

## Exercising Hospitality: A Focus for 2026

After much discernment, the Madeleine Parish Council asks the Parish offer up 2026 in giving special emphasis to exercising hospitality. Hospitality is, of course, one of the four pillars of Catholic Stewardship. In that context, the “exercise” of hospitality becomes the practical embodiment of the Holy Spirit as we give grace to a stranger on the street, to a fellow parishioner, and to ourselves in the openness of our hearts. It serves to substantiate the meaning of “All are Welcome.”

While hospitality can certainly be practiced individually, the Pastoral Council also urges all Madeleine ministries, committees, and social groups to discern the variety of ways hospitality can manifest itself in the group’s purpose, in service to the members of the group, and in service to the parish. Consideration might be given to such questions as these:

- ▶ How are existing members cared for, welcomed, and cherished as Children of God?
- ▶ What follow up support is available for new members?
- ▶ In what manner do the people you serve experience your hospitality? Do they feel a meaningful connection?
- ▶ When do you feel most welcomed at church and how do you make others feel welcomed?
- ▶ How do you prepare your heart to receive the Holy Spirit, and how can your ministry prepare others?

Let 2026 be a gathering of hearts as together we exercise and explore the fullest dimensions of hospitality, as stewards of creation, as Christians, and as members of the Madeleine family. Feel free to reach out to Dan O’Brien or any member of the Madeleine Pastoral Council. Email is [pastoral-council@themadeleine.edu](mailto:pastoral-council@themadeleine.edu).

## Third Sunday of Advent

**JESUS’ ACTIONS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES:** The blind see; the lame walk; the poor receive the Good News. John the Baptist need not look for another, for God has arrived in human flesh, bringing the kingdom of God with him. Today, we carry on Jesus’ work, allowing our words and actions to embody the love of God in the world.

### Pray For Our Faithful Departed

- ▶ Sharen Rees
- ▶ Pat Gianotti
- ▶ Steve Graham
- ▶ Julie DeJardin
- ▶ Ann Dufour
- ▶ Bob Burke

### Prayer Requests

For those who are ill or in need of our prayers

- ▶ Debby Fenzl
- ▶ Bill Stevenson
- ▶ Kevin McMenamain
- ▶ Chris Mealy
- ▶ David Hendrickson
- ▶ Griff Marshall
- ▶ Mark Uhrich
- ▶ Kait Skyler
- ▶ Trish Grantham
- ▶ Kitt & Corinne Jordan
- ▶ Ann Czuba
- ▶ Jean Mitchell
- ▶ Charli Phipps

### Mass Intentions

- 12/13, Sat .....Janean Reilly
- 12/14, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community
- 10:00 am .....Special Intention by Dick Feeney
- 12/16, Tues .....Patrick M.
- 12/17, Weds .....Alan Morrill †
- 12/18, Thurs .....No Mass Today
- 12/19, Fri .....Guy Allen
- 12/20, Sat .....The Madeleine Community
- 12/21, Sun 8:00 am .....Patti Burke
- 10:00 am ..... Msgr. Tim Murphy

# Mmm...Pancakes!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - AFTER 10 AM MASS**

Join us in the Parish Hall for a great pancake breakfast!  
Lots of yummy food for the family.

No fixed prices....donations accepted to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

<< Can't attend? Scan here to donate.



## Calendar This Week

### 14 December • Sunday

- ▶ Blessing of the Mangers at Masses
- ▶ 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 9:15 am: First Reconciliation Class—Library
- 10 am: Mass with Baptism—Church
- 11 am: Knights Pancake Breakfast—Parish Hall
- 3 pm: Handel's Messiah (Bravo!)—Church

### 15 December • Monday

- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—St. Catherine Rm

### 16 December • Tuesday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 9 am: Adoration—Church
- 6:30 pm: SAC—Library

### 17 December • Wednesday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 6 pm: OCIA Meeting—St. Catherine Rm
- 6:30 pm: Advent Faith Sharing with  
Therese Fenzl—Zoom
- 7 pm: Madeleine Choir Rehearsal—Church

### 18 December • Thursday

- ▶ No Daily Mass Today
- 6 pm: School Christmas Program—Church

### 19 December • Friday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church

### 20 December • Saturday

- ▶ Christmas Break
- 3:30 pm: Confession—Church
- 5 pm: Mass—Church
- 6 pm: Wine & Cheese—Fireside Rm

### 21 December • Sun

- ▶ Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls in the Fireside Rm  
after Masses today
- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 10 am: Mass—Church
- 11:30 am: Madeleine Singers Rehearsal—Church

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Blessing of the Mangers:**  
At Masses of December 13–14
- ▶ **Christmas Masses:**  
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 11:00 pm  
Christmas Day 9:00 am
- ▶ **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:**  
Weds., December 31, 6:30 pm  
Thurs., January 1, 9:00 am
- ▶ **Farewell for Fr. Nazario:**  
After Masses of January 24-25
- ▶ **Lent begins:** February 18, 2026

## PARISH LIFE

# Parish Stewardship and End-of-Year Giving

Christmas donations: [www.themadeleine.edu/christmasgiving](http://www.themadeleine.edu/christmasgiving)

This year, as you're considering your Christmas gifts and your end-of-year giving in time for tax deductions, we'd appreciate if you'd consider one more gift: **Please consider a Christmas Offertory Gift to The Madeleine.**

As you know, your donations are what keep our parish working...and this year, we've had a decrease in donations, so we really need your help.

If you are able, please take a moment to consider a gift...or an additional gift...to The Madeleine this holiday season.

### The backbone of our parish budget

Your regular donations are the backbone of our parish budget, offering us the financial stability and means to keep our parish running smoothly and carrying out our ministries to the community.

### Matching Gifts

Many employers will match tax-deductible contributions. If you work for such a company, please consider checking to see if either The Madeleine or The Madeleine School is eligible.

### Many ways to give

In addition to regular stewardship via Sunday donations, there are many ways to support The Madeleine:

- One-time gifts
- Estate planning or bequests
- Life Insurance
- Appreciated securities
- Real estate and personal property.

If you wish to consider an additional gift to The Madeleine, please contact My Schoning, Business Manager at 503-281-5777 or [mhoang@themadeleine.edu](mailto:mhoang@themadeleine.edu)

**Important:** For your donation to be included in 2025 year-end statements, please have donations to the parish office by end of business day December 31. Online donations available at [www.themadeleine.edu/christmasgiving](http://www.themadeleine.edu/christmasgiving)



Sunday, December 14th @ 3 PM  
at The Madeleine Church

## Handel's Messiah

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## Annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive

The Madeleine Society of St. Vincent de Paul is currently underway with our annual Christmas Food Drive.

We expect to serve 50 families with food boxes...requiring 3,000 lbs of food...and gift items for families with young children. See the Church entry for a list of suggested items, then return donations to the collection barrel in the back of the Church by December 15. As always our parishioners have generously supported this cause and we are grateful for your participation in this ministry. Thank you so much.



**In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen,** touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus's ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

—Lisa Hawkins, (503) 309-7968 • **Emergency Services Client phone: (503) 235-8431**



JOIN US IN THE PAGEANT DURING THE  
MADELEINE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 4PM



Join Us!



**Pageant Practice-Meet at the Church on  
Monday, December 22<sup>rd</sup> from 10-11am**

**This is our last year organizing the pageant. We  
*are looking for a few volunteers who would like to  
lead the pageant next year. Please reach out if  
you have any interest.***

If you have any questions, please email :

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**Brigitte - [brigrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:brigrobinson@gmail.com)**

**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

**Thinking About Separation or Divorce?**

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you want to help to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in supporting hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. Visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for program information and testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the January 30–February 1, 2026 weekend in Canby, Oregon, call (503) 225-9191 or email [StevenAndSuzanne@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:StevenAndSuzanne@helpourmarriage.org)

**Looking for Ways to Serve Our Community?**

Are you interested in discovering a vibrant faith group that serves our local community in meaningful ways? Jesuit Volunteer (JV) EnCorps will support you in your commitment! As a program of JVC Northwest, we are a group, ages 40+, that meets monthly at Jesuit High School to explore our commitment to our Ignatian values of social and ecological justice, community, and spirituality. We assist group members in exploring volunteer options in our wider community and meet monthly for spiritual formation, support in our service, and to build community.

The Jesuit High community of JV EnCorps meets on the third Thursday of each month in the chapel at Jesuit High from 6 to 8 pm.

If interested, email Sarah Thompson: [jvencorps@jvcnorthwest.org](mailto:jvencorps@jvcnorthwest.org) or visit our website at [www.jvencorps.org](http://www.jvencorps.org).

**Infant Baptisms and OCIC**

Parents seeking baptism for their infant or young child should submit our registration form and sign up for one of our upcoming classes. Registration forms and instructions as well as class sign-ups are available on the Madeleine Parish website. Children older than 7 years and beyond 2nd grade must go through OCIA for children (OCIC). Please email Lauren Craig at [lcraig@themadeleine.edu](mailto:lcraig@themadeleine.edu) for more information.

**Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA)**

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) holds weekly meetings on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm at The Madeleine. These meetings are free and available for anyone suffering from food addiction, food obsession, overeating, under-eating, bulimia, or body image issues. Anyone, from any walk of life, who seeks recovery from problems with food, is welcome.

For more information about FA, speak with a local member (Diane G. 503-222-5625) or visit our website: [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org)

**RMD for 2025?**

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](mailto:mhoang@themadeleine.edu).

**Annual Wool Sock Drive extended: Dec. 15**

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 through December 1.



*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.



**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 1,300 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!

**With the busy week of Christmas, we are producing a single bulletin to span the time from Christmas through Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 27/28). Please submit all materials for that bulletin no later than December 17. [www.themadeline.edu/bulletin](http://www.themadeline.edu/bulletin)**

# 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

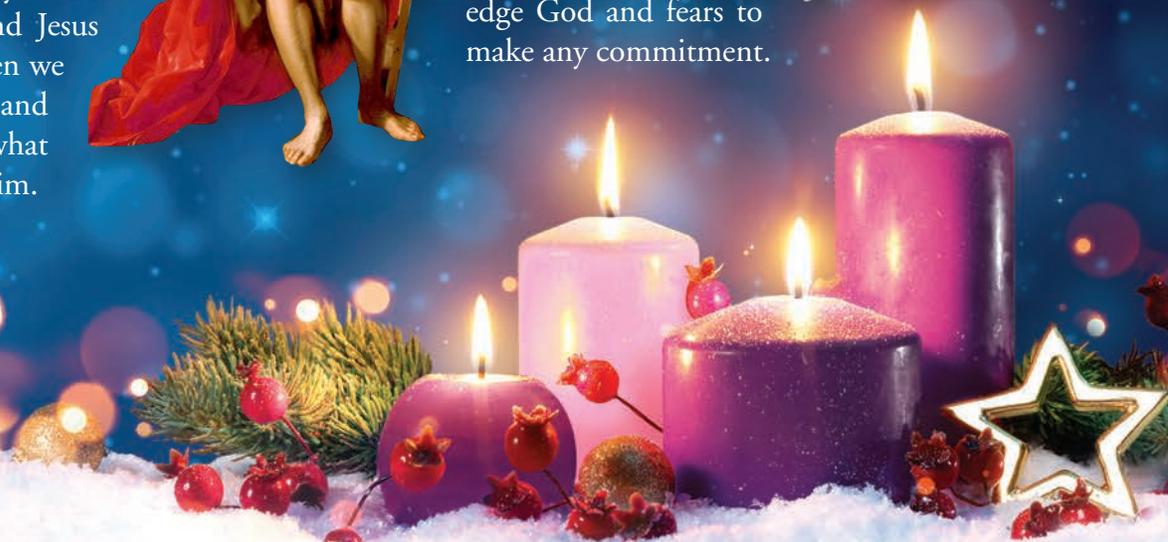
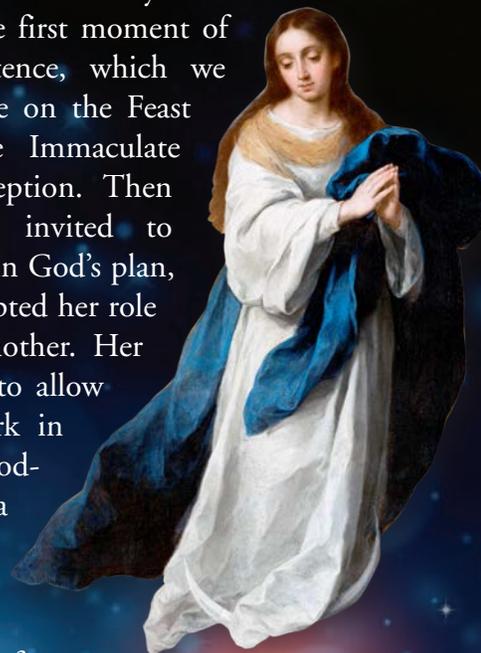
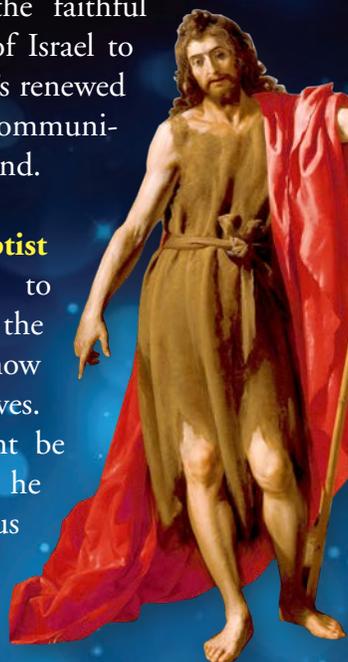
The great prophet foretold the coming of the promised Messiah and his kingdom. Isaiah's words are remembered especially during Advent because of his confident hope that God would restore the faithful remnant of Israel to live as God's renewed covenant community in their land.

### 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 2025

1st Sunday . . . . .	Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44
2nd Sunday . . . . .	Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12
3rd Sunday . . . . .	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11
4th Sunday . . . . .	Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24
Christmas Day . . . . .	Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18



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