

The Promise is Made Advent 2024

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.

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

▶ **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*

More details at

www.themadeleine.edu/advent

Feast of the 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.

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.

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!

Second Sunday of Advent

WHEN THE PATH TO SALVATION appears rocky, we can be assured that God will lower mountains and level depths to lead the faithful into his glory. This holy season, we rejoice to be remembered by God because he draws near and unites himself to us through Emmanuel – God with us.

Pray for Our Faithfully Departed

- ▶ Ben Ford
- ▶ Paul Killorin
- ▶ Jackie Santos
- ▶ Mary Clare O'Brien
- ▶ Annie Young
- ▶ Leann Stevenson

Prayer Requests

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

- ▶ White/McDermott Family
- ▶ David Hickman
- ▶ Aaron Stevenson
- ▶ Brad Werth
- ▶ Bob Burke
- ▶ Danny Mitchell
- ▶ Kitt & Corinne Jordan
- ▶ Ann & Quenton Czuba
- ▶ Refugio Sanchez
- ▶ Judy Anne Yap
- ▶ Christine Gregg
- ▶ Jean Mitchell
- ▶ Charli Phipps

Mass Intentions

- 12/07, Sat Warren Hoard †
- 12/08, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am Mary Biewend †
- 12/09 Mon 9:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 6:30 pm Kara Larson †
- 12/10, Tues Korene Hill †
- 12/11, Weds Wanda Schwab †
- 12/12, Thurs Kathryn Burk †
- 12/13, Fri Raymond Utz †
- 12/14, Sat Mary Callaghan †
- 12/15, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am David Hulscher †

Calendar This Week

Sun. December 8

► Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated Monday, Dec. 9

8 am: Mass—Church

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

10 am: Sacramental Prep—Fireside Rm

11 am: Pancake Breakfast—Parish Hall

11:15 am: OCIA Class—St. Catherine Rm

3 pm: Bravo! NW Concert, Messiah—Church

Mon. December 9

► Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

9 am: Mass—Church

10 am: Women's Coffee Club—St. Catherine Rm

6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

6:30 pm: Mass—Church

Tues. December 10

8:30 am: Mass—Church

9 am: Adoration—Church

1:30 pm: Advent Gospel Reflection Group—
St. Catherine Room

6 pm: Madeleine Parent Association—Library

6:30 pm: Pastoral Council—Fireside Rm

Weds. December 11

8:30 am: Mass—Church

2:40 pm: Children's Choir -Old Church

7 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

Thu. December 12

8:30 am: Mass—Church

10 am: Baptism Class—Fireside Rm

6:30 pm: Advent Lessons and Carols—Old
Madeleine Church

Fri. December 13

8:30 am: Mass—Church

Sat. December 14

1:45 pm: Advent Gospel Reflection group—
St. Catherine Room

3:30 pm: Confession—Church

5 pm: Mass—Church

Sun. December 15

8 am: Mass—Church

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

11:15 am: OCIA Class—Fireside Room

8 pm: 45th Parallel Cello Concert—Old
Madeleine Church

Upcoming Events

► **Solemnity 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

Candlelight Carols • Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30 pm

Join the Madeleine Choir, Children's Choir and Chimes for Candlelight Carols on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 PM in the Old Madeleine Church.

From the ancient familiar carols of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Creator of the Stars of Night, Lo, How a Rose, O Little Town

of Bethlehem, and of course, Silent Night, we will take you on a Advent journey of scripture, poetry and song.

Take some time during this busy season to pause and reflect as we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of the Messiah!

Daily Prayer for Peace with Therese

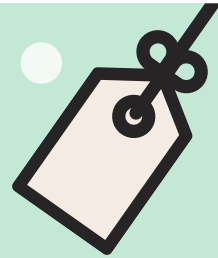
Begins November 27 • Daily for 27 days • Via Zoom

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 tfenzl@themadeleine.edu for the link.



The Madeleine Giving Tree

Benefits Children of Incarcerated
Parents & Community Transition School

Gifts due to the church or the Parish
Office by Wednesday, December 11

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 is also available for download at www.themadeleine.edu/advent



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

—Lisa Hawkins, (503) 309-7968



First Reconciliation Congratulations!

Congratulations to our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday! Thank you to Siobhan O’Leary and Rose Horton, our catechists, and to Mary Witka for her devotion to the spiritual growth of these children.

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| Vincent A. | Amelia L. |
| Mikael B. | Frederick M. |
| Everett B. | Mikhael M. |
| William B. | Samantha O. |
| Ian B. | Arthur P. |
| Frances C. | Owen R. |
| Amon H. | Andrew R. |
| Regan U. | Madeleine R. |
| Lincoln H. | Ava S. |
| Grace I. | Cruz S. |
| Harris K. | Isabella S. |

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 from 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 Buildings & Grounds needs help

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

“ The Word of God spreads when we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit, preaching would have neither soul nor life, and we would spread only ideas or precepts to be fulfilled ”

—Pope Francis via X (Twitter) @pontifex

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

Phone: 503-281-5777 **Fax:** 503-281-0673

School Office 503-288-9197

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Rev. Nazario Atukunda—In Residence

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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

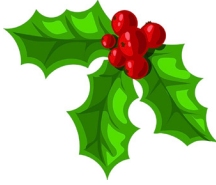
Knights of Columbus—
Dan O’Donnell 503-440-9415

Ministry Schedule
www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule

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

Madeleine Book Club!

We are very thankful for the support of cool winter days are the perfect time to curl up and read. We can recommend some very excellent books, and would love to have you join us for genial discussion and refreshments! For further information or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.



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.



**Support Our Seminarians:
Archdiocesan Seminarian Appeal**

The Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. Our seminarians await the day they can bring the Eucharist to you and your family. As we celebrate the gift of priesthood this Priesthood Sunday, prayerfully consider supporting the Seminarian Appeal. One hundred percent of your donation will go to the formation of priests serving in western Oregon.

Visit supportourseminarians.church or call 503-233-8336.

**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



Upcoming Concerts

OC=Old Madeleine Church MC=Main Church

- ▶ **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



2 In-person opportunities with
Lauren Craig:

Tuesdays 1:45pm-3:00pm, 12/3, 10, 17

Saturdays 2:00pm-3:15pm, 12/7, 14, 21

Both groups meet in the St. Catherine Room

Sign up: www.bit.ly/afs-2024
or email Lcraig@themadeleine.edu



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



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!

Knight of the Month and his family

► **Dick Feeney** – The Madeleine Council “Knight of the Month.”



► **Years of Knighthood:**
One year

► **Occupation:** Retired
25 years as TriMet’s executive for Intergovernmental Affairs; main task: securing funding for the Max Light Rail System; prior jobs: Chief of Staff for County Chair Don Clark; Chief of Staff for U.S Congresswoman Edith Green.

► **Church activities:** past Member and chairman Pastoral Council; former member of Advisory council Oregon Catholic Conference, former Board member Archdiocesan Catholic Charities.

► **Family:** Married for 55 years to Anne Kelly Feeney retired; formerly Multnomah County Auditor, Executive Director Loaves and Fishes (Meals on Wheels) and Executive Director Pioneer Courthouse Square.

► **Children** (each attended The Madeleine) :

▷ Caitie Feeney Coleman, 50, Co-Chair of Lake Oswego’s Pride festival; Board Member of its Anti-racism commission; mother of Los Angeles Ballet dancer Poppy, 21; Tulane University freshman Fiona, 18; and Cecelia, 16, varsity star lacrosse player. Married to Matt, a high tech executive.

▷ Moira Isabel Feeney Duvernay, 49, lawyer and Deputy Director of the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies at the School of Law University of



California, San Francisco; married to Daniel, a lawyer with the Public Defender’s Office, Alameda County; mother of two grade schoolers, Emile, 8, and Evelyn, 13 who bring with their father the love of an African American family into our family!

▷ Siobhan Feeney O’Leary, 47, staff member and teacher at Nativity Middle School at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church; mother of Aine a sixth grader at The Madeleine. Siobhan is married to Tom O’Leary, a Dublin native and proud owner of T.C. O’Leary’s Irish pub on Alberta Street. And coach to Madeleine outstanding volleyball team!

► **Why I became a Knight:** I became a knight because of all they do for the parish, particularly the school. Many of the Knights I have known for years. It’s a gift to be with men who serious about their faith and are at ease with it.

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.





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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Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Our aging religious need your help. Like those pictured, more than 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others through prayer and ministry. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings to care for them. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

Please give at your local parish.

Visit www.themadeleine.edu/secondcollections to make a donation online, or drop an envelope from the pews in the collection basket.

Be sure to include “*Retirement Fund for Religious*” as the Designated Organization

retiredreligious.org

To donate by mail:

National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

RECYCLING PROGRAMS AT THE MADELEINE

Marked collection bins in the breezeway facing 23rd Ave.

The Madeleine's Laudato Si' Circle and Care for Creation Ministry have joined with U. S. based recycler, Terracycle, to offer our parish, school, and community opportunities to responsibly recycle specific items (primarily plastics) not generally handled at curbside. Terracycle has added more manufacturers to its program, and in turn, we have expanded our recycling offerings. Here is a current listing of what we are collecting. Please keep this in mind:

- ▶ Do not include garbage or items not specifically mentioned in the descriptions.
- ▶ Empty containers of contents. No need to wash first; ensure packaging is dry.



KROGER FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

All Kroger brand flexible plastic packaging can now be accepted. Includes Private Selection and Simple Truth brands as well.



HAIR CARE APPLIANCES AND TOOLS

All types and brands of hair care tools and appliances, including hair dryers, straightening irons, curling irons, thermal brushes and mini tools.



SWIFFER REFILLS

Swiffer only brands of Sweeper™ Dry, Wet, and XL Refills, WetJet Refills™, and Duster™ Refills.



LATE JULY® SNACKS

All Late July® snack packaging as seen in these examples. Limited to Late July brand only.



GILLETTE® AND VENUS RAZORS AND RAZOR BLADES

All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units), rigid plastic packaging, and flexible plastic bag packaging.



ORAL CARE PRODUCTS

All brands of used or empty oral care products, including toothpaste tubes, tooth brushes, and dental floss containers.



FABRIC CARE PRODUCTS & PACKAGING

From Tide, Gain, Downy, NBD and Dreft, including plastic components (dispensing cup, bag, nozzle, nozzle clip), and plastic packaging wrap, flexible plastic bags, rigid plastic tubs and lids, and Tide To Go pen.



AIR CARE PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING AND MR. CLEAN DEEP CLEANING MIST

All brands of air and home cartridges, air and home care plugs, air and home care trigger heads, and air and home care plastic and film packaging. No aerosol containers. Remove as much of remaining product as possible.



USED SOCKS (ALL BRANDS)

Used clean socks only; pairs and singles are accepted. Not meant for new sock donations. No stockings, tights, or pantyhose.



REDYPER DISPOSABLE DIAPERS (Offsite subscription service)

Subscription service for purchasing and recycling Redyper brand disposable diapers through Terracycle

Details on all programs at www.themadeleine.edu/terracycle

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

Theresa - theresamwikander@gmail.com

Anna - annakmoran@gmail.com

Brigitte - brigrobinson@gmail.com

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.

Immaculate CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine that Mary, conceived in the normal way through an act of love by her mother and father (St. Joachim and St. Anne), was born free of original sin and its effects from the first moment of her existence. This special favor was conferred on her because of her role in God's plan for our salvation. Historically, this doctrine has sometimes been

misunderstood as the conception of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit in the feast we know as the Annunciation. Instead, the Immaculate Conception celebrates the special gift of God's grace to Mary because she was to be the mother of Jesus, God's chosen agent to bring about

our salvation. We hail Mary in faith and prayer because she is "full of grace" and because "the Lord is with her." In other words, Mary was filled with God's life well before the Messiah was conceived in her womb.

After consulting with the bishops of the Church, Pope Pius IX first solemnly defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*.

The Immaculate Conception has the distinction of being one of only two formal Church dogmas to be solemnly defined by the full teaching authority of popes rather than general Councils (the other being Mary's Assumption). This means that the Immaculate Conception has been solemnly defined as an infallible teaching to be believed by the whole Church. We not only believe that this is our truth, but we also try to imitate the meaning of this truth. While we honor Mary for the privilege of being without sin, we also try to be like her in becoming faithful bearers of Christ in the world. As we strive for greater integrity in our words and actions we allow God to work in us to help transform our world into one of greater justice and love. Thus we imitate Mary and become the kind of disciples that Jesus praises in the Gospel: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it (Luke 11:28).



The Magnificat (Lk 1:46-55)

And Mary said:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Mary, Mother of the Church

Jesus gave Mary to the Church from the cross when he told his beloved disciple, “Behold your mother” (John 19:26-27). Mary was present in the upper room with the other disciples on Pentecost, when the Church was born (Acts 1:13-14). Over the centuries of Christianity, Mary has been sought out by the faithful who find in her support for their own lives of discipleship. As one whose own life of faith was not easy or simple, Mary is a companion who can show us a path in our everyday lives and in our suffering.

Mary is a wonderful example of what happens when one opens oneself to the life and power of God. As at the marriage at Cana, Mary always directs our attention to Jesus, saying “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:5). Mary is not a goddess wielding power. Neither is she controlling and domineering nor cold and aloof. Mary is there for us whenever we need her.

WHY DEFINE THIS DOCTRINE?

The doctrine of Mary’s Immaculate Conception affirms that through God’s grace she was never separated from God by sin. Over the centuries Mary’s freedom from original sin—the teaching that every human is born in the wrong relationship with God (this is what sin is and does) and so must be freed from this condition through God’s grace (this is what salvation is and does)—was disputed by theologians who could not agree.

After consulting with the Bishops of the Church to confirm that almost all Catholics believed this doctrine, Pope Pius IX first solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 in these words: We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which asserts that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and, for this reason, must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.

WHY DECEMBER 8?

December 8 is the liturgical celebration of Mary’s Immaculate Conception, i.e., her being “adorned from the first moment of her conception with the splendors of an entirely unique holiness” (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, #56). This date was chosen because it is 9 months (the time of a child’s gestation in the mother’s womb) before the traditional celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Mary on September 8.

A Prayer for the Immaculate Conception

We thank you, O Mother, because in showing yourself to us
You free us of all stain of sin;
You remind us that what comes first is the grace of God,
The love of Jesus Christ who gave his life for us,
The strength of the Holy Spirit which renews all things.
Let us not give in to discouragement,
But, trusting in your constant help,
Let us engage ourselves fully in renewal of self,
Of this city and of the entire world.
Pray for us, Holy Mother of God!

—Pope Francis



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