

The Promise is Fulfilled

Lent, Triduum & Easter at The Madeleine

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 14 † 7:00 pm • Cathedral

▶ Join Archbishop Sample and his archdiocesan priests as they consecrate the sacred Chrism and bless the oils.

Good Friday: 7 Last Words

Friday, April 18 † Noon • Fireside Room

▶ Please join us with parishioner and Lenten book editor Marilyn Robb, who will lead us in a reflection on the Seven Last Words spoken by Jesus during his passion.

Paschal Triduum & Easter

Holy Thursday, April 17

† 6:30 pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 18

† 6:30 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Veneration of the Cross

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19

† 8:30 pm: Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

▶ ALSO LIVESTREAMS

Easter Sunday, April 20

† 8:00 am: Mass † 10:00 am: Mass

Easter Egg Hunt after 10:00 am Mass on the Field of Dreams

Easter Giving: Can You help?

Donate online at www.themadeleine.edu/easter-giving

One of our biggest collections of the year is typically Easter Sunday. Each year we budget for an Easter collection that is in addition to the Sunday collection. Some parishioners account for Easter collections in regular online or automated giving. But if you are not among those who do, we'd very much appreciate if you would consider an additional Easter gift.

We have three easy ways for you to help:

▶ **Envelope**—If you have an Easter envelope,

mail to the parish office or drop it off, or bring it to Mass.

▶ **Online**—Visit our online giving page at www.themadeleine.edu/easter-giving where you can make a secure, online donation.

▶ **Electronic Transfer**—If you are making stewardship donations via electronic transfer, contact My Schoning in our business office to arrange an additional payment.

Thank you for your loyal support.

Bring Bells for Holy Thursday

For those attending Holy Thursday Mass (everyone, we hope!), you are encouraged to bring bells (or keys) to ring during the Gloria.

This is the first time we will be singing the Gloria since the start of Lent, and the last time until the Easter Vigil.

Easter Egg Hunt After 10:00 am Easter Sunday Mass!

Join us after 10:00 Easter Mass for a grand Easter Egg Hunt for the kids, including juice and sweet treats for all and Champagne for adults. It all begins at 11:30 am on the Field of Dreams.

Passion (Palm) Sunday

LUKE'S GOSPEL EMPHASIZES the need for disciples of Christ to follow in his footsteps, as Jesus tells the Apostles that he is among them as the one who serves. Like the servant of the Lord who is spoken of in the reading from the prophet Isaiah, Christ does not refuse his calling. He willingly submits to suffering for our sake. Following Christ's example, it is through humble service to one another that we will be exalted.

Pray for Our Faithfully Departed

▶ Christee Sweeney † Quenton Czuba

Prayer Requests

For those who are ill or in need of our prayers

- ▶ Steve Graham
- ▶ Sherrill Resch
- ▶ Cara Hafer
- ▶ Alice Stoltzberg
- ▶ Max Schneider
- ▶ Kait Skyler
- ▶ Trish Grantham
- ▶ Al Hicks
- ▶ Aaron Stevenson
- ▶ Brad Werth
- ▶ Kitt & Corinne Jordan
- ▶ Ann Czuba
- ▶ Jean Mitchell
- ▶ Charli Phipps

Mass Intentions

- 04/12, Sat Catherine Armstrong †
- 04/13, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am John Wujek †
- 04/15, Tues Marion Santos †
- 04/16, Weds. Barbel Durrett †
- 04/17, Thurs (Holy Thursday) . . Laura Conchuratt †
- 04/18, Fri (Good Friday) . . Barbara Masterson †
- 04/19, Sat Virginia Bleeg †
- 04/20, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am. Mildred Wright †

Coffee & Donuts This Sunday


Please join us after the Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday for Coffee & Donuts in the Fireside Room.

April 27 hosted by Liturgy Committee

On April 27, Coffee & Donuts will be hosted by your Liturgy Committee. Join us and find out more about Liturgy at The Madeleine and what the committee does.

Calendar This Week

13 April, Sunday

- ▶ Coffee & Donuts after both Sunday Masses
- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 10 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 11:15 am: OCIA Class—St. Catherine Room

14 April, Monday

- 8:30 am: Church Spring Cleaning—Church
- 10 am: Women's Coffee Club—St. Catherine Rm
- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm
- 7 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

15 April, Tuesday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 9 am: Adoration—Church
- 3:15 pm: School Spring Musical Rehearsals—Parish Hall

16 April, Wednesday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 2:45 pm: Madeleine Youth Group—Fireside Rm
- 7 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

17 April, Thursday

- ▶ Holy Thursday: Parish Office Closed, School Noon Dismissal
- 6:30 pm: Holy Thursday Mass—Church
After Mass we process to Adoration in the Fireside Room

18 April, Friday

- ▶ Good Friday—No School, Parish Office Closed
- ▶ Collection for The Holy Land
- 12 pm: Seven Last Words—Fireside Rm
- 6:30 pm: Good Friday Liturgy—Church

19 April, Saturday

- 10 am: OCIC—Fireside Rm
- 8:30 pm: Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

20 April, Sunday

- ▶ Easter Sunday
- 8 am: Easter Mass—Church
- 10 am: Easter Mass—Church

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Easter Sunday:** April 20
- ▶ **Fish Fry:** Friday, April 25
- ▶ **Madeleine Saturday Supper:** May 31
- ▶ **St. Mary Magdalene Day:** July 19

PARISH LIFE

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Dinner Volunteers Needed

The Madeleine is hosting St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Dinner on Saturday, May 3, and they are in need of volunteers to help pull the event off. Especially they're requesting 7th-Grade, 8th-Grade and high-school students, and as many parents and adults as possible for setup, food service, clean up, dishwashing and all the help that goes into putting on a dinner. School families...these count as service hours helping out a great cause. Interested? Contact Lisa Hawkins at 503.309.7968 or lhawkins2916@comcast.net



Madeleine Book Club

We cordially invite you to join our group for opportunities to connect with other enthusiastic readers for great book discussions and fellowship with parishioners and friends.



Our April selection is: *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles, which tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov, an aristocrat sentenced to house arrest in the luxurious Metropol Hotel in Moscow following the Russian Revolution.

For further details and/or to be added to our email list, please contact our MBC ministry coordinator: Gretchen Stevenson, gypsyfrau47@yahoo.com or 503-312-6834.

Annual Spring Cleaning in the Main Church

Your help is needed! We are preparing for Easter and our church needs a bit of washing and polishing so it is ready too. Many hands make the cleaning go faster and it is always more fun working together with friends.

Main Church, Monday, April 14 from 8:30 am until Noon. Come for an hour or stay all morning. Enter through the side door by the courtyard!

There are projects for all abilities. If you are able, please bring your preferred cleaning supplies such as rubber gloves, hand-dusters for cobwebs, or your favorite mop.

Questions? Contact Gail Fleskes at gpdfree2016@gmail.com

Madeleine Youth Group with St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, April 16 • RSVP requested

Calling all 6th-8th graders! The Madeleine Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, April 16th at 2:45 pm in the Fireside Room. Due to low attendance at our last gathering, we had to cancel our March tour with the St. Vincent de Paul ministry and will be having a "do-over" opportunity for this month's gathering! Attendees will learn about how this ministry works at the Madeleine as well as ways they can get involved. Parents are welcome! Please RSVP by no later than Monday, April 14 by emailing lcraig@themadeleine.edu or at www.bit.ly/myouthsvdp

Celebrate Mothers on Mothers Day

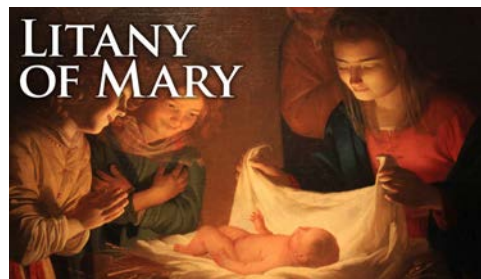
Upload mother & child photos to www.themadeleine.edu/mothers

A May tradition at The Madeleine: celebrating the Month of Mary and Mother's Day in a special way!

Mother's Day weekend May 10-11, we will show a slideshow of mothers and children sent in from The Madeleine Community. The photos will show both in the church at all Masses and on our livestream.

We are starting over—all new photos!

This year, again, we're making a fresh start, a blank canvas. So even if you've sent us a photo before, please send a new one this



year.

Submissions can be either a photo of mother and child (children), or a photo of mothers and their mothers. Please send us just one photo of a mother/child combo per family grouping,

as we want to have time to show all our photos.

Send photos by May 7

Upload your photos to our website at www.themadeleine.edu/mothers



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest day of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take upon our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. As you bring your gifts to St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.
—Lisa Hawkins, (503) 309-7968



Lori Charlton



Gina Shaner



Anthony Pepe



Melinda Byrd



Connor Raw

Write a Note To Welcome Our Candidates

Please help us deliver a warm Madeleine welcome to our candidates by writing a short note of welcome to them. A few words to let them know you are praying for them means so much! You can also share your RCIA experience or why you chose to become Catholic (or stay Catholic).

Note cards are available on a table in the back of the church. Please return your cards to the basket by Sunday, April 27.

Good Friday Collection for The Holy Land

Our collection on Good Friday is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis.

Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanietro.va/en.html or scan the QR code at right.




**PONTIFICAL
GOOD FRIDAY
COLLECTION**

Friday
April 18
2025



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4400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20012
www.holyland.org

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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Ministry Schedule
www.themadeleine.edu/minister-schedule
Bulletin submissions due 5:00 pm Tuesday
Email to bulletin@themadeleine.edu

Hiring: Part Time Event Coordinators

The parish is looking to hire another Event Coordinator to assist with use of event rental spaces. Responsibilities include set up and take down of event spaces, monitoring during the event, maintaining relationships and professionalism with clients, and overseeing the responsibilities of dishwashers and bussers, and making sure everything is closed up when the event is over. Hours are flexible on an 'as needed' basis. Contact My Schoning, Business Manager, 503-281-5777 ext. 114, or mhoang@themadeleine.edu

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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence—guidelines from the Archdiocese

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

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

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

Knight of the Month: Scott McDonald



- ▶ Years of Knighthood: Three
- ▶ Occupation: Retired
- ▶ Spouse: Jody McDonald, Retired
- ▶ Family: Jason McDonald, 53, University of Portland, Major Gifts Officer; Tasha McDonald, Daughter-in-law, Chief of Radiation Oncology, Kaiser;



Ava McDonald, 21, Granddaughter, Santa Clara University; Isabel McDonald, 17, Granddaughter, Central Catholic HS. Both Ava and Isabel are Madeleine School Graduates; Patrick McDonald, 46, Attorney, Pody & McDonald, PLLC, Seattle

▶ Why I became a Knight: A few years into my retirement, I was looking for opportunities to volunteer and noticed the many ways the Knights share their time, talents and treasure with the Madeleine Parish. It has been an honor and pleasure to work and socialize with these dedicated men.

FANTASTIC FISH, FAMILY FUN

- Beer battered fresh fish by TC O'Leary's
- Fish & chips, slaw, ice cream sundae bar (pizza for kiddos, too)
- Beer, Wine & cocktails available for purchase
- 50/50 raffle
- Silent Disco for Kids, \$5
- Cornhole bean bag toss tournament—trophy for winners!

TICKETS: WWW.THEMADELEINE.EDU/FISHFRY
KIDS 5 & UNDER EAT FREE

ADULT ➤ \$25 **CHILD ➤ \$15** (10 & under)

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS • SIGN UP AT THE WEBSITE

Return Lenten Rice Bowls Thursday

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Thank you for taking a Rice Bowl this Lenten Season. Please be generous and re- turn them to the church on Holy Thursday.

Altar Server Team Needs Parent Volunteer Helpers

The Altar Server Team is looking for 1-2 parents from each Mass who can check in with Altar Servers before and after Mass and report to the Altar Server Leader. For more information please contact Leslie Pfaff at 925-324-0252. Thank you

Women's Coffee Club

Spring is here! We invite the women of the parish to join us to celebrate not only spring but also the one year anniversary of our Women's Coffee Club on April 14 at 10 am.

We meet upstairs in The Old Madeleine Church St Catherine's Room. Access doors are on NE 23rd. Due to security, doors will be unlocked only between 9:30 and 10:15 am. Elevator is right inside if needed. All Madeleine women are welcome to join us for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

In Memoriam

THE MADELEINE FAMILY REMEMBERS

David Hickman

Celebration of Life • April 26

A Celebration of Life will be held for longtime parishioner David Hickman on Saturday, April 26, 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



David L. Hickman was born in 1937 in Albany, Oregon, the son of C. Von Hickman and Marvel (Larson) Hickman. David graduated from Eugene High School in 1956 and in 1965 he completed a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from University of Oregon. He was a big U of O Duck fan.

In 1959, David married Sally (Burrell) Hickman, and they were soon blessed with three children, Jan, Doug and Cindy. In 1972 they settled in NE Portland and became a part of The Madeleine Parish. He served as a coach at the elementary school and designed The Madeleine Parish Hall.

David passed away peacefully on January 22, 2025 at his residence in Milwaukie, Oregon with family by his side. He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and great grandfather. David is survived by his sister, three children, five grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. David will be missed and remembered fondly by all.

The Madeleine Care for Creation
ANNUAL E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT
 Sunday, April 27 • 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Madeleine Care for Creation Committee is pleased to announce our annual Earth Day E-Waste Recycling Event. The event is provided at no charge, but donations accepted to help cover costs.

Green Century Recycling will be on hand to accept the following

- ▶ Computers
- ▶ Laptops
- ▶ TV & Monitors (all types)
- ▶ Hard drives (Secure Data Destruction Provided)
- ▶ Misc. Computer Components (floppy drives, Printed Circuit Boards (PCB), etc.)
- ▶ Cords/Wires/Chargers/Power strips
- ▶ Servers/Switches
- ▶ Routers/Hubs/Modems
- ▶ Networking Devices
- ▶ Communications Equipment
- ▶ POS (Point of Sale equip)
- ▶ Printers/Scanners
- ▶ Fax/Copiers
- ▶ Keyboards/Mice
- ▶ Misc. Office Machines
- ▶ Misc. Electronics
- ▶ VCRs, DVD Players
- ▶ Cable & Satellite Equipment
- ▶ Testing Equipment
- ▶ Stereo/Audio Components
- ▶ Cell Phones (with or without batteries)
- ▶ PDAs, Handheld Games
- ▶ Cameras
- ▶ Telephones
- ▶ Gaming Consoles/Systems
- ▶ UPS (uninterruptible power supply) and other Lead Acid Batteries
- ▶ Small/Large Appliances (which include, microwaves, toasters, blenders, etc.)
- ▶ Electric Power Tools
- ▶ Laptop Batteries, Cell Phone Batteries, Li-on batteries
- ▶ Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals
- ▶ Air Conditioners



USED SOCKS for recycling
 Clean, used socks only; pairs and singles are accepted. These will be recycled, so no new socks.
 No stockings, tights, or pantyhose

We will collect worn-out athletic shoes to be ground up and re-purposed
 (no dress or casual shoes, please)



The following items will NOT be accepted during this event.



- ▶ **NO!** Styrofoam
- ▶ **NO!** Plastics/Packaging
- ▶ **NO!** Fluorescent Tubes and lamps (All types)
- ▶ **NO!** Ni-CD & Ni-MH batteries
- ▶ **NO!** Household size batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, etc.)
- ▶ **NO!** Ink/Toner Cartridges
- ▶ **NO!** Media (CD, DVD, floppy, VHS, Cassette, tapes)
- ▶ **NO!** PCB Ballasts
- ▶ **NO!** Wood
- ▶ **NO!** Refrigerators, Freezers, most water coolers, some dehumidifiers
- ▶ **NO!** Capacitors
- ▶ **NO!** Fire Extinguishers
- ▶ **NO!** Mercury Containing Devices (Thermostats, Ionization Smoke Detectors)

The Portland Guitar Duo

Sat. April 26, 7:30 pm • Old Church

On April 26 join James Manuele and Foti Lycouridis in a concert of guitar duets celebrating the 25 years of the Portland Guitar Duo.

With a shared enthusiasm for the duo medium they formed the Portland Guitar Duo in 1999. Since then they have performed in numerous venues throughout the United States as a duo team, as soloists with chamber ensembles and orchestras and in appearances on radio and television. The duo also focuses on Historical Interpretation, presenting music of the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical/Romantic eras on period instruments.

Their program will include music of Spanish and Italian composers, music of Greek composer Manos Hatzidakis, a new piece by Oregon composer Rebecca Oswald and pieces by Manuel Ponce and Sergio Assad.

Suggested cash donation at the door \$10



The Madeleine Parish Hall Driveway
 3123 NE 24th Ave., Portland
www.themadeleine.edu/ewaste

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

The Triduum

THE JOURNEY OF OUR REDEMPTION

The Paschal *Triduum*, or “three days” in Latin, holds deep significance for Catholics as it commemorates Christ’s journey through death, burial, and resurrection to new life. This sacred observance is regarded as a single, unified event with three distinct parts, each rich in meaning:

HOLY THURSDAY:

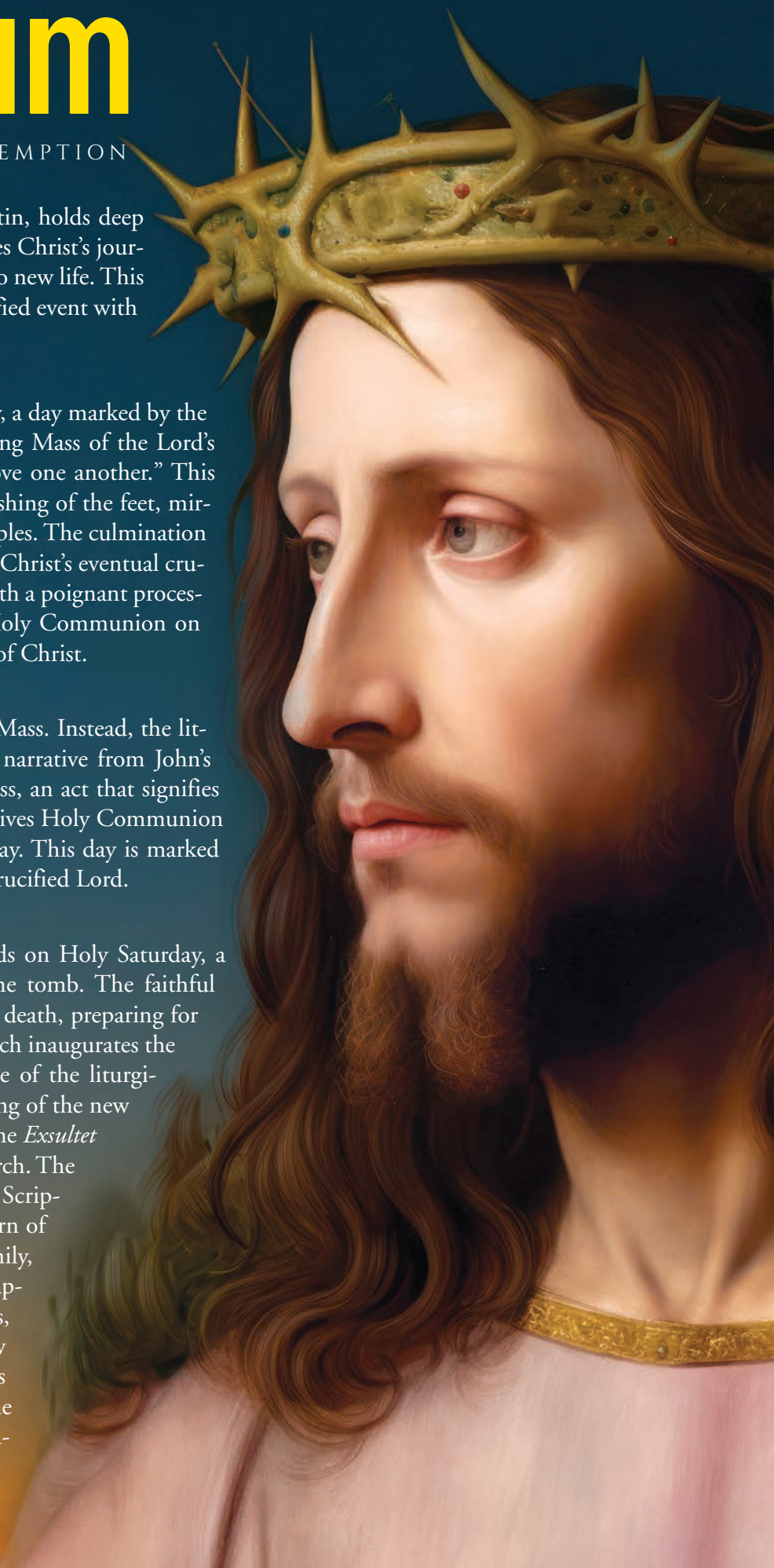
The Triduum commences on Holy Thursday, a day marked by the profound act of Christ’s self-gift. The evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper symbolizes Christ’s command to “love one another.” This divine love is tangibly represented in the washing of the feet, mirroring Jesus’ humility and service to his disciples. The culmination of this love is witnessed in the Eucharist and Christ’s eventual crucifixion on Calvary. The liturgy concludes with a poignant procession as consecrated hosts are reserved for Holy Communion on Good Friday, emphasizing the real presence of Christ.

GOOD FRIDAY:

On Good Friday, there is no celebration of Mass. Instead, the liturgy centers on the reading of the Passion narrative from John’s Gospel. The congregation venerates the Cross, an act that signifies deep reverence for Christ’s sacrifice, and receives Holy Communion from the hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. This day is marked by introspection and contemplation of the crucified Lord.

EASTER VIGIL:

The anticipation of the Resurrection unfolds on Holy Saturday, a day that reverberates with the silence of the tomb. The faithful meditate on the profound meaning of Jesus’ death, preparing for the climactic Easter Vigil in the evening, which inaugurates the Easter celebration. This vigil is the pinnacle of the liturgical year, characterized by the dramatic lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal candle, and the *Exsultet* Easter proclamation within the candlelit church. The narrative of salvation is recounted through Scripture readings, culminating in the joyful return of the “Alleluia” in the Gospel. After the homily, the Church celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism and the renewal of baptismal promises, underscoring the theme of rebirth and new life. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, but the Easter Season continues to captivate the faithful for a full 50 days, radiating the profound wonder of the Resurrection.



ORIGINS OF THE TRIDUUM CELEBRATION

The origins of the Triduum celebration have deep historical roots in early Christianity, evolving into the structured observance we know today. Here's a more detailed historical account:

Early Christian Observances (1st-2nd Century): In the early Christian era, there was a continuous tradition of commemorating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus during Holy Week. The Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection were central themes in the lives of early believers, and the events of Holy Week were marked by intense prayer and fasting.

The Development of Holy Thursday: By the 3rd and 4th centuries, the Christian community began to formalize its observance of Maundy Thursday, focusing on the Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist, and the humility of Christ washing the disciples' feet.

The Emergence of Good Friday: The observance of Good Friday as a distinct day of mourning and reflection on the Crucifixion took shape in the early Christian communities. By the 4th and 5th centuries, the veneration of the Cross and the reading of the Passion narrative became central features.

Evolution of Holy Saturday: Holy Saturday developed as a day of expectation and vigil. It was a time of reflecting on Christ's descent into the realm of the dead and the anticipation of the Resurrection.

Easter Vigil and the Paschal Candle: The Easter Vigil, which heralds the Resurrection of Christ, became a more structured celebration by the 4th century. Key elements like the lighting of the Paschal candle, the blessing of water, and the *Exsultet*, a joyful proclamation of Christ's Resurrection, were introduced.

Council of Nicaea and Liturgical Development: The First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD addressed various aspects of Christian practice and worship, but the Triduum itself was not formalized. The development of these liturgical practices occurred over time and through local customs.

Medieval Period and Liturgical Reforms: During the medieval period, the observance of the Triduum became more elaborate and consistent across various Christian communities. Liturgical reforms (Vatican II) and additions in the Middle Ages enhanced the structure and solemnity of the Triduum.

Today, the Triduum stands as the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year. It remains a powerful expression of faith, hope, and the core beliefs of Christianity, uniting believers in the profound mysteries of Jesus Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

A TRIDUUM PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we enter into these sacred days of the Triduum, we humbly walk with you on your journey of suffering, death, and ultimate resurrection. Help us to understand the depth of your love for us, and grant us the grace to embrace the cross as a path to new life. May we, like you, find strength in moments of trial and hope in the face of despair. In your name, we pray. *Amen.*

TRIDUUM CUSTOMS

The Triduum is marked by a variety of customs and rituals observed worldwide. Here are some key customs that may be celebrated in your local parish:

Washing of the Feet (Holy Thursday): Many parishes participate in the tradition of washing the feet, following Jesus' example of humility when he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper.

Stripping of the Altar (Holy Thursday): After Mass on Holy Thursday, the altar is stripped bare, symbolizing the desolation of Christ's impending Passion.

Adoration of the Cross (Good Friday): On Good Friday, the faithful often venerate the Cross, either by kissing or genuflecting. This act of reverence serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. **Stations of the Cross** are particularly appropriate on Good Friday by calling to mind the steps in Christ's journey to Calvary.

Easter Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle (Easter Vigil): The Easter Vigil begins with the lighting of a new fire, symbolizing the light of Christ overcoming darkness. From this fire, the Paschal Candle is lit, symbolizing the risen Christ. The candle is then processed into the darkened church, and individual candles may be lit from it.

Baptism and Confirmation (Easter Vigil): The Easter Vigil is traditionally a time for the initiation of new members into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The baptized often renew their promises during the Easter Vigil, reaffirming their commitment to the faith.

Easter Vigil Readings (Easter Vigil) follow the story of salvation from God's creation of the world, the sparing of Noah and his family from the flood and the deliverance of God's people from Egypt to the Gospel accounts of Jesus rising from the grave.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Services: Many parishes gather for sunrise services on Easter Sunday, celebrating the Resurrection as the sun rises. These services often include joyful hymns and the proclamation of the Resurrection.



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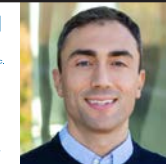
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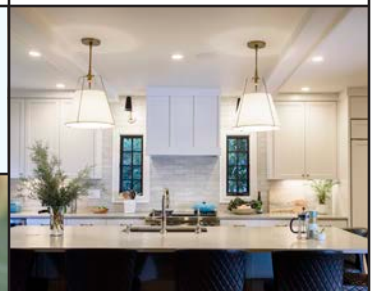
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