24, Weds	John Roger †
05/25, Thurs	Chuck Bleeg †
05/26, Fri	Marie Hauth †
05/27, Sat	Devin Chandler †
05/28, Sun, 8:00 am The Madeleine Community 10:00 am	

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 am: Mass-Church

10:00 am: First Communion Mass—Church



3:00 pm: Bravo! Northwest Concert—Old Church

MONDAY, MAY 22

6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, MAY 23

8:00 am: Mass—Church 9:00 am: Adoration—Church

10:00 am: Silver Exchange—Rectory Dining

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

8:00 am: Mass-Church

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir-Church

THURSDAY, MAY 25

2:00 pm: Mass—Church

6:00 pm: School Art Show—Parish Hall

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

FRIDAY, MAY 26

8:00 am: Mass-Church

SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:00 pm: Mass-Church

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:00 am: Mass-Church

10:00 am: Mass—Church ALSO LIVESTREAMS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MAY 29

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day

SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ Wine Tasting: August 26
- ▶ Parish Picnic/Oktoberfest: October 8
- ▶ Madeleine Marketplace: December 7



Upcoming Concerts

Performances in The Old Madeleine Church unless noted

- ▶ May 21, 3:00 pm Bravo! Northwest •Then Sing We All. Jazz Cantina bravoconcerts.com
- ➤ May 25, 7:00 pm •45th Parallel Universe Franz and PDQ 45thparallelpdx.org
- **June 1, 7:00 pm •**45th Parallel Universe Timber 45thparallelpdx.org
- ▶ **June 4, 7:30 pm •** Ligeti Odyssey• First 100 Years www.cascadiacomposers.org

PARISH LIFE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

After almost a 3-year hiatus, we are bringing back Children's Liturgy of the Word at The Madeleine on the second Sunday of each month. We welcome Pre-K through 5th graders to join our ministry in teaching the Sunday scriptures on an age appropriate level. The next scheduled CLW is Sunday, June 11. We will pause the ministry for the summer break, but resume in September. We are also in need of more volunteers to join the ministry. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to cochrane.colette@gmail.com

2023 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

Help grow hope, education, and faith through a donation to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. More than 22 life-changing ministries answering the needs of our neighbors, friends, and family are supported through your generosity. To donate, or to view Archbishop Sample's video, visit JesusChangesEverything.church

Be sure to choose "2023 St. Mary Magdalene (The Madeleine)" as your parish so we receive credit for your donation as we work toward our goal of more than \$73,000 for the campaign.



In August, we'll be Walla Walla Wandering from the comfort of The Madeleine Courtyard! Tickets on sale soon.

Do you have any amazing wines you'd like to donate for our silent auction? Contact Janeen Reilly, jreilly@themadeleine.edu

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We cordially invite you to join our group of enthu-



siastic readers. We meet monthly to discuss some very excellent books and would love to have you participate. To be added to our email list or for additional details, please contact: MBC Ministry Coordinator Gretchen Stevenson: gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BEDDING DRIVE

Through the month of May, 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 430 beds (with 60 requests pending) 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.

Items needed include twin sheets sets, twin size blankets and comforters, mattress protectors (no extra long please) and pillows. All donations must be new and still in

original packaging.

MILESTONES

Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to our young parishioners who joined the Church through the sacrament of baptism this weekend!

- ▶ **Sofia Andriana St. John,** daughter of Kenneth and Amanda St. John.
- ► **Hudson Michael Holtman,** son of Hugh and Michelle Holtman.
- ► Catcher Isla Bard, daughter of Jeffrey and Xochitl Bard.

LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED

Are you comfortable with OBS and YouTube Live, have livestream production experience...or just love to learn new



tech? If yes, we'd love occasional backup help...especially for weekday funerals and such. Interested? Contact Rich Hammons, rhammons@themadeleine.edu



Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

PARISH LIFE

SEND US YOUR CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES!

www.themadeleine.edu/graduates • Due June 6

We want to recognize all Class of 2023 high school graduates from The Madeleine in our bulletin this June. Whether she or he went to our parish school or not...we want to recognize each and every one!

Visit **www.themadeleine.edu/graduates** and enter info for your student(s). If your grad's school is not listed in the menu, enter it in the "other" field. Due June 6 so we can publish in our June 11 bulletin. Thank you!

FATHER & CHILD PHOTOS FOR JUNE

Upload to www.themadeleine.edu/fathers • Due June 8

We are gathering photos for our Father & Child video to run at Masses in June. **We are starting over—all new photos!**

Upload your best father and child(ren) photos to **www.themadeleine.edu/fathers**

Please, only one photo of a specific father/child grouping, and please upload only your own photos. We need your photos no later than Wednesday, June 8.

45th Parallel Universe presents

FRANZ & PDQ

May 25 | 7:00 pm The Madeleine 45th Parallel Musicians

One sublime masterpiece of Romantic melodic genius, one hilarious black sheep of the musical family, together they form a great evening of chamber music!

Franz Schubert: Octet for Winds and Strings Peter Schickele: Schleptet





45thparallelpdx.org

ANINERSE ONINERSE

A Ligeti Odyssey: The First 100 Years Music by and about pathbreaking composer György Ligeti Sunday, June 4th, 2023 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm The Old Madeleine Church 3123 NE 24th Ave, Portland, OR

Tickets & info: www.cascadiacomposers.org/ligeti odyssey first 100 years/

WEEKLY MASS TIMES **Regular Mass Times:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am Thursday. No School: 8:00 am During School: 2:00 pm ▶ 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.edu ext. 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.edu ext. 116 Maria Manzo—Director of Music mmanzo@themadeleine.edu ext. 113 **Guy Allen**—Events Manager gallen@themadeleine.edu **Gretchen Stevenson**-Office gstevenson@themadeleine.edu ext. 112 Julie Kupers—Special Events jkupers@themadeleine.edu....720-936-5635 Janeen Reilly—Parish Administrator jreilly@themadeleine.edu ext. 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. Mikeext. 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 Resch503-984-4607 Facility Requests—themadeleine.edu/facilities Maintenance Requests—John Garrow jgarrow@themadeleine.edu ext. 118 Knights of Columbus-Dan O'Donnell 503-440-9415 **Ministry Schedule** www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday. Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

PARISH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS IN THE MAIL!

Our Parish Stewardship Letters for the 2023-24 are in the mail! This is the campaign that funds our parish for the upcoming fiscal year. 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.

This letter, and the graph, show giving for our Parish Offertory, Second Collections and our Capital Repair Fund. 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 our Business Manager, John Garrow, 503-281-5777 or jgarrow@ themadeleine.edu, or Father Mike at fathermike@themadeleine.edu

By The Numbers

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.**

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

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!

Suggested 2023-24 monthly amount. This is an amount for you to consider for your 2023-24 giving. It reflects the greater of your prior year monthly average plus our requested 7% increase, or the parish average. It's just a suggestion...we are grateful for any amount.

Your Commitment. Here, we list your commitment for the coming year. 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.

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 Jane & John.

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 we (hopefully!) are seeing the end of the pandemic, we are grateful for the steadfast support of The Madeleine over these three-plus long years. People are returning to our Masses, community events and ministries. Again, I am grateful for your support

Even though inflation has abated somewhat, it's still causing increasing costs for us as we build our 2023-2024 budget. To that end, and to help cover an increase to Second Collections and Capital Repair, I am asking all parishioners to consider a 7% or greater increase over your prior giving amounts—or if possible, to increase giving to our parish average of \$200 per month, as noted on the form below. I know I can count on your generous support.

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

For While Burners Fr. Mike Biewend, Pastor

PS. To ease our Business Office's task of processing pledges and gifts, I'd appreciate your reply by May 31, 2023. Thank you so much!



In December, we hosted and sponsored a Soul Box exhibit... handmade boxes made in honor of an individual killed by the misuse of firearms, and assembled into a quilt-like display.



As is an annual Care for Creation tradition, our E-Waste event collected more than 13 TONS of used and unneeded electronics for responsible recycling.

Monthly Giving Comparison Average Monthly Giving (2022-23 data is through 3/31/2023) \$160 \$140 \$120

John & Jane Parishioner

2020-21 Your combined monthly giving by fiscal year for Offertory, Second Collections and Capital Repair

2019-20

2023-2024 Parish Stewardship Commitment

1. Please make any corrections below For electronic donations, please complete the information on back

Email: j&j@hotmail.com

Phone: (503) 123-4567

3. When completed, please return this form in the envelope provided or drop in our weekly collection basket

2021-22

Please consider increasing your total to our Parish average of:

\$200

YOUR COMMITMENT ined monthly commitment to include Offertory, Capita

- Auto Debit (EFT)-Preferred, see back page Debit/Credit Card-Preferred, see back page
- Online Bill Pay

METHOD OF PAYMENT

John & Jane Parishioner 1234 NE 57th Ave. Portland, OR 97213



High Tea a smashing success!

This past Tuesday saw more than 100 of our distinguished parishioners join Father Mike for High Tea in The Old Madeleine Church. The atmosphere was sunny and joyful, as so many people who had not seen each other for a very long time mingled, visited, caught up...and had an all around wonderful time. Of course, perhaps the champagne that supplemented the traditional high tea menu of finger sandwiches, homemade

scones and ample desserts helped a bit, too! Madeleine School Second Grade was on hand to provide some cheerful songs for the assemblage, and our Second, Third and Fourth graders provided delightful thank-you notes to each attendee.

Extra thanks to our Events Manager, Guy Allen, and Janeen Reilly for their hard work, and all the Parish and School staff and volunteers who worked to make this a memorable afternoon.

















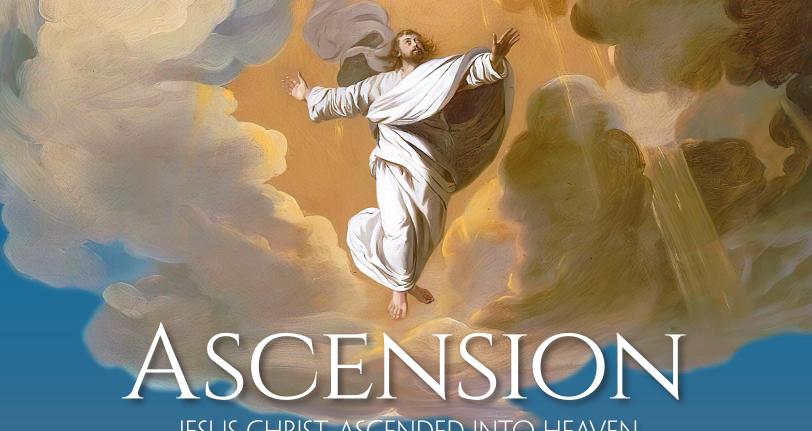












JESUS CHRIST, ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

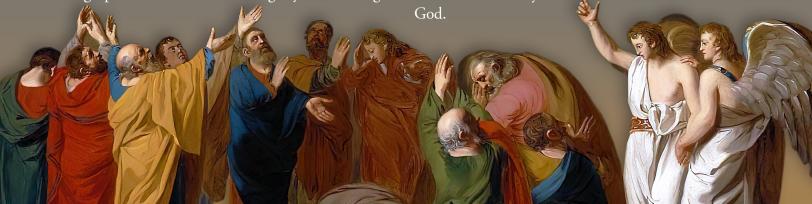
Iesus' ascension, or return to God, is best understood as a continuation of the resurrection event—God's action to reward Jesus' faithfulness to death by continuing their relationship in a new way. Although the ascension is only described in Luke's Gospel some 50 years after Jesus' death, the belief in Christ's heavenly presence with God and glorification in the place of honor at God's right hand, is already widespread in early Christianity and attested in several New Testament letters.

In Paul's letters, which precede the written Gospels by at least 10-20 years, he mentions without having to explain the already common belief that "Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us" (Rom 8:34). This is a result of "God's great power, which God worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens" (Eph 1:19-20). The letter to the Hebrews also stresses that Christ the high priest now sits forever in glory at God's right

hand (Heb 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12). The first Letter of Peter claims that Christ "has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him" (1 Pet 3:22).

In the Gospels, only Luke describes the ascension, and he provides two accounts, as if to stress that Jesus' presence with the disciples in his visible resurrected body now comes to a definitive end. A briefer account comes at the end of his Gospel on Easter evening (24:50-53). The more familiar version in Acts (1:6-12) occurs 40 days after Easter, during which time Jesus has been instructing the disciples about the kingdom of God.

Jesus' ascension has several consequences for the Church. First, it assures us that God's commitment to Jesus did not cease when Jesus died but God continues their relationship with the gift of new life. Second, his enthronement at God's right hand invites Christians to worship Christ as they do God. Third, it reminds us that Christ eternally intercedes and advocates for us with



NOT GONE BUT STILL WITH US

All the early Christians believed that Jesus was risen to new life and appeared to his followers. They believed that though absent in his risen body, the risen Christ continued to dwell with them and allowed himself to be discovered under forms that we can experience and thus recognize him.

The New Testament authors stressed Christ's abiding presence in various ways. Matthew described Jesus as "Emmanuel, God with us" (1:23) and reminded us that Christ is present whenever we gather in his name (18:20) and will be with us always (28:20). Luke illustrated the hidden presence of the risen Christ as a mysterious stranger who explained scripture and shared bread (24:13-36). John described the abiding presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit or Advocate (Paraclete) (14:26) who continues in us the presence of the absent Jesus. Paul described the Christian community as those incorporated into the body of Christ (Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:17, 12:12-27) here on earth who continue his ministry and mission.

This hidden presence of Christ in us, in our community and in the world is also the foundation of our sacramental approach to reality. What we can perceive with our senses is not all there is to the mysterious reality we live in. So we seek this always present but hidden Jesus in prayer, in word and sacrament and in the others in our community. Like the disciples, we are not called to stand gazing into heaven to detect his return (Acts 1:10-11), which will surely come, but to go back to our households and jobs and neighborhoods to show forth the power of the Spirit that has been given to us by the ascended Jesus. By our attitudes, our words and our deeds, we display to the world around us the importance of Jesus' ascension.

Christ's Presence in the Eucharist

Pope St. Leo I, the Great, reminded us that "Our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. What was presented to the disciples' bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realization that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven."

In his book *Sacramental Theology*, Franciscan Fr. Kenan Osborne summarizes our belief in the many forms of Christ's eucharistic presence. "Jesus is present in the gathering of the community, in the proclamation of the word, and in the banquet of bread and wine. Beyond this we must find the Lord not only in the table of the Eucharist, but in the table of the world around us. If we do not see Jesus in this table of the world, we will really not find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist; and if we do indeed find Jesus in the table of the Eucharist, we should leave the Eucharistic celebration with eyes of faith that allows us to find Jesus throughout the table of the world."

Fesus, Alive in Our Midst

"The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: the crucified and risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the risen Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven."

—Pope Francis

ASENSION THURSDAY Why Many Celebrate on a Sunday

Many countries including the U.S. that do not observe the Ascension as a public holiday have obtained permission from the Vatican to move the feast to the following Sunday to encourage more Catholics to celebrate this important event. In the U.S., all dioceses transferred this feast to Sunday except those in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nebraska which still celebrate it on Thursday.

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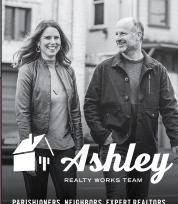
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