



THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • February 17–18, 2024



A Change of Heart

Lent, Triduum & Easter at The Madeleine

Full Lenten activities and Easter Mass schedules at www.themadeleine.edu/lent

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22

† 11:30 am • Main Church

Adoration

Tuesdays, Feb. 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

† 9:00 am–2:00 pm

Gospel Vespers

Sunday, February 25 † 6:30 pm • Old Church

The Madeleine Parish Choir & St. Andrew's Gospel Choir; traditional Catholic Evening Prayer with Gospel music.

Communal Penance

Thursday, Feb. 29 † 6:30 pm • Main Church

In preparation for Lent and Easter. Several priests will be on hand to hear your confession.

Horticulturist Annalise Michaelson

Thursday, March 7 † 6:30 pm • Old Church

▶ "Consider the Lilies: Native Plants for Wildlife and Devotion." Annalise will introduce the best low-maintenance native plants for Portland gardeners, explain their connections to local wildlife and indigenous peoples, and share some thoughts on their spiritual significance for contemplation during Lent.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 9 † 6:00 pm • Parish Hall

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; an annual favorite with great food and an evening of authentic Irish dance.

An Evening of Celtic Song and Prayer

Thursday, March 14 † 6:30 pm • Old Church

Join The Madeleine Parish Choir in an evening of beautiful prayer, story, and song in the Celtic tradition.

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, March 23 † 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 24 † 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Please gather 15 minutes prior to start time in the Parish Hall and join the procession into the church.

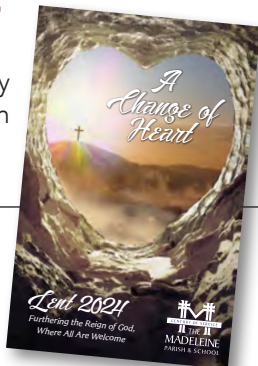
Chrism Mass

Monday, March 25 † 6:30 pm • St. Mary's Cathedral

Tenebrae

Friday, March 29 † Noon • Old Church

A beautiful liturgy that meditates on Christ's suffering.



First Sunday of Lent

LENT IS A TIME TO REMEMBER that God first reached out to us. This was not a meager one-time gesture like those we often make and withdraw, but a profound, lasting and healing covenant. During this season, we reflect on and ask forgiveness for our own alienating, sinful actions. We ponder in deep prayer and silence that God has invested everything, including a beloved Son, into this relationship.

PRAY FOR OUR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

- ▶ Therese Schnidrig—Funeral Feb. 24, 11:00 am
- ▶ Donald Dunbar
- ▶ Bernie Fagan
- ▶ Connie Marbott

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- ▶ Nicholas Lacrosse
- ▶ Jane Lecher
- ▶ Dick Feeny
- ▶ Fr. John McGrann
- ▶ Bill Stevenson

WORSHIP & PRAYER

- 02/20, Tues. John McCarthy †
- 02/21, Weds Fr. John McGrann
- 02/22, Thurs Michael Lavin †
- 02/23, Fri David Basaraba †
- 02/24, Sat Mike Wakamatsu †
- 02/25, Sun, 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am Thomas Thornburg †

Parish Office will be closed February 19 in observation of Presidents Day

Lenten Reflections books!

Pick up yours at Masses or download at www.themadeleine.edu/lent

Calendar This Week

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 am: Mass—Church

10:00 am: Family Mass—Church

 **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

11:00 am: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—Parish Hall

11:00 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room

2:00 pm: CDZ Collegium Musica Concert—Old Madeleine Church

2:00 pm: RCIA Rite of Election—Cathedral

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Presidents Day—No School, Parish Office Closed

6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 am: Mass—Church

9:00 am: Adoration—Church

6:30 pm: The Madeleine Book Club—Fireside Rm

7:00 pm: In Mulieribus—Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am: Mass—Church

2:40 pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal—Church

6:00 pm: Madeleine Choir—Old Church

6:30 pm: Pastoral Council—Fireside Rm

7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00 am: Book Club—Fireside Rm

2:00 pm: Mass—Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:00 am: Mass—Church

11:30 am: Stations of the Cross—Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:00 am: Teresa Schnidrig Funeral—Church

4:00 pm: Confession—Church

5:00 pm: Mass—Church

7:00 pm: In Mulieribus—Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00 am: Mass—Church Penitential Rite RCIA

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

11:00 am: RCIA—St. Catherine Room

11:00 am: Confirmation—Fireside Rm

11:15 am: Laudato Si'—Zoom

6:30 pm: Gospel Vespers—Old Church

SAVE THE DATE

▶ **St. Patrick's Dinner:** March 9

▶ **Palm Sunday:** March 24

▶ **Easter Sunday:** March 31

▶ **Fish Fry:** April 19

▶ **Wine Tasting:** Postponed to September 7

▶ **Madeleine Marketplace:** December 5

PARISH LIFE

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION

Synodal session: March 2, 2024 • Sign up at www.themadeleine.edu/synod.

Ever since the 2nd Vatican Council, the Bishop of Rome—the Pope—has convoked a regularly scheduled gathering of bishops to assist him in his role as universal pastor of the church. These gatherings are the Synod of Bishops.

In October 2023 and in a second session in October of 2024, Pope Francis has asked bishops, some priests, and laity from around the world to gather in an assembly to discuss the nature of the Church, which in Pope Francis's view is synodal by nature.

In preparation for the synod assembly in Rome, the Synod of Bishops—an office in Rome—asked for input from Local Churches around the world—a local church in Catholic parlance is not a parish church, but a Church gathered around a diocesan bishop. In Portland, as in many places our bishop asked parishes to hold listening sessions. And here at The Madeleine, several parishioners gathered to give their input on certain questions.

Along with contributions from every parish in Oregon, The Madeleine's contribution was prayed through and then a summary document made its way through several phases (bishops conference, continental, and universal). The goal has always been to listen to Holy Spirit who speaks through the multitude of voices of the people of God.

Some people have wondered how The Madeleine's contribution—your contribution—made its way to the Holy Father. Without any study, I can say the answer is imperfectly—because by nature human communication is imperfect. We are after all, one voice among many hundreds of millions of voices in many diverse cultural contexts.

Many people have viewed this process as a kind of global parliament, and our contribution as a vote, which has either been “received in Rome,” or if not has left the voter disenfranchised. I suggest to you, rather, that this whole exercise is a lesson in learning to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, who continues to govern the Church. Each of us should be focused on this voice, and not so much on our own voice.

The first step in participating in the Synod should be for each of us individually to open a serious conversation with God. We all pray in different ways, and many of us are only learning to pray with a listening ear. The thing of interest to the Church is not my opinion or your opinion on various topics, but rather what is it that you hear God speak in your personal prayer on a given topic—this is endlessly fascinating.

Judging by my own experience, what you or I “heard” is maybe 10% the Holy Spirit and 90% our own voice or some mixture thereof.

When two or three gather together and prayerfully share with each other what we heard God say in prayer, we can listen again to each other in conversation and hear more clearly as a group what it is that God is speaking to the Church. As these conversations take place throughout the Church at various levels and finally in the synod assembly itself, it is the Pope's hope that we will be able to understand—that the Pope will be able to understand—how the voice of the Holy Spirit is moving the Church in our day.

These conversations continue. The Synod of Bishops has asked various continents and regions to take up certain questions in prayer and to carry the answers received in prayer through to the synod assembly in Rome that will meet in October.

At The Madeleine, we will do our part by hosting a synodal session of our own on March 2, 2024. Please sign up at www.themadeleine.edu/synod

It will begin with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the Church at 1 pm, where we can intentionally listen in prayer to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to us. But I suggest we begin to pray even now. From 2-4 we will gather in the Parish Hall—or the Fireside Room—for the first hour in small groups, sharing with each other what we heard in prayer. And then as a larger group, sharing with the whole floor what we heard from the small groups.

The pastoral council will generate a document that we will send to the Archdiocese, and it will make its way to Rome through the filter of many layers once again.

I invite you to explore the synod and the documents that the synod generated at www.synod.va

The questions that we were asked to consider are these:

- 1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?**
- 2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?**

So, let us begin with prayer.

Fr. Bonaventure



Experiencing Lent at The Madeleine

FAMILY ACTIVITIES FROM THERESE FENZL

Were you able to set up a special prayer space for Lent? It is not too late.

I realize some of you may be away this weekend. If you are here, I encourage you to attend our family Mass on Sunday at 10:00 am. Your children/youth can participate in a special entrance procession and your family will be given a small gift.

Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' forty days in the desert. Our Lent is 40 days. Could you take one minute each day to silently hear Jesus call you by name and say "I love you." Then pray "Jesus I love you." Then sit in silence for the remaining seconds of one minute. Allow yourself to feel Jesus' love in the silence.

► *Prayer: Jesus help us to tune into Your Love for us during this Lent. Amen.*
Peace to you!

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Rice Bowls are available in the church. Please be generous during Lent, then return them to the church on Holy Thursday.

REPENT: A LAUDATO SI' LENTEN EXAMEN FOR DAILY USE

As Lent begins, unfolds, and concludes, view prayer not as an abstract exercise but as a call to action. Prayer is action that grounds our lives spiritually. Let the Creator Spirit guide you as you seek to live this Lenten season more intentionally in the light of Laudato Si.' Each week of Lent we will publish a different passage from Laudato Si' and a prompt for reflection.

First Sunday of Lent (February 18).

"Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must



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LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

From the Archdiocese: *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.*

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own sui iuris Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (Laudato Si' 49)

Reflect: Consider how the Creator Spirit is calling you into the desert this Lent to deepen your capacity to hear both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. How can we embrace the present moment as the time of fulfillment to convert our gaze and actively contribute to the realization of the kingdom of God in our approach to the climate crisis?

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

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In Memoriam

THE MADELEINE FAMILY REMEMBERS

TERESA SCHNIDRIG

Funeral Mass—Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am

A Funeral Mass for Teresa Schnidrig will be held on Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am at The Madeleine.

On January 18th, 1982, Eric and Sandra Schnidrig welcomed their second daughter, Teresa Anne Schnidrig. Teresa, along with her parents and older sister, Heidi lived for a short time in Canada before moving to Portland, Oregon, where Teresa remained until her passing. There her sisters Heather, and Erika, and brother Daniel were born.

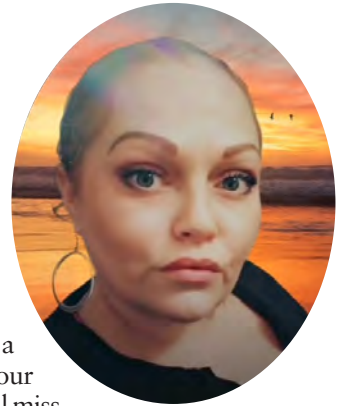
Teresa was very outgoing, making friends wherever she went. To her, her friends meant the world, as did her family. Teresa attended Gresham High School and as adult, worked in perfume counters at Meier & Frank and Nordstrom.

On July 9th, 2002 her oldest son Nicolas was born and on August 15th, 2006 her second son Jordan was born. Teresa loved being a mother, she also loved being an aunt, one who truly understood the importance of being a close knit family, even when times were hard. Her nieces Lux, Vela, and Olivia love and miss Teresa greatly.

The last years of Teresa's life were full of her strength and perseverance. She would have tremendous health struggles but her relationship with God and her wanting to remain near her sons and family kept her going. On December 8th, 2023, Teresa's strength was overcome with God's plan for her to be free and at peace. Though her fight was long and hard, she was told

by her loved ones it is ok to let go, and she did... even the strong need rest.

Teresa was a huge part of our family. We will miss her laugh, her toughness, and her protection. We love you so much, Teresa.



Please pray for Teresa, her family, and all the faithfully departed from The Madeleine.

**LENTEN RETREATS WITH
DINA MARIE HALE**

Saturday, March 2 from 9:30-11am; Lenten Day of Recollection at St. Jude Catholic Church in Eugene. The retreat theme is: "Behold the Lamb of God" with Catholic speaker Dina Marie Hale of Faith Moments. Doors open at 9 am and a free will offering is appreciated. For more info and to RSVP your seat visit: www.dinamarie.org. St. Jude Catholic Church is located at 4330 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR.

Wednesday, March 6 from 7-9 pm—A Lenten Twilight Talk with Dina Marie Hale of Faith Moments at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton. The theme is: "Behold the Lamb of God." This evening retreat will be a perfect way to enhance your Lenten journey in preparation for Holy Week and the Easter season. Doors open at 6:30pm and a free will offering is appreciated. Come early to browse the Catholic bookstore and gift shop in the retreat house. For info and to RSVP your seat visit: www.dinamarie.org. Our Lady of Peace Retreat House is located at 3600 SW 170th Ave, Beaverton, OR.

Friday, March 15 from 9:30am-1:30pm—All are invited to a Lenten Day Retreat in The Grotto Conference Center with Dina Marie Hale of Faith Moments. Our theme: "Behold the Lamb of God." The day includes: two conferences, Holy Mass & Rosary, small group discussion, time for Confession, and an optional lunch. This is a perfect way to enhance your Lenten journey and enjoy the peace and beauty of the scenic grounds of The Grotto. Registration is required at: dinamarie.org. The Grotto (National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother) is located at 85th and Sandy Blvd. in Portland, OR.

GOSPEL VESPER\$

**Traditional Catholic Evening Prayer
sung in the style of Gospel Music**

Presented by:

The Madeleine Parish Choir

&

St. Andrews Gospel Choir

**Sunday, February 25 at 6:30 PM: The Old
Madeleine Church**

3123 NE 24th Ave., Portland, OR 97212

**(Free-will offering will go to support
Music Ministry at The Madeleine Church)**

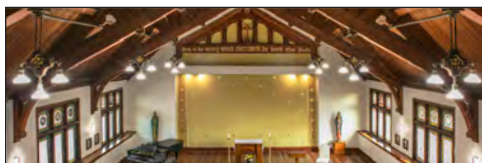
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MADELEINE BOOK CLUB

Do you love to read? Would you enjoy opportunities to meet with other parishioners and friends to share in genial discussion/debate over the contents of some very excellent books?



If so, you are most cordially invited to join our group. There is still plenty of time to read *The Postcard*, by Anne Berest before our mid-February meeting. For further information or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC ministry coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.



Upcoming Concerts

OC=Old Madeleine Church MC=Main Church

- ▶ **Feb. 18, 2:00 pm** OC • CDZ Collegium Musica, Yuri Liberzon, Classical guitar
- ▶ **March 16, 7:30 pm** MC • In Mulieribus • Cycles of Eternity • inmulieribus.org
- ▶ **March 17, 4:00 pm** MC • In Mulieribus • Cycles of Eternity • inmulieribus.org
- ▶ **March 18, 7:00 pm** OC • CDZ Collegium Musica, Cinzia Milani, Italian Classical Guitarist

ADORATION: IMPORTANT IN LENT AND IN LIFE

Pope Francis says we are “always adoring either the Lord or something or someone else.” That’s a key observation by Father Roger Landry, Catholic chaplain at Columbia University. In his National Catholic Register article on Ash Wednesday, 2024, he continues: “Eucharistic adoration helps crush our idols: our disproportionate focus on work, material possessions, entertainment, our families, or our egos . . . we learn how to prioritize him, to unite all parts of life to him, and to ensure that he alone is our God. That’s why Eucharistic adoration is so important in Lent and life.

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



The Madeleine School, **Where You Belong**
Now Enrolling for Fall 2024

The Madeleine School uniquely and considerately combines academics, faith formation and service in an inclusive community where all are welcome, where all belong. Find out more at www.themadeleine.edu/admissions

Pre-K Opening Fall 2024

After years of requests, we are pleased to announce the addition of Pre-K to The Madeleine School beginning Fall 2024. This program is a testament to our dedication to Early Childhood Education and the holistic development of our students.

More information at www.themadeleine.edu/pre-k

CDZ Collegium Musica presents Yuri Liberzon, internationally acclaimed concert classical guitarist and recording artist.

“Yuri Liberzon has all the greatest musical qualities... virtuosic, thoughtful, expressive, and moving” Musical Review ~ PJZ

Sunday February 19 @ 2:00 pm
The Old Madeleine Church

Known for his stellar performances of Bach, Piazzolla, and Brower, Yuri’s program will include his newest and most ambitious arrangements of Piazzolla from his soon to be released seventh album Naxos Label.





The Holy See

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024

Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the “Ten Words” as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them “commandments”, in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God’s people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey” (Ex 3:7-8). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

During my visit to Lampedusa, as a way of countering the globalization of indifference, I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: “Where are you?” (Gen 3:9) and “Where is your brother?” (Gen 4:9). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future. Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls. True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom.

In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God. This “deficit of hope” is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralyzed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

This, however, entails a struggle, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, “You are my Son, the Beloved” (Mk 1:11), and “You shall have no other gods before me” (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. Ps 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.

It is time to act, and in Lent, to act also means to pause. To pause in prayer, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan in the presence of a wounded brother or sister. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God’s dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

The Church’s synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also a time of communitarian decisions, of decisions, small and large, that are countercurrent. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: “Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting” (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: “Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this” (Address to University Students, 3 August 2023). Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward. [1]

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 December 2023, First Sunday of Advent.

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[1] Cf. CH. PÉGUAY, *The Portico of the Mystery of the Second Virtue*.



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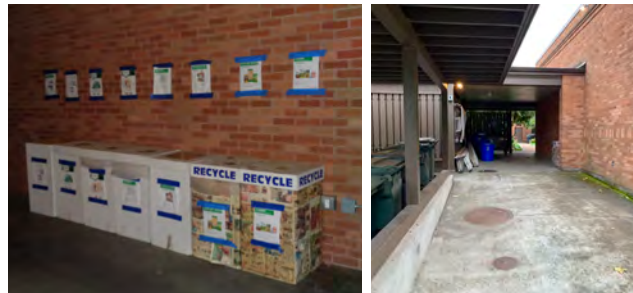
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Green Century Recycling will be on hand to accept the following

- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Laptops
- ▶ TV & Monitors (all types)
- ▶ Hard drives (Secure Data Destruction Provided)
- ▶ Misc. Computer Components (floppy drives, Printed Circuit Boards (PCB), etc.)
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- ▶ PDAs, Handheld Games
- ▶ Cameras
- ▶ Telephones
- ▶ Gaming Consoles/Systems
- ▶ UPS (uninterruptible power supply) and other Lead Acid Batteries
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- ▶ **NO!** PCB Ballasts
- ▶ **NO!** Wood
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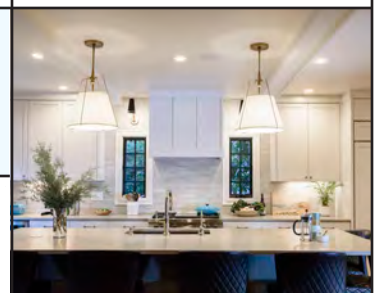
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