

# THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • November 18–19, 2023

## THANKSGIVING DAY: MASS 9:00 AM

**Thanksgiving Collection to St. Vincent de Paul**—As is traditional here, the Thanksgiving Day Mass collection goes to support St. Vincent de Paul, helping them help families in need. Our community has always been very generous in supporting this ministry,

and we know you will be again this year. You are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food and toiletries this day for the St. Vincent de Paul annual Food Drive. So take some time to give thanks on Thursday by joining us at our 9:00 am Mass

## MADELEINE MARKETPLACE: DECEMBER 7

Fun, food, music, shopping, tree lighting, Santa and much more!

Make your plans now to join in our annual tradition— The Madeleine Marketplace and Tree Lighting— Thursday, December 7, from 2-8 pm.

Plan to stay for a fun-filled afternoon and evening. Get your shopping started with 50 or more vendors in the Parish Hall and Fireside Room. **And if you want to sell at the Marketplace, we have just a few vendor tables left, so visit [www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace](http://www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace) for information and to sign up.**

### We've got dinner covered

Cook's night off! We will have pizza,

**Bake Sale goodies needed**—We need your baked goods for our bake sale! Bake your best cookies, pies, cakes, candies, then bring them to the Parish Hall on Thursday, December 7 by 10:00 am.



chili, churros, spring rolls, soft drinks, bake sale goodies and much more.

### Entertainment?

Christmas caroling, photos with Santa and Mrs. Santa, cookie decorating and more. And, of course, the Tree Lighting at 6:00 pm

### Volunteers needed

Help make this night go off without a hitch by signing up for one of our volunteer slots. Sign up online at [www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace](http://www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace).

Questions? Contact Julie Kupers [jkupers@themadeleine.edu](mailto:jkupers@themadeleine.edu) or call her at (720) 936-563.

Our 2023 Advent devotional book, with reflections each day of Advent written by members of The Madeleine community, will be available at Masses beginning November 23, or at the Parish Office. It will also be available for download at [www.themadeleine.edu/advent](http://www.themadeleine.edu/advent)



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## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CLOSING OF THE CHURCH YEAR IS AN OPPORTUNITY for deep reflection. We hear advice again today about paying attention and planning for what will inevitably come in each of our lives. Our readings speak of wisdom, courage and using the strengths and gifts given. As Thanksgiving and the onslaught of the coming holiday season collide, this may be a good time to take a breath, step back, and think about what really matters.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Jack Evans—Funeral November 30, 11:00 am  
Rosary 10:30 am
- ▶ Zoe Coughlin-Glaser ▶ Debbie Laskowski
- ▶ Libby Hill

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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


- ▶ John Keith
- ▶ Aaron Stevenson

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 11/21, Tues, ..... Alan Morrill †
- 11/22, Weds ..... Blanche Sullivan †
- 11/23, Thurs ..... Debbie Barsotti †
- 11/24, Fri ..... Paul Sullivan †
- 11/35, Sat ..... Joan Burke †
- 11/26, Sun, 8:00 am . The Madeleine Community  
10:00 am . . Griff & Margaret Marshall

# Calendar This Week

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- ▶ Catholic Campaign for Human Development  
8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**  
RCIA Rite of Acceptance
- 11:30 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room
- 6:30 pm: Jazz Vespers—Old Madeleine Church

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- Nourish Our Neighbors (NON)—All School
- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 9:00 am: Adoration—Church
- 4:00 pm: 45th Parallel Concert—Old Madeleine Church

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- ▶ School Dismissal—Noon
- ▶ Parish Offices closes at Noon
- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- ▶ Thanksgiving-No School • Parish Office Closed
- 8:30 am: FA: Thank a Thon—Fireside Rm
- 9:00 am: Mass—Church

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- ▶ No School • Parish Office Closed
- 8:00 am: Mass—Church

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 1:00 pm: Basaraba Celebration of Life—Parish Hall
- 1:00 pm: Sasha Hao and Robert Phillips, III, Wedding
- 5:00 pm: Mass—Church

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 8:00 am: Mass—Church
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

### SAVE THE DATE

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

**Parish Office Closed  
November 22 (noon),  
Nov. 23 & Nov. 24 for  
Thanksgiving Holiday**

## PARISH LIFE

# SHARING THE WORD: AN ADVENT CELEBRATION

**Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18 • St. Catherine Room**

The Discerning Catholic Ministry invites all Madeleine Parishioners to join us for “Sharing the Word” the first three Mondays in Advent. We will meet upstairs in the Saint Catherine Room of The Old Madeleine Church from 10:00 am to Noon on Monday December 4, Monday December 11, and Monday December 18. Please enter through the 23rd Street entrance; this allows parishioners to utilize the elevator as necessary.

“Sharing the Word” is a short service of prayer and scripture and includes a reflection on the readings by a parishioner from

the Discerning Catholic ministry. In doing so, they exercise discernment as well as develop their voice in service to our apostolic mission.

After Sharing the Word, we will also share a light meal of finger foods—feel free to bring something to share—followed by Lectio Divina on that day’s scripture and general discussion as the Spirit leads us.

Please join us in celebration of the wondrous gift of Advent! All are invited! If you’d like more information, please contact Dan O’Brien at [discerningcatholic@themadeleine.edu](mailto:discerningcatholic@themadeleine.edu).

## CONFIRMATION GATHERING

**December 3, 2023**—Families of the Confirmandi will gather in the Fireside Room for an Advent Prayer at 6:00pm followed by refreshments and visiting. (Confirmation families, please see your email for details.)

## 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 Schuchts’ 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](http://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/11-29-23-hwp)

“ Let us pray to the Lord for our deceased, for everyone - that the Lord might welcome them all. ”

—Pope Francis via X (Twitter) @pontifex

## MADELEINE BOOK CLUB

We are so thankful for the support of our parishioners and friends!

We have a terrific group of readers and prayer warriors who would love to have you join us! For more information, please contact our ministry coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, [gypsy-frau47@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsy-frau47@yahoo.com) or 503-312-6834.



## Upcoming Concerts

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

- ▶ **November 21, 7:00 pm** **OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • Romantique • [45thparallelpdx.org](http://45thparallelpdx.org)
- ▶ **Dec. 3, 2:00 pm** **OC** • Peter Zisa & Friends  
16th Annual Season of Lights Holiday Concert
- ▶ **December 5, 7:00 pm** **OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • Czech Please • [45thparallelpdx.org](http://45thparallelpdx.org)
- ▶ **December 10, 3:00 pm** **MC** • Bravo!  
Concerts Northwest • Handel’s Messiah • [bravoconcerts.com](http://bravoconcerts.com)
- ▶ **Dec. 18, 7:00 pm** **OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • Ellington’s Nutcracker Suite • [45thparallelpdx.org](http://45thparallelpdx.org)



**The good news of today’s Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us.** All we need do is be faithful in “small matters.” The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given. When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God’s extravagant love.

—Mary Clare O’Brien, 503-309-7639

## JAZZ AND VESPERS—A SYNTHESIS OF TWO WORLDS

### Part two of two

To recap last week, jazz music has at its roots the Spiritual—a truly American art form and musical genre born out of a need for the slaves to endure their captivity. An amalgamation of European harmonies and African rhythms, with lyrics that always looked towards eternal life. So, while the Spiritual was not necessarily IN the church—it was always OF the church.

Jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis has said the jazz is music between “heaven and earth”—between the church and the night club. During the first half of the 20th century, the lines between the sacred and the secular in jazz music were blurred. It was natural to hear the sounds of gospel and blues throughout the South, and many jazz musicians worked in clubs at night and as church music directors by day as a way to make a living (not much has changed there!) In short, during the Swing & Big eras, jazz went to Church.

Also during that time, the concept of Liturgical Jazz as concert pieces emerged (a similar parallel to the rise of the Sacred Oratorio, which became concert pieces in the Baroque era & beyond). Jazz composers George Lewis produced the first record of jazz hymns entitled “Jazz

at the Vespers,” and saxophonist Ed Summerlin broadcast and recorded the first “Liturgical Jazz.” Perhaps the most important liturgical piece of that era was Duke Ellington’s first “Sacred Concert”, which premiered at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in 1965—and undisputedly the initial artistic event that combined jazz and liturgy in a concert setting.

Along the way, jazz music has inadvertently been the catalyst for conversions into the Catholic faith. The legendary Dave Brubeck converted to Catholicism when he wrote the Mass, “To Hope; A Celebration.” And jazz great Mary Lou Williams became both a Catholic and a pioneer of sacred jazz in the Catholic liturgy. Williams was quoted as saying, “there’s not enough prayer anymore. That’s why we need jazz. It’s something from the mind, to the heart, to the fingertips.”

Curiously, as jazz has settled into a distinctly American art form, its roots are still steeped in the church and spirituality. We have the opportunity here at The Madeleine to create a truly Catholic Jazz Vespers, as we combine sacred jazz with the ancient prayer of the Church—a service of music and prayer that connects “heaven and earth.”

—Maria Manzo

**Join us on Sunday, November 19 for our first Madeleine Jazz Vespers at 6:30 pm in the Old Madeleine Church**

### ADORATION: IN SILENT SONGS, PRAISE HIM!

“Come, let us sing to the Lord, and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us!” Like the opening words of Psalm 95, Bible passages can stir up songs of great love for

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

God. In Adoration, silently sing your heart out for Him! He will hear with immeasurable delight every loving thought we put into it. He hears our mind’s every murmur.



## Mmm...Pancakes!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AFTER 10:00 MASS

Join us in the Parish Hall for a great pancake breakfast!  
Lots of yummy food for the family.  
No fixed prices....donations accepted



## 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, 4:00–4:40 pm  
**Adoration** . . . . . Tuesdays, 9:00 am–2:00 pm

## PARISH OFFICE

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

## ADVENT CANDLES AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES STARTING NOVEMBER 25

December 3 marks the first week of Advent and the tradition of the Advent Wreath. After Masses on November 25–26 and December 3–4, we will again offer candles for purchase (\$5/pack while supplies last). To complete your Advent wreath, we encourage collecting your own greens.



### Symbolism of the Advent Wreath

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance, representing the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color signifying a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

## ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!

Please join us in helping our neighbors in need this winter. The Madeleine Knights of Columbus and The Madeleine School are sponsoring the annual Sock Drive. Blue barrels are in the church vestibule and the school entrance.

*NOTE: Please look for socks with a wool blend and no cotton.*

Socks will be donated to those in need through Transition Projects and Saint André Bessette.

Don’t have time to go sock shopping? Or would you prefer we take your cash and purchase wool socks in bulk? Just scan the QR code at right, or drop off a donation at the Parish Office.



## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

**LEARN** about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve

communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed. By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community’s needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### 2021-2022 GRANTS

Category	Dollars	Number of Grants
Community Development Grants	\$8,436,500	167
Strategic National Grants	\$4,952,837	13
Economic Development Grants	\$1,947,000	36
Technical Assistance Grants	\$115,604	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,451,941</b>	

### 2021 EXPENSES

Category	Dollars	Percent
Grants and Donations	\$10,573,000	79.15%
Allocations-Internal Grants*	\$2,190,345	16.40%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$545,250	4.08%
Program Costs	\$50,032	0.37%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,358,627</b>	
<b>Total Expenses Excluding Internal Grants</b>	<b>\$11,168,282</b>	
<b>Total Grants &amp; Donations Including Internal Grants</b>	<b>\$12,763,345</b>	

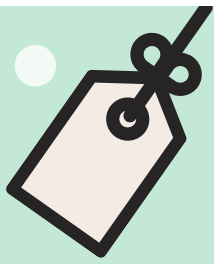
\*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development’s education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



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# The Madeleine Giving Tree 2023

**Benefits Children of Incarcerated Parents & Community Transition School**

The tradition of The Madeleine Giving Tree will continue this year and the need has never been greater. This year we will be supporting two worthwhile and grateful organizations.

## **Northwest Family Services Children of Incarcerated Parents—**

These children face countless barriers including abuse, neglect, homelessness and food insecurity, as well as having one or both parents incarcerated.

## **Community Transitional School—**

CTS serves students ages 4-14 from Multnomah County who live in homeless and domestic violence shelters, cheap motels, on the floor of a friend's home and even inside of their cars. Some are from families that are on the brink of losing their housing; others have just recently managed to move into permanent housing. All children are in situations where poverty and uncertainty dominate much of their young lives. Please read the tags carefully for this group...due to their mobile nature, the tags indicate specific needs.

**Tags will be hung on the tree in the Parish Hall driveway the weekend of November 25-26. Get there early...they get claimed very quickly!**



## 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 church vestibule or bring your donations to the Parish Office during business hours.



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

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.

Bedding needs to be for twin size beds (not extra long, please) sheet sets, blankets and comforters, mattress protectors and pillows. All donations must be new and still in the original packaging.

Thank you Madeleine Community for the continued support!





# Thanksgiving

## CELEBRATION & SERVICE

For Americans, Thanksgiving is a special day to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November. In fact, families get together on Thanksgiving more often than on any other holiday, including Christmas!

Thanksgiving is not a strictly a religious holiday, and although the Church has never had a feast dedicated to thanksgiving—likely because thanksgiving is already an integral part of all liturgical celebration—the U.S. Bishops encourage Catholics to celebrate it with a eucharistic celebration. After all, the word *eucharist* comes from the Greek word, *eukaristein*, which means thanksgiving.

Our sacramental celebration is called *Eucharist* to remind us that our basic human relationship to God is a response to God's gifts. Everything that we have is God's gift so in our ritual we celebrate the gift of God's own presence in the gathered assembly, in the reading of God's Word that we hear, in the consecrated bread and wine that are Christ's body and blood, and in the person of the priest who presides during the celebration.

Our celebration is also called *Mass*, from the final Latin words of sending, "*Ite missa est*," meaning "Go, you are sent." As we finish our communal prayer we are reminded that we are all sent to discover and proclaim God's presence in all the many different situations of our daily lives.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that "Believing in God, the only One, and loving God with all our being has enormous consequences for our whole life" (#222). Then it adds that this includes "living in thanksgiving: if God is the only One, everything we are and have comes from God: 'What have you that you did not receive?' (1 Cor 4:7) and 'What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?'" (Ps 116:12) (#224).

Thanksgiving should not only be celebrated with a deep sense of prayer, gratitude and joy, but the celebration this day should lead us to remember that our lives are a continual thanksgiving through our daily activities, all of which should give glory to God, especially the celebration of the Eucharist.

## Thanksgiving & Service

Although our eucharistic focus is on Jesus' continuing presence with us in the bread and cup, as in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, we often neglect the account in John's Gospel except on Holy Thursday. John reveals the significance of the community meal not from the bread and cup, which are not even mentioned, but from Jesus' enacted sign of service: washing the feet of the disciples.

Footwashing was not part of the Passover ritual but a common gesture that for John exemplifies the deepest meaning of eucharist—giving oneself in loving service for others. In the biblical world, sandals protected the bottom of the foot but did not keep dirt away. So a customary sign of hospitality upon entering a house was for a servant to wash the guest's feet. Thus, when Jesus assumes the servant's role instead of the master's, what would normally be considered undignified and humiliating becomes a positive sign of his love for his disciples and a lesson for them to imitate. "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (Jn 13:15).

Jesus' example of a life of service is not limited to the Last Supper, and footwashing is only a single example that prompts us to be alert to the many ways that we might serve others as Jesus would do. Perhaps we can discover other examples of service from Jesus' imaginative description of the final judgement of all the nations (Mt 25: 31-46). (Note that although we almost always apply this passage to individuals, which is not a bad thing to do, it is nations not individuals who are being judged here. So how might our nation fare according to Jesus' criteria?)

Jesus points out how service might be rendered to various persons in need: those who are hungry, thirsty, outcasts and foreigners, lacking clothing, sick, imprisoned. But Jesus' most startling point is that he is present in these needy people in a hidden way. This also reminds us that Jesus is not just present for us in the eucharistic bread and wine, but also in those we deal with during the rest of the week.

When we are looking for opportunities for service, as with footwashing, we must not limit the opportunities for humble service. People hunger and thirst for many different things besides water and food—dignity, respect, recognition and being called by name, appreciation, equality, good neighbors, freedom and justice—and many are sick and imprisoned by more than germs and locks.

### A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. Accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

—*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

## JESUS: OUR MODEL OF COMPASSION & JUSTICE

In his words and actions, Jesus offers us a model to follow for our service. Responding to others' needs has two dimensions: compassion and justice. Jesus is often described in the Gospels as having "pity" on the hungry crowds, the sick, the suffering and the grieving. For us pity usually means to feel sorry for someone. But the Greek word for what Jesus feels is much closer to our sense of compassion—a strong emotional reaction felt deep within (as we would say in our "guts") in response to someone else's misery or suffering.

**Compassion** focuses on aiding the victims of social evil to provide more immediate assistance to those who are poor, hungry, in need of food, clothes and shelter, visits to the sick and imprisoned. Acting with compassion means performing the charitable actions that our tradition calls the corporal works of mercy (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2447).

**Justice** focuses on changing the structures of society to conform more closely with Jesus' vision of rightly ordered relationships (what biblical justice describes). Working for justice begins in the heart, but social justice takes the efforts of communities of reflection and action banding together to use their power effectively for social transformation. Since the institutions of society are so complex, the structural evil embedded in them is also complex. This evil is so tenacious and insidious that it cannot be eradicated by a single individual. Consequently, working for social justice almost always involves joining with others in an organization to change the societal structures that conceal social sin. (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1929–1948).





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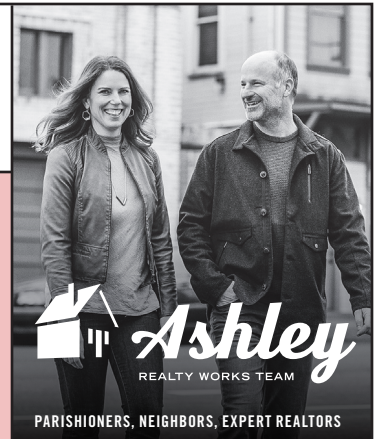
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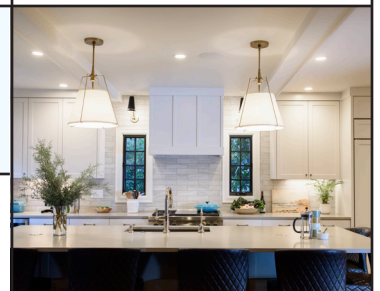
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