



# THIS WEEK AT THE MADELEINE

Furthering the Reign of God, Where All Are Welcome • February 15–16, 2025

## Offertory Counters Needed

Among the many unsung volunteer jobs around this parish, or any, is that of the Offertory Counter. These are folks who come in on (usually) a Tuesday mid-morning and with the help of some other volunteers, count, tabulate and record the weekly donations we receive.

**We are in need of a couple additional volunteers in this ministry.** All training is provided. Accountancy or bookkeeping skills are NOT required...just an attention to detail and the desire to help out The Madeleine.

Interested? Contact our bookkeeper, Linda Scheurman, lscheurman@themadeleine.edu, or 503-281-5777.

## Lenten Faith Sharing Groups 2025

The season of Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday is March 5th. This Jubilee Year of Hope is a great opportunity to deepen your faith by joining with others in prayer and discussion. If you are interested in hosting or joining a faith sharing group this year, or have questions please contact Dave Albertine via email at davea51@gmail.com



Watch for details and sign-up sheets in the back of the church in the weeks prior to Lent.

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

OUR READINGS TODAY EMPHASIZE that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. He lifts us up, no matter what hardship we are facing.

### Pray for Our Faithfully Departed

- ▶ Quenton Czuba
- ▶ David Hickman
- ▶ Kim Ralphs
- ▶ Warren Smith
- ▶ Carol Frances Jacobs
- ▶ Karin Fernandes

### Prayer Requests

For those who are ill or in need of our prayers

- ▶ Kait Skyler
- ▶ Trish Grantham
- ▶ Al Hicks
- ▶ Aaron Stevenson
- ▶ Brad Werth
- ▶ Kitt & Corinne Jordan
- ▶ Bob Burke
- ▶ Ann Czuba
- ▶ Jean Mitchell
- ▶ Charli Phipps

### Mass Intentions

- 02/15, Sat . . . . . James Keaveny †
- 02/16, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community  
10:00 am . . . . . Matthew Cullen †
- 02/18, Tues . . . . . Linda Scheurman
- 02/19, Weds. . . . . Robert Zeller †
- 02/20, Thurs . . . . . Hector Hunt †
- 02/21, Fri . . . . . Alan Morrill †
- 02/22, Sat . . . . . Michael Lavin †
- 02/23, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community  
10:00 am . . . . . Quenton Czuba †

## Save the Dates—Upcoming Events for the Lenten Season

Due to the vagaries of the lunar cycles, Lent and Easter begin a bit late this year. We've been working on several events, designed to deepen your faith and to grow as a Madeleine community. Save the dates!

### Dixieland Vespers

**March 2, 6:30, Old Church**  
Maria is jazzing up Vespers with a Mardi Gras twist...Dixieland music in The Old Madeleine Church. Dust off your mask and beads!

### Stations, Soup, & Sharing

**Fridays, 3:30 pm beginning March 7**  
Meditate with the Stations of the Cross in the main church, then join your fellow pilgrims for a potluck simple soup supper and faith sharing on the major Lenten and Holy Week liturgies; led by Lauren Craig.

### Retreat with Dina Marie Hale

**March 22, 8:30 am • Old Church**  
*A Spiritual Oasis for the Jubilee Year of Hope, Exploring our Call: Walking with Christ* is a morning Lenten retreat with Dina Marie Hale, speaker, retreat leader, freelance writer, event emcee and workshop facilitator. All ages welcome.

### Parish Mission with St. Rose

**April 7–10 • 8:30 am and 6:00 pm**  
NE Portland parishes join up for a special parish mission, *Journeying through Lent as Pilgrims of Hope*, led by Fr. John Paul Ouellette from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Sessions at 8:30 am at The Madeleine and 6:00 pm at St Rose. The sessions are designed to work separately if you can make only one, or together if you can attend both each day.


*Look for details to come in our bulletin and website on these and all our Lenten events and services*

## Inside This Week's Bulletin:

- ▶ **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**—March 15; tickets on sale now. Info on Page 4.
- ▶ **Advertise in our Parish Bulletin**—Many sizes and rates available. Page 3.
- ▶ **Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy**—September 18-28 with Fr. B and Maria. Page 5.

# Calendar This Week

## 16 February, Sunday

- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 10 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 11:15 am: OCIA Class—Fireside Rm
- 12 pm: Ellis-Ware Baptism—Church

## 17 February, Monday

- ▶ President's Day—No School, Office Closed
- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

## 18 February, Tuesday

- ▶ No School—Inservice
- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 9 am: Adoration—Church
- 2 pm: Faith Sharing Group—Fireside Rm
- 6:30 pm: Book Club—Fireside Rm
- 7 pm: 45th Parallel Concert—Old Church

## 19 February, Wednesday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 7 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

## 20 February, Thursday

- 10 am: The Madeleine Book Club—Fireside Rm
- 2 pm: Mass—Church
- 3:15 pm: School Musical Rehearsals—Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm: SAC—Library


## 21 February, Friday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 6:30 pm: Archdiocese Ministry Training—Parish Hall

## 22 February, Saturday

- 4 pm: Confession—Church
- 5 pm: Mass—Church

## 23 February, Sunday

- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 10 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 10 am: Sacramental Prep—First Communion—Fireside Rm
- 11:15 am: OCIA Class—Fireside Rm
- 3 pm: Bravo Concert—Old Madeleine Church

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Dixieland Vespers:** March 2
- ▶ **Ash Wednesday:** March 5
- ▶ **St. Patrick's Dinner:** March 15
- ▶ **Parish Mission:** April 7–10
- ▶ **Easter Sunday:** April 20
- ▶ **Fish Fry:** Friday, April 25
- ▶ **St. Mary Magdalene Day:** July 19

## PARISH LIFE

### Madeleine Saturday Supper: Pho To Go

March 1 • After 5:00 pm Mass •  
\$10–\$12 Per Bowl

We realize sometimes it can be tough to get the family to Mass on Sunday mornings. On Saturday evening it can be a challenge to attend Mass, then get home and feed a hungry family. We have a solution.

On March 1, we're debuting Madeleine Saturday Supper, which we hope to roll out monthly. The idea would be to provide a delicious, cost effective supper for Madeleine families to take home after Mass.

**This month, we're offering authentic, Vietnamese Pho**, packaged up to take home for your evening dinner. Just \$10 per bowl with tofu, \$12 per bowl with chicken or beef brisket, all with Vegetarian broth. Proceeds this month to benefit buildings and grounds initiatives on The Madeleine campus.

### Madeleine Men's Group Forming

Men of The Madeleine Parish, Do you desire to do something special during this Jubilee Year of Hope?

Spend an hour each week of Lent to read, pray and reflect on Sunday's Gospel, in fellowship with other men of the parish. Through this process we hope to grow and find deeper meaning in our faith throughout the Lenten season. Sponsored by the Madeleine Knights of Columbus—open to all men of the parish.

Please respond via the link below to provide your preference of meeting time: [www.bit.ly/4gF37YD](http://www.bit.ly/4gF37YD)

### Family Promise Metro East: a Madeleine Ministry to Assist Homeless Families

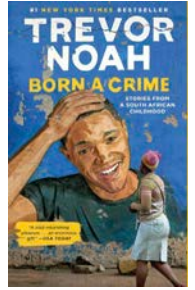
Volunteering for Family Promise Metro East is a ministry for Madeleine parishioners that directly serves families facing homelessness in our community. Serving dinner, being an evening or overnight host are just some of the ways you can become involved in this fulfilling ministry.

If interested contact Joe Wujek: 509-520-6729 or [josephwujek@gmail.com](mailto:josephwujek@gmail.com)

You may also visit the Family Promise Metro East website at [pdxfp.org](http://pdxfp.org)

### Madeleine Book Club!

Are you a bookworm? Would you enjoy opportunities to meet with other parishioners and friends to share your thoughts about the contents of some very excellent books? If so, we invite you to join us at future discussion sessions. Our book selection for February is *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. For details and/or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC ministry coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, [gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com](mailto:gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com) or 503-312-6834.



### Register Now: Archdiocesan Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

February 21 • The Madeleine Parish Hall

Fr. Randy Hoang, Assistant Director of the Office of Divine Worship, will provide essential background and training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, covering key guidelines and best practices. All parishes are welcome.

To ensure adequate seating, parishioners must be registered with the Office of Divine Worship. Please email [amvandyke@archdpdx.org](mailto:amvandyke@archdpdx.org) or call 503-233-8321 to register

### Catholic Charities Needs Furniture Donations for Refugees and Volunteers

Catholic Charities welcomes drop off of furniture donations for refugee families monthly at its storage site: U-Store Self Storage 1130 NE 28th Ave., Portland, OR. 97232. The donations help newly arrived refugee families make a home in Oregon.

Drop-offs are welcome 10 am–2 pm on the following Saturdays in 2025: March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18.

Also needed are volunteers for the Saturday Donation Team to receive donated items and wheel them to the storage unit. It is mostly indoor work.

For more information, contact Jen Toohey, [jtoohey@ccoregon.org](mailto:jtoohey@ccoregon.org) or 503-807-9441.



**In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor**, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessings or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

—Lisa Hawkins, (503) 309-7968

## Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

It's one of the best kept secrets and biggest bargains in the area...Madeleine Parish Bulletin Advertising. The back page of your weekly bulletin is a great place to get the word out to our parish community of your goods or services. With the turnover of the new year, we have a few spaces available.

- ▶ **Affordable**—Starting at just \$220 per full year (January 1 through December 31).
- ▶ **Versatile**—Many sizes available...based on our "single" size module, you can stack it two or three high, stretch it two or three wide...or more if space allows...whatever size you need to get your brand's message across to our readers.
- ▶ **Relatable**—Members of The Madeleine community tend to be very loyal to their fellow parishioners. By advertising in the bulletin, you're demonstrating that you're an integral part of this parish community.
- ▶ **Good Company**—On the back of our bulletin are some of the stalwart companies in our parish and community. Several familiar names have been with us for decades...isn't it time you joined them?

Contact Rich Hammons, Director of Communications, at [bulletin@themadeleine.edu](mailto:bulletin@themadeleine.edu)

**Single: 1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"**

**Full Year: \$220**

**Double Stretch: 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"**

**Full Year: \$375**

**Double Tall:**

**1<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"**

**Full Year: \$375**

# Crossing Boundaries

Crossing Boundaries of New Music & Old Music.  
Crossing Boundaries of Classical ... Jazz ... Spirituals ... Sacred.

Sunday | Feb 23 @ 3 PM  
The Old Madeleine Church  
Adult \$35 | Students Free  
[www.bravoconcerts.com](http://www.bravoconcerts.com)



Elysium Quartet  
Bravo! Northwest Choir  
Maria Manzo, Conductor

Music by  
Jasnam Daya Singh | Damien Geter  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## Please Check Your Ministry Schedule

Our Ministry Scheduler software automatically schedules ministers based on the preferences you have set in the software. If you are unable to serve, please request a sub as soon as you can.

**Please be aware of and confirm your ministerial commitment each week:**

1. **Online** through the web-based schedule at [www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule](http://www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule)
2. **By email.** You receive a reminder email each week with your ministerial commitment

## 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  
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### Sacraments

- Infant Baptism** . . . . . Lauren Craig, ext 116  
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[www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule](http://www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule)  
**Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday**  
Email to [bulletin@themadeleine.edu](mailto:bulletin@themadeleine.edu)

## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Now Open

Proceeds benefit programs for neighbors in need • 10 am–6 pm every day

St. Vincent de Paul Portland is excited to announce the opening of our brand-new thrift store! We are open seven days a week from 10 am to 6 pm at 17108 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97236. Come visit us and browse our wide selection of clothing, books, furniture, housewares, and more. Donations

are also accepted during regular store hours. Proceeds from thrift store sales benefit our food, rent, and utilities assistance programs for our neighbors in need. Whether you are shopping or donating, you are GIVING!

Your support of St. Vincent de Paul is greatly appreciated.



## Notre Dame Glee Club Pacific Northwest Tour Concert

March 10–7:30 pm • The Grotto

- ▶ Free Admission—Open to the Public
- ▶ A freewill collection will be accepted
- ▶ Reception to follow
- ▶ Questions? Please contact Tom Kearns '71, ndgeezertom@gmail.com
- ▶ The Grotto, Chapel of Mary, Main Church, 8840 NE Skidmore St, Portland

Founded in 1915, The Notre Dame Glee Club presents a broad repertory of classical and popular works each year in several formal campus concerts, on domestic and international tours, and in many shorter performances at University events. They have performed in over 40 U.S. states and in 20 foreign countries over the past quarter century. Their 2024-25 season includes tour appearances in Ontario, Canada, the Pacific Northwest, and Spain. The Club's membership is drawn from all courses of study at the university; their concert programs customarily include classical a cappella music for men's chorus as well as folk songs, African-American spirituals, barbershop arrangements, and songs of Notre Dame.

We are blessed to be included on the Glee Club's 2025 Pacific Northwest Tour. Please join us and support this group of talented musicians!



### Solo Seniors

Are you single and over age 55? SOLO SENIORS is a catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 55 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information or a copy of our monthly newsletter, call Donna Dubinski at 503 246-6536.

# ANNUAL E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Sunday, April 27 • 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Our annual Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event is coming up! The event is provided at no charge, but donations gratefully accepted to help cover costs.

Green Century Recycling will be on hand to collect electronic waste items



The Madeleine Parish Hall Driveway  
3123 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland  
List of accepted and prohibited items at  
[www.themadeleine.edu/ewaste](http://www.themadeleine.edu/ewaste)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS!

Madeleine Knights of Columbus annual

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER



THE MADELEINE PARISH HALL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 15 •

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30, DINNER AT 7:00 PM**

All you can EAT Corned Beef & Cabbage; includes cole slaw & traditional vegetables. "Pot of Gold" Raffle & Irish Dancing



Tickets \$35 ☺ Kids \$10

Reservations & tickets:

Order tickets at [www.themadeleine.edu/st-pats](http://www.themadeleine.edu/st-pats)

Or Contact John Wynn, 503-309-4170

Proceeds to benefit Mother & Child Education Center and Madeleine Scholarship Fund

# The Madeleine Parish 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage

**Celebrate The Jubilee Year of the Church  
at the Shrines of Italy: Assisi | Rome | San Giovanni Rotondo**

- ▶ **September 18–28, 2025 (Optional 6-day extension to Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina & Dubrovnik, Croatia)**
- ▶ **Priest: Fr. Bonaventure Rummell**
- ▶ **Escorted by: Maria and Michael Kissinger** (In cooperation with 206 Pilgrimage Travel)

**Join us on this amazing trip! Deposit due by March 18**

Interested in this once in a lifetime Parish Pilgrimage? Do you know of other parishioners who may be interested? Don't delay—space is limited. \$500 deposit due by March 18 to hold your spot. Questions/More Info/Sign Up: [www.themadeleine.edu/pilgrimage](http://www.themadeleine.edu/pilgrimage) or contact Maria Manzo, [mmanzo@themadeleine.edu](mailto:mmanzo@themadeleine.edu).

## Highlights of your Itinerary:

▶ **Assisi**—After arriving in Rome, we begin our Pilgrimage in Assisi, Italy—the heart of the Umbria region and the hometown of St. Francis. With its picturesque cobblestone streets and geranium window baskets, Assisi IS Italy! We will spend 3 nights in Assisi, where we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis, pray at the tomb of St. Francis and view the famous Giotto frescoes depicting his life. We will also visit the Basilica of St. Clare where Francis was called to rebuild his church. Finally, we will pray at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, which houses the original church of St. Francis. There will be free time to enjoy the spirituality and beauty of Assisi and the surrounding area at your leisure. Optional day trip by train to Florence, Italy.

▶ **San Giovanni Rotondo**—Travel from Assisi to San Giovanni Rotondo for an overnight trip to celebrate the Feast of St. Padre Pio. Join thousands of Pilgrims in a candlelight procession and mass at the Sanctuary of St. Pio. As we travel along the beautiful Gargano Peninsula we will stop for mass at the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel and other holy sites as time allows. Our Pilgrimage continues in Rome, where we will spend the next several days immersed in this majestic city.

▶ **Rome**—While in Rome, we will celebrate the Jubilee Year of the Church (the Year of Hope) with pilgrims from all over the world. This is an opportunity of a lifetime! In addition to our scheduled itinerary we will have an opportunity to join in special activities specifically for the Jubilee Year. Among our scheduled activities, we will attend the Papal Audience at St. Peter's Basilica, with guided tours of the Basilica of St. Peter and the Sistine Chapel. We will also visit and celebrate Mass at the Catacombs of Priscilla, where the early Christians worshipped. Our Pilgrimage will also include guided visits to The Basilicas of St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran and the exquisite Church of Santa Maria Maggiore. It is said that Pilgrims who walk through the doors of these Holy churches during a Jubilee Year receive special graces! We will also have an opportunity to see the Pantheon, Colosseum, Piazza Navona, and throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain before traveling back to the USA or to Dubrovnik, Croatia.

▶ **Optional Extension: Medjugorje & Dubrovnik**—We arrive in Dubrovnik and travel to Medjugorje—nestled in the hills of Bosnia- Herzegovina. Medjugorje is a place of peace and prayer like no other on earth. Our time in Medjugorje will include such activities as daily Holy Mass; climbing Cross Mountain and Apparition Hill for those that are able; attending talks with the visionaries (if available); or just spending time with the locals and sharing in the faith journey of others—a true spiritual experience. From there, the final two days of our optional extension will be spent in the beautiful city of Dubrovnik, Croatia.

**Information or to signup: [www.themadeleine.edu/pilgrimage](http://www.themadeleine.edu/pilgrimage)**





## Letter of the Holy Father to the bishops of the United States of America, 11.02.2025

Dear Brothers in the Episcopate,

I am writing today to address a few words to you in these delicate moments that you are living as Pastors of the People of God who walk together in the United States of America.

1. The journey from slavery to freedom that the People of Israel traveled, as narrated in the Book of Exodus, invites us to look at the reality of our time, so clearly marked by the phenomenon of migration, as a decisive moment in history to reaffirm not only our faith in a God who is always close, incarnate, migrant and refugee, but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.<sup>[1]</sup>
2. These words with which I begin are not an artificial construct. Even a cursory examination of the Church's social doctrine emphatically shows that Jesus Christ is the true Emmanuel (cf. Mt 1:23); he did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from his own land because of an imminent risk to his life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to his own. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration. I like to recall, among other things, the words with which Pope Pius XII began his Apostolic Constitution on the Care of Migrants, which is considered the "Magna Carta" of the Church's thinking on migration:  
"The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants in Egypt and refugees there to escape the wrath of an ungodly king, are the model, the example and the consolation of emigrants and pilgrims of every age and country, of all refugees of every condition who, beset by persecution or necessity, are forced to leave their homeland, beloved family and dear friends for foreign lands."<sup>[2]</sup>
3. Likewise, Jesus Christ, loving everyone with a universal love, educates us in the permanent recognition of the dignity of every human being, without exception. In fact, when we speak of "infinite and transcendent dignity," we wish to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa.
4. I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.
5. This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration. However, this development cannot come about through the privilege of some and the sacrifice of others. What is built on the basis of force, and not on the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.
6. Christians know very well that it is only by affirming the infinite dignity of all that our own identity as persons and as communities reaches its maturity. Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups. In other words: the human person is not a mere individual, relatively expansive, with some philanthropic feelings! The human person is a subject with dignity who, through the constitutive relationship with all, especially with the poorest, can gradually mature in his identity and vocation. The true *ordo amoris* that must be promoted is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the parable of the "Good Samaritan" (cf. Lk 10:25-37), that is, by meditating on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.<sup>[3]</sup>
7. But worrying about personal, community or national identity, apart from these considerations, easily introduces an ideological criterion that distorts social life and imposes the will of the strongest as the criterion of truth.
8. I recognize your valuable efforts, dear brother bishops of the United States, as you work closely with migrants and refugees, proclaiming Jesus Christ and promoting fundamental human rights. God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important or less human!
9. I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. With charity and clarity we are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together, to avoid walls of ignominy and to learn to give our lives as Jesus Christ gave his for the salvation of all.
10. Let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect individuals and families who live in fear or pain due to migration and/or deportation. May the "Virgen morena", who knew how to reconcile peoples when they were at enmity, grant us all to meet again as brothers and sisters, within her embrace, and thus take a step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all.

Faternally, Francis

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## Oregon Mission Trip

February 20–23, 2025



Sister Catherine Joy



Sister Israel Rose



Sister Ann Immaculee

### Thursday, February 20: Milwaukie

Christ the King Parish Mission Event – **OPEN TO ALL**

- 6:00–6:30 PM: Sisters of Life Talk
- 6:30–7:00 PM: Adoration and Prayer led by the Sisters
- 7:00 PM: Reception

### Friday, February 21: Lake Oswego

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Mission Event

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Mission Event – **OPEN TO ALL**

- 6:30–7:00 PM: Sisters of Life Talk
- 7:00–7:30 PM: Adoration and Prayer led by the Sisters
- 7:30 PM: Reception in the Parish Hall  
(Hosted by the OLL Parish Respect Life Committee)

### Saturday, February 22: Portland & Springfield

St. Michael the Archangel Parish Mission Event followed by  
Sidewalk Rosary at Nearby Abortion Facility – **OPEN TO ALL**

- 8:30–9:30 AM: Mass at St. Michael's
- 9:30–10:00 AM: Sisters of Life Talk in the Parish Hall
- 10:30–11:30 AM: Prayer Vigil and Rosary led by the Sisters of Life at Late-Term Abortion Facility, Lilith Clinic

St. Alice Parish Mission Event – **OPEN TO ALL**

- 5:00–6:00 PM: Vigil Mass
- 6:00–7:00 PM: Potluck Dinner
- 7:00 PM: Sisters of Life Talk Followed by Adoration

### Sunday, February 23: Eugene

FOCUS Missionaries Visit at University of Oregon Campus

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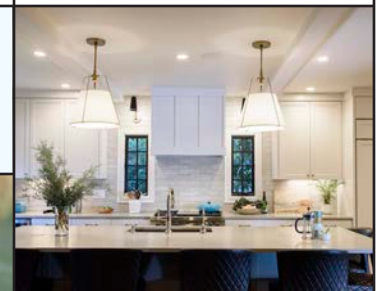
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