



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • October 28–29, 2023



ALL SOULS SERVICE OF LIGHT

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 pm

Our beautiful “Service of Light” is an opportunity to reflect and pray for deceased loved ones. Join us in the Main Church for a contemplative service of music and scripture as we come together in prayer and remembrance. Those attending are encouraged to bring a picture of their deceased for our Table of Remembrance.

VETERANS’ PHOTOS FOR VETERANS DAY

Upload to www.themadeleine.edu/veterans by November 8

Help us honor our military veterans on November 11 & 12 at The Madeleine. Please send us your photos of those in your family who are Military Veterans... living, deceased, retired, active...preferably in uniform. We will have a special slide presentation on our screen during all the Masses that weekend.

We are starting over, so even if you sent one in last year, please re-send this year.

Please upload your photos no later than Wednesday, November 8 to www.themadeleine.edu/veterans



REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

The month of November is traditionally the time in the Catholic Church when we remember those who have passed, both in the previous year and before.

Photos or Memorial Cards

Please bring photos or memorial cards of your deceased family members and friends to place on the Table of Remembrance. Drop them off at the Parish Office, or bring them with you when you attend Mass. Please include name and phone number on each.

Remembrance Envelopes

In the back of the church, you’ll find envelopes for remembering people who have passed away. Please print the names of the deceased you would like to be remembered.

MASS SCHEDULE: All Saints Day, November 1–9:00 am (School Mass) and 6:30 pm
All Souls Day, November 2–8:00 am

Inside this week’s bulletin:

- ▶ **All Saints & All Souls**—Find out more about this important time in the Catholic Church. Notes from Fr. Bonaventure on Page 4, and more information on Pages 7–8.
- ▶ **Madeleine Marketplace**—Yes, hard to believe we’re talking about the Christmas season, but here we are! Save the date and call for vendors on Page 5.
- ▶ **Support The Madeleine School Auction**—Our annual school auction is coming up, and a great way to support it is through purchasing raffle tickets. See Page 7.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THROUGHOUT JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HISTORY, people have explored how to live as God’s people. Reflecting on our bottom line as committed Christians could not be more relevant in our current political and economic climate. Today’s readings reiterate that faithful living means — at rock bottom — loving and caring for one another, especially the most vulnerable. The instructions could not be simpler. That we still need to hear this reminds us that simple does not mean easy.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Debbie Laskowski—Funeral Nov. 17, 11:30 am
Rosary, 11:00 am
- ▶ Jack Evans
- ▶ Zoe Coughlin-Glaser
- ▶ Libby Hill

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- ▶ Claire Scharff
- ▶ Kitt Jordan

WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 10/31, Tues. Shirley Pontoni
- 11/01, Weds 9:00 am The Madeleine Community
6:30 pm Zoe Coughlin-Glaser †
- 11/02, Thurs. Jack Evans †
- 11/03, Fri. Marie Hong Tran †
- 11/04, Sat Debbie Barsotti †
- 11/05, Sun, 8:00 am . The Madeleine Community
10:00 am Meghan White †

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 11:30 am: Laudato Si'—Zoom

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 10:00 am: Discerning Catholics—St. Catherine Rm
- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- ▶ Nourish Our Neighbors (NON)—1st grade
- 8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- ▶ All Saints—Holy Day
- 9:00 am: School Mass—Church
- 6:30 pm: Mass—Church

7:30 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

7:00 pm: Safety and Security—Fireside Rm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 6:30 pm: All Souls Service of Light—Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 5:00 pm: Mass—Church
- 5:00 pm—Camp Madeleine School Auction

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 8:45 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 10:30 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room
- 6:00 pm: Confirmation Class—Fireside Rm

SAVE THE DATE

- ▶ **Advent Begins:** December 3
- ▶ **Madeleine Marketplace:** December 7
- ▶ **Wine Tasting:** Postponed to Feb. 3, 2024
- ▶ **Ash Wednesday:** February 14, 2024

PARISH LIFE

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Sunday, Nov. 5, 6:00 pm • Fireside Room

Join us for Pizza Dinner. Focus of gathering will be the “Communion of Saints.”

- ▶ Stella Resch and Siddarth Modha will share their Confirmation saints.
- ▶ We will prepare for feasts of November 1 (All Saints) and November 2 (All Souls Day).
- ▶ An explanation of “Saints Reveal” and your choice of Confirmation Saint will be given.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's never too late, actually, to explore the Catholic faith or to consider joining the Catholic Church. Classes meet at 11:30 Sunday mornings (after 10 am Mass) in the St. Catherine Room. Registration forms and more information are available on the information table in the back of the Church. Contact Donna Mason at rcia@themadeleine.edu

FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION

Registration for First Penance and First Eucharist is open for the 2023-24 school year. Classes will be held during the 10 am Mass and once class is complete, children will be brought to Mass to join their families about the time of the presentation of gifts. Email Rose Horton at sac-prep@themadeleine.edu, call 512-627-5568, or visit www.themadeleine.edu/faithformation for more information, to register and for the schedule.

LAUDATO SI' GATHERING OCTOBER 29—VIA ZOOM

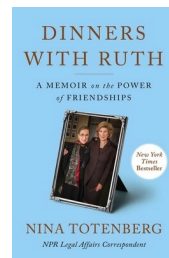
Please join our Laudato Si Gathering this Sunday, October 29 at 11:30 am by Zoom at www.bit.ly/tmp20231029

We gather to (1) Listen in silence; (2) Discern with lectio divina (reflecting on scripture), and (3) share information about current and future action to address climate change.

Questions? Contact Bill Hunter, wjhunterjr@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We invite you to join us to read and discuss some really great books, which our members have selected for us to enjoy. *Dinners With Ruth*, by Nina Totenberg is the next book on our schedule. Our group of men and women are also sincere prayer warriors for the intentions of those whose needs are brought to our attention. Please reach out to us at any time. To join the book club, submit a prayer request, or simply for further information, please contact our MBC ministry coordinator Gretchen Stevenson at 503-312-6834, or by email at gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com



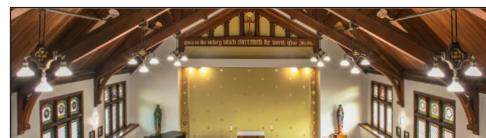
ADORATION: ONE ON ONE WITH JESUS!

In my hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, I find help in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In Paragraph No. 2599, the Catechism says, “The Son of God who became the Son of the Virgin learned to pray in his human heart.”

With Jesus, meditating on his perfect humanity, I begin to see he is always with me, encouraging and embracing my ever-struggling humanity as I bring him my heartaches and my hopes.

—David Hendrickson, parishioner

Tuesday Adoration begins after the 8 am Mass, ends at 2 pm.



Upcoming Concerts

OC = Old Madeleine Church **MC** = Main Church

- ▶ **November 21, 7:00 pm OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • Romantique • 45thparallelpdx.org
- ▶ **December 5, 7:00 pm OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • Czech Please • 45thparallelpdx.org
- ▶ **December 10, 3:00 pm MC** • Bravo! Concerts Northwest • Handel's Messiah • bravoconcerts.com
- ▶ **December 19, 7:00 pm OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • Ellington's Nutcracker Suite • 45thparallelpdx.org



In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others. Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by: assisting 43 clients, providing 402 lbs in food, \$350.00 gift cards, \$995.00 for utilities and \$600.00 rent. Thank you!

—Mary Clare O'Brien, 503-309-7639

PARISH LIFE

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

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Activities:

- ▶ The Madeleine Council of the Knights of Columbus was able to raise enough money through your (the Parish) donations, to purchase approximately 50 coats for children and teenagers in need of a warm winter coat. The Council will now distribute these coats throughout the community with the charity of The Madeleine community as its sponsor.
- ▶ November 11 will be the kick off date for the Knights "Wool Sock Drive." These socks go to ALL those in need of socks to help them through the upcoming cold winter months. Look for the blue barrels in the entry vestibule for drop off donations. The Knights will also take monetary donations to make bulk purchases of socks for distribution.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

- ▶ Thanks to all parishioners who attended, participated and donated money at the Parish Picnic/Oktoberfest.

Quick Facts

The Knights Nationally have provided:

- ▶ 127,000 wheelchairs to those in need of mobility.
- ▶ \$5.3 million in natural disasters relief.
- ▶ \$3.7 million in scholarship and support to our priests and seminarians.
- ▶ This winter, we'll distribute our one-millionth coat to a child in need.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINARIAN APPEAL

A note from Fr. Bonaventure:

It's just over ten years since I finished seminary and was ordained to the priesthood. I have to be honest, and I admit my biases, but the life of the priesthood is the best thing in the world. And the best part of being a priest is being able to have a front row seat to witness God's love for His people, especially in the sacraments. It's costly...and I don't mean the many thousands of dollars, but the other more human costs. But it's also worth it.

I also think of the many times in my life, I've experienced God's love through a priest. God shows up in priestly encounters, if we're open to it, and that is worth everything.



I hope you will consider supporting these individuals who are willing to step into this role, which God is inviting them to prepare for. I can tell you for sure there are a lot of pressures driving them away...but something sustains them. If we're lucky, one of them will very likely be your pastor in a few years, or will celebrate a loved one's wedding or funeral. If I'm lucky, one will give me last rites when it's time.

They need our help. Please pray for them, but if you can help to cover the cost, that's a big help, too. I assure you, if they had to go \$250,000 into debt, they would never, on the salary of a priest, cover the cost!

- TO DONATE:**
- ▶ Visit www.themadeleine.edu/second-collections (Designate "Seminarian Appeal.")
 - ▶ Or visit supportourseminarians.church (Please designate "2023 St. Mary Magdalene (The Madeleine), SEM Appeal" so we get credit.)
 - ▶ Or **drop off a check at Mass.** (Please note "Seminarian Appeal" in the memo.)

"Fall into Mary, Rest with Jesus!"

A Morning Retreat with Dina Marie

Women's First Saturday

Nov. 4th | 9:30-11:30am

St. Cyril Catholic Church

9205 SW 5th Street, Wilsonville | 503-682-2332

No reservations required

A free-will offering is accepted

Bring a friend - all ladies welcome



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Regular Mass Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am
 Thursday School days: 2:00 pm
 Days school not in session: 8:00 am
 Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Penance Saturday, 4:00-4:30 pm

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Ministry Schedule
www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule

Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday
Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

MOTHER & CHILD CENTER NEEDS DIAPERS

Mother & Child has run out of diapers! They desperately need all sizes—from newborn to size 6!

Donations can be delivered to:

- ▶ Mother & Child office at
1515 NE 41st Ave, Portland
- ▶ Parishioner Mary Murphy,
4035 NE 19th Ave, Portland

Thank you for your generosity!

HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON

November 30–December 2, 2023

Join Archbishop Sample on this journey to wholeness as we welcome Christ's divine love that brings the healing we ardently desire.

Healing the Whole Person (HWP) is the basis for Dr. Bob Schucht's best-selling book "Be Healed" and takes place only four times each year in parish settings across the USA. Led by renowned speakers and authors Dr. Bob Schuchts, Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT, and Bart Schuchts, the uniquely engaging format will help you see and experience God's healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, Adoration, worship, and the Sacraments. To register: jpiihealingcenter.org/event/11-29-23-hwp

UPCOMING RETREATS

Below retreats are at Our Lady of Peace Retreat, 3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton.

Wed., Nov. 1, 9am-2:30pm

▶ ALL SAINTS DAY RETREAT

- ▶ Theme: "Whether We Live or We Die, We Are the Lord's." Romans 14:8 with Retreat Master, Archbishop John Vlazny
- ▶ Retreat fee: \$40, lunch included
- ▶ To register call: 503-649-7127 or register online: <https://olpretreat.org/retreat-register>

Wed., Dec. 6, 9am-2:30pm

▶ ADVENT DAY RETREAT

- ▶ Theme: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" - How Christ's Light Leaps Forth Into Our Darkness" with Retreat Master, Father Christopher Bernabe
- ▶ Retreat fee: \$40, lunch included
- ▶ To register call: 503-649-7127 or register online: <https://olpretreat.org/retreat-register>

The
Liturgical
Year



From Fr. Bonaventure: All Souls & All Saints

As summer fades into fall, Halloween decorations go up in our neighborhoods. In the Church, our minds drift toward the memory of those who have gone before us. It's natural for us to pray for the dead. Liturgically, this is marked by two celebrations, All Saints Day, which the Church requires us to celebrate (a Holy Day of Obligation), and All Souls Day, a festival that captured the imagination of the people and has developed into the Day of the Dead—*dia de los muertos*—in some cultures. In popular American culture, this has become Halloween—the spooky day we remember all things scary (and cute: like Disney characters, or witty: like a Freudian slip, a nightgown with Freud quotes on it).

In these two celebrations, All Saints and All Souls, the drama of life after death and our eternal destiny is lived out: we're called and destined to be one of the "All Saints" but sometimes we need the help and mercy of the Body of Christ, and so we lift our prayers to the Father for "All Souls."

In order to encourage prayer for the faithful departed, the Church grants a special grace, an indulgence, which we can offer for those we love. I encourage you to consider paying a visit to a cemetery in the first week of November and to come to the Mass or Service of Light on All Souls Day, and pray for those who have gone before us. I'm certain that they are praying for us!

For the Faithful Departed

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,

- ▶ On any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
- ▶ On All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.

—Fr. Bonaventure

All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, November 1:

9:00 am (School Mass) and 6:30 pm

All Souls Day, November 2:

Mass at 8:00 am, Service of Light memorial prayer service at 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE • ALL ARE WELCOME



THE MADELEINE MARKETPLACE



Holiday Bazaar & Christmas Tree Lighting
DECEMBER 7 2:00 – 8:00 PM

MADELEINE MARKETPLACE CALL FOR VENDORS

Register at www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace

Our annual Madeleine Marketplace Holiday Bazaar is Thursday, December 7, 2023. The one-day Marketplace opens at 2 pm and closes at 8 pm, taking place in The Madeleine Parish Hall and Fireside Room. Hundreds of parents, kids, parishioners and community members get a kick start on their Christmas shopping, buy hostess gifts for holiday entertaining, and much more. The evening's festive atmosphere is embellished with our annual Christmas tree lighting.

Food and drink are available for purchase as well as kids crafts, gingerbread house contest, caroling and pictures with Santa.

Vendor FAQ:

- ▶ **Booth setup** for Regular and Bring-your-Own Table vendors begins at 1:00 pm on December 7
- ▶ The event ends at 8 pm.
- ▶ Table positions will be assigned.
- ▶ **Regular Vendors:** We have 8' rectangular tables & 60" round tables.
- ▶ **Bring your own table:** For an additional charge, you can bring your own custom table up to a maximum of 10' x 8'.
- ▶ The Marketplace organizers retain the right to refuse vendors if the products are not appropriate. (Please no cannabis products or any images or objects that are not child friendly.) If it is determined that your products are not appropriate for this event your table fee will be refunded.
- ▶ **Youth/Child Vendor:** We are pleased to offer Madeleine School and Parish youth/children an opportunity to sell their own student-made crafts/wares.

Questions? Contact Julie Kupers at jkupers@themadeleine.edu, or leave a message at 503-281-5777.



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 and buy your raffle tickets today! Just \$10 each.

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

SECOND PRIZE: \$750 REI Voucher

THIRD PRIZE: \$250 Amazon Gift Card

Need not be present to win. 4,500 tickets available. Drawing held at Castaway Portland, 1900 NW 18th Ave, Portland, OR 97209. Ticket drawn 11/4/2023 at approximately 8:30 pm. Cost \$10 per ticket. Winner responsible for applicable taxes. Restrictions may apply. Not redeemable for cash except as noted.



Buy tickets online: www.themadeleine.edu/raffle

ALL SAINTS

ALL SOULS



We Are Called to Holiness of Life

For centuries prior to Vatican Council II (1962–65), the common understanding of saints identified those men and women whom the Church had singled out as exemplary Christians and whose names had been listed in the official list of saints. They had been “canonized” and were privileged with the official title of *Saint*.

But the Bishops gathered at Vatican II recognized that through our baptism, each of us was called to be holy (1 Cor 1:2) so we are all meant to be holy women and men—saints. “All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity. By this holiness a more human way of life is promoted even in this earthly society” (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #40).

While at first we might think that this was a new teaching, we now realize that it was an attempt to re-emphasize the ancient mentality of the earli-

est Christians. From its very beginning, the Church understood the Body of Christ to encompass all baptized persons, both the living and the dead. Christ’s kingdom transcends time and space, and not even death can sever the relationship that the faithful have in Christ. All are united in a mystical communion with Christ (the “communion of saints” that we affirm whenever we proclaim the Creed at Mass) by virtue of baptism (1 Cor 6:11). St. Paul often addresses those to whom he writes as “holy ones” (saints) to designate all baptized Christians (see Rom 1:7, 15:25; 2 Cor 1:1; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1).

And in fact the call to be holy in God’s covenant community goes back even further to the Old Testament to God’s instruction to Moses on Mt. Sinai to “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy” (Lev 19:2). Thus being in a relationship with God obliges us at its most basic level to be holy, to be saints.



All Saints' Day November 1

This feast, honoring all the saints of the Church, known and unknown, provides an opportunity to reflect on our personal call to holiness and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time, whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us. It was given this date to counter a pagan feast held to appease the dangerous evil spirits associated with the coming of winter and darkness whose customs still linger today in our celebration of Halloween (meaning All Hallows' [= Holy Ones, Saints] Eve).

All Souls Day November 2

This feast remembers the many nameless and forgotten persons like our deceased family and friends who led us to Christ and into the communion of his mystical Body. It purposefully follows All Saints' Day to shift our focus from the recognized saints to ordinary people, especially those who might need our prayers. From the earliest times, Christians prayed for the dead and many monasteries adopted the tradition of remembering all the faithful departed. Eventually this custom spread throughout Europe and was included into the Church's liturgical calendar.

HONORING SAINTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Honoring saints began in the early Church by remembering the martyrs who by their courageous witness had imitated Jesus' faithfulness to God's ways even to death. Local churches kept a record of their own martyrs and each year set aside certain days to remember and celebrate their "birthdays," the dates of death when they were "born" into eternal life.

Their practice is illustrated today in the First Eucharistic Prayer of our Mass, which was the standard prayer adopted in the eighth century liturgical renewal of the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne. After Mary and the apostles, the prayer recalls the men and women martyrs of the first three centuries, "Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmos and Damian, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all the saints." By the fourth century many parts of the Church had set aside special days to remember not only their distinguished martyrs but also "confessors" (those who had witnessed and been punished for their faith but did not die), virgins and those whose example was especially helpful for becoming better Christians.

The many local lists of these exemplary saints grew and soon included persons from all walks of life—popes and bishops, clergy, religious and laity, men, women, and children (e.g., the holy Innocents Dec 28), single and married. Finally in 1583 they were collected into a single book called the *Roman Martyrology*, the official list of saints venerated by the Church arranged according to the calendar. Additions to the list are made when new saints are officially beatified and canonized and the days for their memorial are determined.



PRAYING TO THE SAINTS

From the earliest times, Christians believed that members of the Christian community, though separated by death but now alive in Christ, were still able to help one another. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus. So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #49*). Thus the importance of the saints as intercessors for us with God became more popular.

The identification of saints as mediators with God introduces their role as patron saints, that is, one to whom we can go when we have specific needs that require help. Saints are designated as patrons or special advocates for nations, churches, places, crafts, activities, jobs, classes, clans, families, illnesses, causes, etc. Most patrons have been so designated as the result of popular devotion and long-standing custom. The Church has officially designated rather few patrons, and most patron designations, especially more recent ones, are unofficial.



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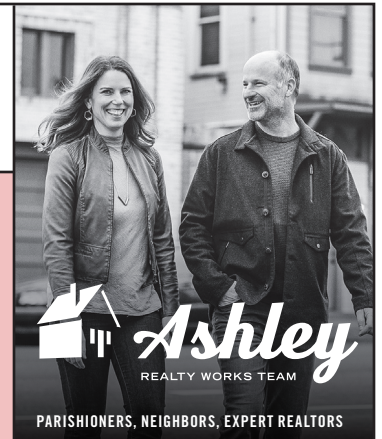
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