

Season of Service... Snapshots of 2025

The Madeleine is founded in service, and 2025 was another year our community came together to make a difference. From gift drives to food drives to helping educate children in Haiti, The Madeleine Community stepped up to the challenge. See pages 4–5 for some photos of our community in action.



Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Vigil 6:30 December 31 • Mass at 9:00 am January 1

Next week, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This solemnity offers the opportunity for us to recognize God's continued activity in our lives—just as Mary did through

her acceptance of the graces offered by God. Join us as we celebrate Vigil Mass at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, December 31 or Mass at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 1.

Mass Intentions

12/24, Weds 4 pm The Barron Family	12/30, Tues Janette Sheahan †
7 pm Sharen Rees †	12/31, Weds 8:30 am Kathleen Gaitan †
11 pm The Madeleine Community	6:30 pm Sarah Warner †
12/25, Thurs Fr. Joe McMahon †	01/01, Thurs The Madeleine Community
12/26, Fri Judy Brown †	01/02, Fri Msgr. Tim Murphy
12/27, Sat Alice Stolzberg †	01/03, Sat Judy Brown †
12/28, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community	01/04, Sun 8:00 am The Madeleine Community †
10:00 am Erin Couch	10:00 am Kathleen Nims †

Nativity of The Lord

December 24-25

THE SON OF GOD took on human nature for the sake of our salvation. As sons and daughters of God, we are called to let Christ be born in our hearts more fully so we can share his light and love with others. God has made his dwelling among us!

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 27-28

JESUS WAS BORN AND GREW UP with-in a family which was marked by holiness, love, and fidelity to the will of God. Their example calls us to strive to do the same. Today's readings provide an example of ideal relationships among families. Even in the midst of broken relationships, the virtues that Paul names can send all of us on the road to healing and reconciliation.

Pray For Our Faithful Departed

- ▶ Glynn Roberson
- ▶ 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

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

**Parish office closed
until January 2.
Fr. Bonaventure is
available by request**

Calendar This Week

24 December • Wednesday

- ▶ Christmas Eve
Parish Office Closes at Noon
- 4 pm: Mass (Children's Vigil)—Church
- 7 pm: Mass (Vigil) —Church
- 11 pm: Mass in the Night—Church

25 December • Thursday

- ▶ Christmas Day
Parish Office Closed
- 9 am: Christmas Mass

26 December • Friday

- ▶ Parish Office Closed
- 8:30 am: Mass—Church

27 December • Saturday

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

28 December • Sunday

- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**

29 December • Monday

- ▶ Parish Office Closed
- 6:30 pm: FA Meeting—Fireside Rm

30 December • Tuesday

- ▶ Parish Office Closed
- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 9 am: Adoration—Church

31 December • Wednesday

- ▶ Parish Office Closed
- 8:30 am: Mass—Church
- 6:30 pm: Solemnity Vigil Mass—Church

1 January • Thursday

- ▶ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- ▶ Parish Office Closed
- 9 am: Solemnity Mass—Church

2 January • Friday

- 8:30 am: Mass—Church

3 January • Saturday

- ▶ Visiting Priest: Fr. Matt Libra
- 4 pm: Confession—Church
- 5 pm: Mass—Church

4 January • Sunday

- ▶ Visiting Priest: Fr. Matt Libra
- 8 am: Mass—Church
- 10:00 am: Mass—Church  **ALSO LIVESTREAMS**
- 2 pm: TACTUS Chamber Music—Old Church

No Daily Mass January 6-9

With Fr. Bonaventure away, there will be no daily Masses January 6-9. Adoration will take place as scheduled

PARISH LIFE

Parish Stewardship and End-of-Year Giving

Christmas donations: 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

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

Madeleine Book Club!

Cool winter days are the perfect time to curl up with a good book. We are currently reading *Confessions: A Biography*, by Garry



Wills to be reviewed at our January meeting. We would love to have you join us for discussion of this excellent book. 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!

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 at www.themadeleine.edu/sacraments. Children older than 7 years and beyond 2nd grade must go through OCIA for children (OCIC). From January through April, please reach out to Kristen Kill at kristenkill@gmail.com for information on classes and more information.

Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track, the opportunity to rediscover each other, and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

Visit www.helpourmarriage.org for program information and testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the January 30–February 1 in Canby, Oregon, call now (503) 225-9191.

MILESTONES

- ▶ Congratulations to **Amina Zhongmei Fu** who was baptized on December 13
- ▶ Welcome to **Halle Kill**, who was brought into full communion with the Catholic Church on Dec. 20



Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for I proclaim to you good news of great joy". Today and throughout the new year, may we take care of our suffering brothers and sisters, bringing hope, not fear. In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting 32 families, providing 899 lbs of food from the pantry plus 25 gift cards.

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

Faith Formation Notes:

Confirmation and First Eucharist

- ▶ Confirmation classes resume on Sunday, January 11 right after the 10am Mass.
- ▶ First Communion classes resume in February

Check with your organizer for details

“ Before the holy night of Christmas, find one person with whom to make peace. This will be a more precious gift than any that can be bought, because peace is a gift found only in the heart. ”

—Pope Leo XIV via X (Twitter) @ pontifex

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.



OPEN HOUSE @ The Madeleine School

Sunday, January 25 • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm • PreK– 8

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Weekly Mass Times

Regular Mass Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
Thursday School not in session: 8:30 am
School Thursdays: 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

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO SOME OF OUR SPECIAL HELPERS

The year 2025 saw a special outpouring of volunteerism and gracious assistance around The Madeleine campus.

In the summer a flock of parishioners and parents helped get the school ready for the upcoming school year. Throughout the fall and into the winter, Deacon Mike has

enlisted the help of several parishioners as The Madeleine Facilities Team, in their distinctive blue vests, doing all the tasks that need done to keep our sprawling campus in good order.

Another group of note is our Madeleine Clippers team, with their green vests, helping

out in our gardens and planting beds.

These folks have been instrumental in keeping our campus while keeping costs down. Thank you all of you for your help.

If you want to help, contact Deacon Mike O'Mahoney, deaconmike@themadeleine.edu



THE MADELEINE COMMUNITY...HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Several of our annual community-service season traditions were in full force this year.

- ▶ **The Madeleine Giving Tree**—this year we received requests from Children's Transitional School and from Northwest Family Service Children of Incarcerated parents totaling 198 requests. And, of course, The Madeleine Community responded with gifts

overflowing the Parish Office

- ▶ **Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bedding Drive**—We inexplicably didn't get any photos of the hundreds of bedding pieces that came in to be distributed to families throughout the area. But we thank you.
- ▶ **Knights of Columbus Sock Drive**—another huge success as we collected socks to be

distributed to those in need via Transition Projects and Saint André Bessette. Again, no photos, and again, our thanks.

- ▶ **E-Waste Recycling Event**—Our annual E-Waste Recycling Event was another success, collecting * 10,862 lbs of e-waste, 16 bags of athletic shoes, 8 boxes of socks



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



At press time, we had not received final numbers, but the goal of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry was to collect 3000 lbs of food for their annual Christmas Food Box drive to distribute to 50 or more families in our area. They took weeks to collect, sort and box up food boxes to distribute to the families in need, to include toys and gifts for children of the families

THE MADELEINE SCHOOL IN SERVICE

As always, students at The Madeleine School were living the service mission of our faith. A few highlights:

- ▶ Seventh-grade students and families partnered with **Harper's Playground** to care for the Chelsea Anderson Memorial Play Station at Marshall Park in Vancouver,.
- ▶ The Madeleine Community, spearheaded by Theresa Wikander, again this year collected Legos to donate to **Randall**

Children's Hospital Children's Cancer Center.

- ▶ **Nourish our Neighbors** collected nearly 2600 lunches this school year, and 5030 in the 2024-25 school year for our hungry neighbors in the community.
- ▶ Students and parents gathered together to help **rake leaves for families** in the parish this fall



HAITIAN PROJECT

The annual Haitian Project Garage Sale in August, was an overwhelming success, earning more than \$45,000...a record...for the Louverture Cleary Schools in Haiti. Thank you to all the volunteers, donors of merchandise—and of course customers—coming together to bring free Catholic boarding school education to children in Haiti.



'TIS THE SEASON TO REJOICE!

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

As the familiar 18th century English Christmas carol reminds us, the Christmas Season, also known as Christmastide, extends far longer than just the day of Christmas. In the Church year, Christmas day is the first of the 12 days of Christmas. The last night, twelfth night, is January 5, the eve of the feast of the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6. Today, the final Sunday of the Christmas Season celebrates the Baptism of Jesus. Clearly, Christmas is meant to be not just a celebration of the baby Jesus or Jesus' birthday but a summary of our lives in relation to God's intimate, incarnate presence with us today.

In the early Eastern Church, the Epiphany was the primary celebration of both Jesus' birth and his manifestation to the world. It was associated with the winter solstice when the sun's light began to be renewed for another year. In the Roman West in the 3rd century, the celebration of Jesus' birth was shifted to December 25 to compete with the pagan festival of the "unconquered sun" (*natalis solis invicti*) and the time until Epiphany became the Christmas Season.

From the 4th century on, Christmas, with its focus on Christ's incarnation as a truly human person like ourselves, grew in popularity until today it often surpasses Easter in the popular imagination. During this blessed season, then, we are constantly reminded of God's love and desire to be with us and for us to share in the divine life.



TRADITIONS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Crib

St. Francis of Assisi first popularized the custom of making a Christmas crib or crèche to represent the nativity in 1223 when he said Christmas Mass in a cave with a hay-filled manger and a live ox and ass.

The Christmas Tree

Though Christmas trees play no part in scripture and have only in the last few centuries found their way into the Christian celebration of Christmas, they are sacred signs of God's life-giving presence among us and their lights remind us of Christ, "the Light of the world" (Jn 8:12).

Christmas Carols

Popular songs called carols (Greek *choros*, a sung dance) celebrate the events of the Season. The oldest known carol is "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" from the 12th century. Another popular English carol, "The 12 Days of Christmas" (1780), enumerates a series of daily gifts that total 364—a gift for every day until next Christmas!

ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS DAY

In our society, much of the celebration of Christmas comes before December 25. For Christians, the days after Christmas provide a period of calm in which the spiritual meaning of the manifestation of Jesus, God-With-Us can be explored. The following activities help us appreciate the meaning of the Incarnation as the new year arrives.

- Take some time to look back upon the previous year and identify your personal "joyful mysteries," moments when God was especially present to you. Express your gratitude to God for these moments and your hope that you will experience more fully the presence of God in the new year.
- The slower pace of activity after December 25 makes this a good time for visiting with family and friends during these days. Reflect on how God is revealed to you especially in your relationships.
- Spend some time in silent prayer before the crib, the Christmas tree or in church. Invite God to touch your heart at the wonder of the Incarnation.

THE COMPANIONS OF CHRIST

Over the centuries as the Christmas Season was celebrated, the Church gradually drew together a series of feasts following Christmas Day that by the Middle Ages were often referred to as the "Companions of Christ" (*Comites Christi*), a kind of royal entourage to accompany the newborn king. In their various ways, they represent different forms of witness to Christ or some aspect of our Christian faith.

December 26: St. Stephen, the first martyr, who was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed that salvation came through Christ and was stoned by an angry Jewish (Acts 6:8-8:1).

December 27: St. John, apostle & evangelist, who followed Christ during his earthly ministry and then wrote his Gospel to reveal the meaning of Christ's words and actions (Mt 4:18-21, Jn 21:24-25).

December 28: The Holy Innocents were the children who were murdered by King Herod the Great in his attempt to eliminate Jesus as a threat to his royal power (Mt 2:16-18).

December 29: St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and head of the English Church, who was murdered by King Henry II's knights for opposing the king's attempts to control the Church.

December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who show how our own families might reflect a right relationship to God and one another.

December 31: Pope St. Sylvester, who oversaw the transition of the church from an illegal to a legal religion under Roman emperor Constantine and invited the world's bishops to the first Ecumenical Council at Nicea (325).

January 1: (the Octave Day of Christmas): Mary the Mother of God, whose "yes" to God models our willingness to bring Jesus to birth in ourselves and our world (Lk 1:26-38).

January 8: the Epiphany, when God in the incarnate child Jesus is revealed to the all the world in the persons of the Gentile Magi (Mt. 2:1-12).

January 9: The Baptism of the Lord. This feast now ends the Christmas Season by celebrating Jesus' commitment to God's saving activity and God's commissioning him with the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish it.





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