

The Promise is Made Advent 2024

The Madeleine Marketplace

Thursday, December 5 • Parish Hall

▶ **2:00 pm, Marketplace • 6:00 pm, Tree Lighting and Carols**—Holiday shopping, and food, refreshments, and adult beverages. Photos with Santa, too!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Bring new twin (not XL) bedding (sheets, pillows, blankets, and comforters) in original packaging for local children in need of a bed to sleep in. Leave in blue barrel in the church or bring to Rectory.

The Madeleine Gift Tree

Return gifts by Sunday, December 11
Tags on tree in Parish Hall turnaround.
Benefits: Children of Incarcerated Parents, and Community Transitional School.

Daily Prayer for Peace

Beginning November 27 • Via Zoom

▶ **6:30 pm**—Led by Therese Fenzl; 15 minutes each for 27 days. Ends Dec. 23
email tfenzl@themadeleine.edu for link.

Reconciliation

Sat. at The Madeleine • Weds. at St. Rose

▶ **Sat., 3:30 pm**—Main Church with Fr. B
▶ **Weds, 6:00 pm @ St. Rose**—With Fr. B and brother priests. 2727 NE 54th Ave.
▶ **By appointment**—call the Parish Office.

Advent Faith Sharing

3 options: in person or via Zoom

▶ **Mondays, 6:50 pm**—With Therese Fenzl, via Zoom. Email to tfenzl@themadeleine.edu for link.
▶ **Tuesdays, 1:45 pm • Saturdays 2 pm**—With Lauren Craig, St. Catherine Room. Sign up: www.bit.ly/afs-2024

Knights Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 8 • Parish Hall

▶ **11:00 am**—A family affair, offering great food and fellowship.

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 8 • Main Church

▶ **3:00 pm**—Join the **Bravo! Northwest Chamber Choir & Orchestra**, Conductor Maria Manzo, in this classic Advent tradition. *Tickets: bravoconcerts.com*

Immaculate Conception

Celebrated Monday, December 9

▶ **9:00 am School Mass and 6:30 pm Mass**—We join to celebrate Mary's ongoing intervention for us and the grace given to her from God.

Candlelight Carols

Thurs., December 12 • Old Church

▶ **6:30 pm**—Join the Madeleine Choir, Children's Choir and Chimes Choir for an evening of Advent lessons and carols.

A Cello Christmas

December 15 & 16 • Old Church

▶ **Dec. 15, 8:00 pm & Dec. 16 at 7:00 pm**—**45th Parallel Universe** performs Duke Ellington's arrangement of the Nutcracker Suite. *Tickets: www.45thparallelpdx.org*

Silent Night: Madeleine School

Thurs., December 19 • Main Church

▶ **6:30 pm**—Our school Pre-K to 5th grade students take you to 18th Century Austria with new songs, well-known carols and a wonderful nativity...shared with humor, history and festive cheer.

Family Christmas Caroling

Sun., Dec. 22 • Meet at Old Church

▶ **4:00–7:00 pm**—Join us for an afternoon of caroling and fun and help us spread joy to the neighborhood!

More details on these events and more at www.themadeleine.edu/advent

First Sunday of Advent

AS WE BEGIN ADVENT, our readings offer wisdom in discerning what it means to prepare our hearts for the Lord. They are beckoning us to wake up and be attentive to what is around us, for God's time is at hand. We have the blessing of this season to prepare for the coming of the Lord, and to allow our hearts to be transformed.

Pray for Our Faithfully Departed

▶ Ben Ford—Funeral December 5, 11:00 am
▶ Paul Killorin ▶ Annie Young
▶ Jackie Santos ▶ Leann Stevenson
▶ Mary Clare O'Brien

Prayer Requests

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

▶ Brad Werth ▶ Refugio Sanchez
▶ Bob Burke ▶ Judy Anne Yap
▶ Danny Mitchell ▶ Christine Gregg
▶ Kitt & Corinne Jordan ▶ Jean Mitchell
▶ Ann & Quenton Czuba ▶ Charli Phipps

Mass Intentions

11/30, Sat Karmie Cavender †
12/01, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
10:00 am Leann Stevenson †
12/03, Tues Joy Allan †
12/04, Weds Patricia Treece †
12/05, Thurs Bradford Burke †
12/06, Fri Norma Hunt †
12/07, Sat Warren Hoard †
12/08, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
10:00 am Mary Biewend †

**Parish Office Closed
Nov. 28 & Nov. 29 for
Thanksgiving Holiday**

Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am: Mass—Church
 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
 11:15 am: OCIA Class—Fireside Rm
 3:00 pm: Chaplin Cello Recital—Old Church

Monday, December 2

6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

Tuesday, December 3

8:30 am: Mass—Church
 9:00 am: Adoration—Church
 10:00 am: Baptism Class—St. Catherine Rm
 1:30 pm: Advent Gospel Group—St. Catherine Rm
 3:30 pm: School Endowment Board
 6:30 pm: Finance Committee—Library
 7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus—Fireside Rm
 7:00 pm: 45th Parallel Concert—Old Church

Wednesday, December 4

8:30 am: Mass—Church
 2:40 pm: Children's Choir - Rehearsals
 7:00 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

Thursday, December 5

▶ Noon Dismissal—School
 8:30 am: Mass—Church
 11:00 am: Funeral for Ben Ford—Church
 2:00 pm: Madeleine Marketplace—Parish Hall


Friday, December 6

▶ School End of Trimester; Free Dress
 8:30 am: Mass—Church

Saturday, December 7

▶ Retirement Fund for Religious
 10:00 am: First Reconciliation—Church
 1:45 pm: Advent Gospel Group—St. Catherine Rm
 3:30 pm: Confession—Church
 5:00 pm: Mass—Church

Sunday, December 8

▶ Retirement Fund for Religious
 ▶ **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated Monday, Dec. 9**
 8:00 am: Mass—Church
 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
 10:00 am: Sacramental Prep—Fireside Rm
 11:00 am: Pancake Breakfast—Parish Hall
 11:15 am: OCIA Class
 3:00 pm: Bravo NW Concert, Messiah—Church

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Madeleine Marketplace:** December 5
www.themadeleine.edu/marketplace
- ▶ **Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**
 December 9; Masses at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm
- ▶ **Fish Fry:** Friday, April 25
- ▶ **St. Mary Magdalene Day:** July 19

PARISH LIFE

Daily Prayer for Peace & Prayer Groups with Therese

Begins November 27 • Daily for 27 days • Via Zoom

Those of you who are in the book club may remember reading *With God in Russia*. I was deeply inspired by this autobiography. I read recently that Fr. Walter Cizek's cause for canonization has been started. I also came across a book (Walter J. Cizek, SJ, *Triple Novena, Extraordinary Experiences, Powerful Prayer*) edited by Marc Lindeijer, SJ, and Rosemary Stets, OSF. They knew Fr. Cizek after his return from 23 years in prisons in Russia. The book offers a triple novena with his reflections from 3 settings: Lubyanka Prison, the work camps, and the town of Norilsk.

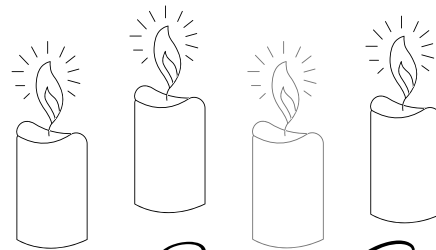
I invite you to pray these novenas with me and ask for the intercession of Fr. Walter

Cizek in praying for peace in our country and our world. I will lead 27 days of these prayers beginning on November 27 and ending on December 23 via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

The prayer sessions will last about 15 minutes each. To attend, please email me at tfnzl@themadeleine.edu for the link

Advent small group faith sharing by Zoom with Therese

Therese will also lead an Advent prayer group via Zoom on Mondays at 6:50 pm. All are welcome. Just email Therese (tfnzl@themadeleine.edu) for the Zoom link.



Advent Small Groups

In-Person, Tuesdays or Saturdays

Pick a group that works best with your schedule and join us for reflections on the gospel readings this Advent season!

Tuesdays 1:45pm-3:00pm, Dec. 3rd, 10th, & 17th

Saturdays 2:00pm-3:15pm, Dec. 7th, 14th, & 21st

The Madeleine
 St. Catherine Room

Sign up with QR code or visit www.bit.ly/afs-2024
 email Lcraig@themadeleine.edu



Our 2024 Advent devotional book, with reflections each day of Advent written by members of The Madeleine community, is now available at Masses, or at the Parish Office. It will also be available for download at www.themadeleine.edu/advent



As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

—Lisa Hawkins, (503) 309-7968

Note from Fr. B:

Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent

Some months ago, I started going to St. Rose of Lima Parish—only about two miles away on 54th Avenue—Wednesday evenings from 6 pm–7 pm for Eucharistic Adoration. They have a lovely music-led communal hour of adoration every week at that time. Fr. Matt Libra, the pastor there, and Fr. Tony Galati from St. Charles, and now I offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) during adoration. I am committed to this as a weekly ministry.

For those of you who are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

in the weeks leading up to Christmas, I would like to invite you to consider this possibility as well. Last year, following Fr. Mike’s example for years prior, I offered various office hours for the sacrament during Advent, but this year I will be offering this hour, Wednesday from 6-7, at St. Rose of Lima, and extending Saturday’s hours from 3:30-4:40 pm. Otherwise, there are ample opportunities in our neighborhood at the Grotto or at Holy Rosary, and I am always willing to make an appointment with you.

—Fr. Bonaventure

Madeleine Marketplace: December 5

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 5, 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.

We’ve got dinner covered

Cook’s night off! We will have pizza, chili, soft drinks, bake sale goodies and much more.

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 5 by 10:00 am.

Madeleine Buildings & Grounds looking for new members

Seeking professionals in the planning, design, construction industries

The Madeleine Building and Grounds committee is now back in session! We are looking for professionals in the planning, design and construction industry who are willing to advise our Business Manager, My Schoning, and Father B on current and future projects, operations and management of our beautiful and expansive campus, grounds and facilities.

We plan on meeting once a quarter, starting in 2025. Please consider this service if you have the skills as listed above, and are a current Madeleine parishioner and/or parent.

Please contact me if you have questions or are interested in joining. Thank you!

—Erin Couch, AIA,

*Building and Grounds Chairperson
erin@creativeabandon.com*



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. Questions? Contact Julie Kupers jkupers@themadeleine.edu or call her at (720) 936-5635.

Weekly Mass Times

Regular Mass Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
Thursday School not in session: 8:30 am
School in session: 2:00 pm
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

Hours Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 am–3:00 pm

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School Office 503-288-9197

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Finance/Admin—John Garrow . 503-803-5693

Buildings & Grounds—Erin Couch, 503-281-9575

School Advisory—Tim Resch . . 503-984-4607

Facility Requests—themadeleine.edu/facilities

Maintenance Requests—My Schoning
mhoang@themadeleine.edu ext. 114

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

“Encountering people, sharing a gaze and our stories: this is the closeness of Jesus that we are called to live. An encounter can change a life. The #Gospel is filled with these encounters with Jesus that uplift and heal.”

—Pope Francis via X (Twitter) @pontifex



Madeleine Book Club!

We are very thankful for the support of our wonderful MBC members! We invite other parishioners and friends to join us in this ministry to read and discuss interesting books. For further information please contact Gretchen Stevenson, 503-312-6834 or gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com

Book Drive for Oregon Book Bank —8th Grade Capstone Project

We are doing a book drive for the Oregon Book Bank, an organization that gives free and clean books to kids without the privilege of literature. For our capstone service project, we are required to do at least 10 hours of service. The Capstone service project is something that all 8th graders accomplish during their school year. The meaning of the Capstone project is to bring us closer to God by caring for the marginalized community. For the book drive, we only accept graphic novels and picture books (no chapter books please) for children without them. The donation box will be in the front room of the Church. The drive ends on December 1.

*We appreciate your support!
Ronan McCormick, Henry Sinnott,
Jackson Ehleringer, and Zachary Resch*

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Madeleine Knights of Columbus January blood drive is open! We already have 10% of our appointments filled. And we look forward to more people joining us on January 11th in the Parish Hall from 9 am to 2 pm .

Donating blood is a great start the holiday season with an eye toward helping others!. The need is constant, and what could be more important than giving a gift that can save up to three lives?

So, please use the qr code attached and make your appointment today! The 11th will be here before you know it.



Upcoming Concerts

OC =Old Madeleine Church MC =Main Church

- ▶ **December 3, 7:00 pm OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • The Portland School • 45thparallelpdx.org
- ▶ **December 8, 3:00 pm MC** • Bravo! Concerts Northwest • Handel's Messiah • bravoconcerts.com
- ▶ **December 15, 8:00 pm OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • A Cello Christmas • 45thparallelpdx.org
- ▶ **December 16, 7:00 pm OC** • 45th Parallel Universe • A Cello Christmas • 45thparallelpdx.org

Ministries, teachers, service groups

Please send in photos by December 18 for the annual The Madeleine in Service edition of our parish bulletin on Christmas! Instructions and upload link at themadeleine.edu/photos

Not willing to let go of your marriage? There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling couples regain and renew the life and health of their marriage. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting or even broken marriages and bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come January 31-February 2, 2025 at Canby Grove Retreat Center in Canby, Oregon.

For confidential information or to register for the program call 1-503-225-9191 or email: portland@retrouvaille.org or visit us at Helpourmarriage.org



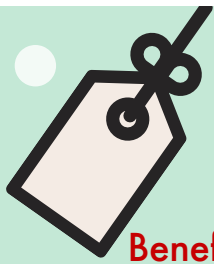
Mmm...Pancakes!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 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





The Madeleine Giving Tree

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. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Each of these CTS tags has many gift ideas listed for each child, along with clothing and shoe sizes. Feel free to just choose a single item on the child's gift tag lists. If you wish more, that's OK too. Most important is that every child receives at least one gift.**

Tags have been hung on the tree in the Parish Hall driveway. 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 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!

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.



Bravo! Concerts Northwest Presents

Sunday, December 8 | 3 PM
The Madeleine Church

Handel's Messiah

Bravo! Chorale
Northwest Chamber Orchestra

Tickets at
www.bravoconcerts.com



OPEN HOUSE
January 26th
11:30-1:30

The Madeleine School

Where You Belong

The Madeleine School uniquely and lovingly combines academics, faith and service in an inclusive community where all are welcome, regardless of faith tradition.

Find out more at our open house.

PreK - 8th Grade

Women's Coffee Club

Joy to the World! All women of the Madeleine Parish are invited to join us for coffee, conversation, and some Christmas cheer Monday, December 9th, from 10:00 to 11:30. We meet upstairs in The Madeleine Old Church gathering space. Access doors are on NE 23rd. Signs will be posted. Due to security, doors will be unlocked only between 9:30 and 10:15. It's easy access to the elevator. Have a question or need a ride, contact Jody McDonald 360-870-5470.

Got a Green Thumb?

Join the newly forming Madeleine Garden Club!

The school and parish landscape needs our love. Join us on Wednesdays (unless it's pouring rain), after the school morning drop-off this fall to help with or learn about fall garden maintenance, and help us plan for next year's growing season!

No commitment or experience necessary! If you can't make it on Wednesdays but want to be involved, give Julie Kupers a call and we can help you find another time to get your hands dirty.

This is a fun way to get to be in nature AND earn volunteer hours! Snacks and drinks provided. For more info, contact Julie Kupers 720-936-5635, or just show up on Wednesday morning between 8:15-10:30!

45th Parallel Universe

Join us for our December, January and February Concerts!

THE PORTLAND SCHOOL

December 3 | 7:00 pm
The Old Madeleine Church
Featuring: Pyxis Quartet



NEW YEAR, NEW AKIHO

January 28 | 7:00 pm
The Patricia Reser Center for the Arts
Featuring: Gemini Percussion & 45th Parallel Players



A CELLO CHRISTMAS

December 15 | 8:00 pm
December 16 | 7:00 pm
The Old Madeleine Church
Featuring: North Pole Cello Sextet



2ND ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI CHAMBER MUSIC HOLIDAY PUB CRAWL!

December 17
Pub Crawl: 7:00 pm, Mendelssohn's, other locations TBD
Mainstage show: 9:00 pm, Mississippi Studios

A GAY OLD TIME

February 18 | 7:00 pm
The Old Madeleine Church
Featuring: Arcturus Winds



RMD for 2024?

If you are at least 70½ years of age and are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, you can donate part or all of that distribution to The Madeleine, tax free! For information, contact parish Business Manager, My Schoning, 503-281-5777 or mhoang@themadeleine.edu.

Purchase tickets at

45THPARALLELPDX.ORG



45TH PARALLEL
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In Memoriam

THE MADELEINE FAMILY REMEMBERS

Bennett Carl Ford

Funeral Mass • Thursday, December 5 • 11:00 am

A Funeral Mass will be held for Madeleine parishioner Ben Ford on Thursday, December 5, 11:00 am at The Madeleine.

Ben was the first-born child of Harold Bennett Ford and Helen Bernadine Kirchner. He arrived at the St. Joseph's Infirmary in Louisville KY on March 15, 1940. Ben was joined by his brother Robert (Bob) in 1942 and later by his sister Susan in 1943. As a child Ben attended the Saint Denis School through 8th grade, and thereafter completed his high school education at Saint Thomas Seminary in preparation for his formation into the priesthood. Shortly after graduating high school he decided on an alternate life path and instead earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bellarmine University in 1963.

Ben subsequently initiated his Masters degree studies in American History at the University of Arizona where he was also heavily involved in the formation of Newman Centers in the region. Life in the southwest was a bit more than the Kentuckian could handle, and so he returned home without completing his degree. In the mid 60s the Vietnam conflict was escalating and many men of Ben's age were being drafted to serve in the armed forces. Instead of waiting to be called up, he enlisted with the United States Air Force and was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. Ben served as a psychiatric ward specialist for 4 years, and achieved the rank of Sergeant before being honorably discharged. During his time at Andrews he assisted with social functions for the benefit of patients, events that were co-sponsored by the American Red Cross. It was during one of these functions that he met a Red Cross volunteer named Mary-Louise Meyer. They quickly became close companions, and were married in November of 1968. According to Ben, Mary-Louise convinced him to accompany her to an antique shop one afternoon only to find himself purchasing a ring for a potential future engagement. The ring was on her finger before they got back to the car, but Ben did not seem to mind.

Ben and Mary-Louise welcomed their first son Thomas in 1970, and shortly thereafter moved to Lexington so that Ben could work towards his Masters degree in Library Science at the University of Kentucky. Around the same time Ben finished the outstanding coursework for his advanced degree in American History at Murray State University. In 1973 Ben and Mary-Louise brought their second son Matthew into the world. Ben then moved with his family to Lawton OK where he took a job as a librarian at Cameron University.

In addition to his career as an academic librarian, Ben maintained a high level of engagement as a husband and a father. When Wilson elementary school (where his children attended) sought new leadership for the Parent Teacher Association he and Mary-Louise stepped in as co-presidents. When his son Thomas and his classmates sought to form a basketball team he agreed to lead them as their head coach. When his son Matthew's troop of Boy Scouts became leaderless, he assumed the role of Scout Master. When Mary-Louise struggled with her first bout of breast cancer he absorbed many of the household duties and drove his wife to her chemotherapy appointments. Ben may not have always known what he was doing when first taking on these roles, but he stepped up and made a difference when it mattered the most. Ben was a provider for his family and leader in his community.

In the early 1980s Ben and his family relocated to Ramsey NJ for his new job opportunity as a librarian at Fairleigh Dickinson University. The next few years proved challenging as Mary-Louise struggled with recurring bouts of cancer, a disease she succumbed to in 1987. Ben suddenly found himself a single father of two teenage boys. He adjusted his work schedule by taking on a new librarian role at Bergen Catholic High School, which allowed him to spend evenings and summers at home with his sons. It was during these years that Ben also became an active Catholic again, eventually assuming facilitator roles for multiple bible study groups each week.

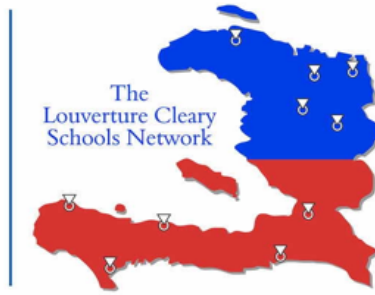
Ben retired in his early 50s, relocated to north-eastern PA outside Scranton, and then dedicated the next two decades of his life to various pursuits of spiritual development.

This included continuing to facilitate multiple bible study groups, participating in prison ministry at the Lackawanna County Prison, organizing and speaking at Cursillo weekend retreats, and preparation of catechists as part of the leadership team for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Ben also became certified as a spiritual director to help others along their spiritual journeys. During these spiritual pursuits Ben met his second wife Joan Abbitt, whom he married in 1995. Joan died unexpectedly in the summer of 1997.

In 2011 Ben relocated to the Portland area to be near his son Matthew and his family. He remained active in church life at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Forest Grove, St. Matthew's in Hillsboro, and The Madeleine in northeast Portland. He happily picked up his granddaughters from The Madeleine School for years while he was still physically able, and struck up conversations with any parent, grandparent, or teacher that crossed his path.

Ben passed away in his sleep during the early morning hours of November 17, 2024. He is survived by his sons Thomas and Matthew, his daughter-in-laws Jennifer and Windy, and his five grandchildren Nora, Louisa, Colin, Amelia, and Lauren.





-THE HAITIAN PROJECT OPEN HOUSE- A time of thanksgiving and appreciation for our supporters

As we approach the end of the year, all members of our Madeleine Parish and their guests are invited to join us for a special afternoon of food, drink, and conversation to celebrate our work for The Haitian Project.

Importantly, in an effort to widen our outreach, we encourage you to invite and bring friends and acquaintances who might not know of our special work on behalf of the children of Louverture Cleary School in Haiti.

**Open House
Saturday, December 7, 2024
2 pm to 5 pm (Brief THP update at 3 pm)
Join us for light refreshments.**

**Home of Dave and Peggy Albertine
2605 NE 25th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97212**

Please RSVP your attendance and number of guests to Dave Albertine via email to davea51@gmail.com by Dec. 4th
Further questions, call 503-282-7848

MADELEINE CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM MASS~ ALL ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN THE PAGEANT



Sign Up Here!



Practices are required. Meet at the front Church doors on the following dates:

**Tuesday, December 17th 3:30-4:30pm
& Saturday December 21st 10-11am**

If you are unable to make a practice or have questions, please email

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We are looking for a few adults who would like to shadow us this year and then take over the pageant next year. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours.

Please reach out if you have any interest.

Thank you.

ADVENT

THREE COMPANIONS FOR OUR JOURNEY

The Season of Advent makes our journey toward Christmas more meaningful by revealing our deepest longings and greatest hopes, and teaching us to focus all our desires on Jesus Christ. Advent celebrates three dimensions of Christ's coming—first into the world some two thousand years ago, second into our hearts right now, and finally in his coming at the end of time.

As you journey through Advent, you will begin to understand Jesus more fully and recognize that his birth began our redemption and that his return in glory will complete it. Advent draws together the joy of his arrival as a helpless babe with the hope of his return when evil will finally be eradicated from our world.

Advent also presents us with **three companions** for our journey who speak to us about matters of the heart—about longing, fulfillment and hope.

Isaiah

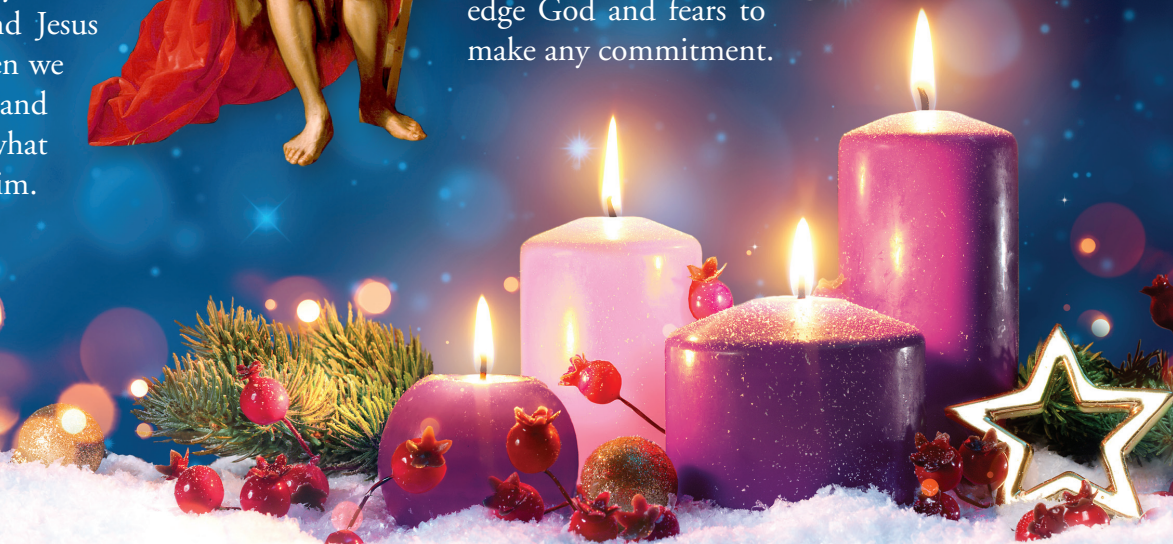
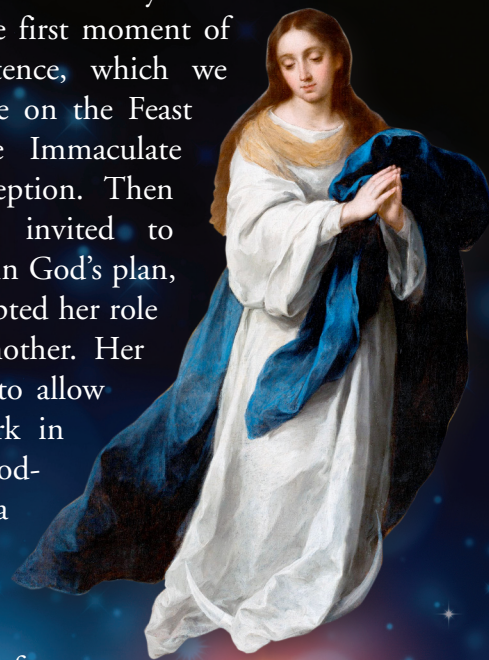
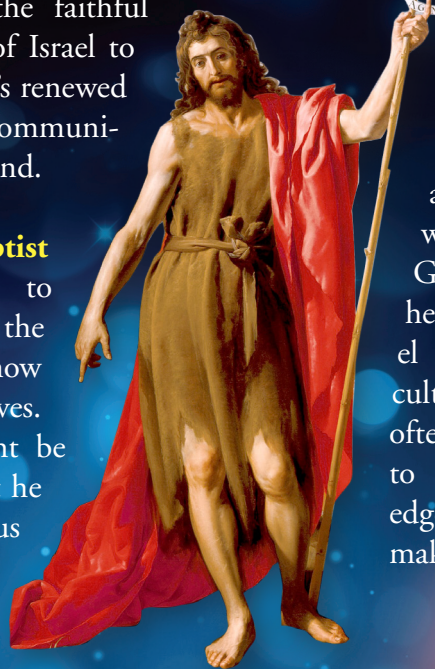
The great prophet foretold the coming of the promised Messiah and his kingdom. Isaiah's words are remembered especially during Advent because of his confident hope that God would restore the faithful remnant of Israel to live as God's renewed covenant community in their land.

John the Baptist

John announced to the people that Jesus, the Messiah, had finally come and now was the time to change their lives. While some thought John might be the Messiah, he knew clearly that he was only the messenger and Jesus was the promised one. When we look carefully at our lives and those of others, we learn what we must change to follow him.

Mary

Mary was transformed by God's grace from the first moment of her existence, which we celebrate on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Then when invited to share in God's plan, Mary accepted her role as Jesus' mother. Her willingness to allow God to work in her life is a model for us in a culture that often refuses to acknowledge God and fears to make any commitment.



Origins of Advent

Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of preparation for Epiphany—not in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the Magi and the baptism of Jesus. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early Church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

Later, in the 6th century, Pope St. Gregory the Great was the first to associate this season of Advent with the coming of Christ. Originally it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but rather, the second coming of Christ.

By the Middle Ages the Church had extended the celebration of Advent to the familiar format we know today. The early weeks are rich with the prophecies of Isaiah, reminding us to wait and prepare for the coming Messiah. Later, the pace quickens and we focus more directly on the events leading up to Jesus' birth.

The Three Arrivals of Christ

Jesus Comes in Human History

Our celebration of Christmas focuses on the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The Christmas crèche at home or in the church, Christmas pageants and liturgies all help us recall the moment Jesus was born as a human being to live his destiny as the Son of God and our redeemer.

Jesus Comes in Our Hearts

Alive and among us through the Holy Spirit, Jesus continually reaches out to us. Advent renews our desire for the daily coming of Jesus as we recall the story of our salvation and look forward to the coming of the kingdom. We “wait in joyful hope,” as the eucharistic liturgy says, for the coming of that kingdom.

Jesus Comes in Glory

The haunting melody and refrains of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* serve to remind us of our longing for the completion of Christ's reign at the end of time. This season gives special meaning to the phrase from the Lord's Prayer, “thy kingdom come.”

ADVENT F • A • Q

What is the origin of the Advent Wreath?

The origin dates to pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. For us, the lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

Why is the rose-colored candle lit on the third Sunday of Advent?

The third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday* because in Latin, the first words of the opening antiphon for that day's Mass are *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always) from Philippians 4:4-5. On this Sunday a rose-colored candle is lit as a reminder that we are called to rejoice.

Was St. Nicholas Real?

Yes, St. Nicholas (270-343) was the Bishop of Myra (now Demre in southwest Turkey). He was imprisoned during Emperor Diocletian's persecution (303-5) and attended the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325). Famous for his pastoral care, the many legendary stories of his charitable deeds became the basis for the figure of Santa Claus.

What is a Jesse Tree?

An ancient tradition revived in the mid-20th century as an Advent practice, the Jesse Tree represents the family of Jesse, father of King David. Each day of Advent a home-made ornament is added to the Jesse Tree, a small tree made of evergreen branches. These symbolic ornaments each represent a prophecy foretelling of Christ.



MASS READINGS FOR ADVENT 2024

1st Sunday	Jeremiah 33:14-16; Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
2nd Sunday	Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6
3rd Sunday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
4th Sunday	Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45
Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6;3 John 1:1-18



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