



St. Clare Parish

Apr. 14, 2024

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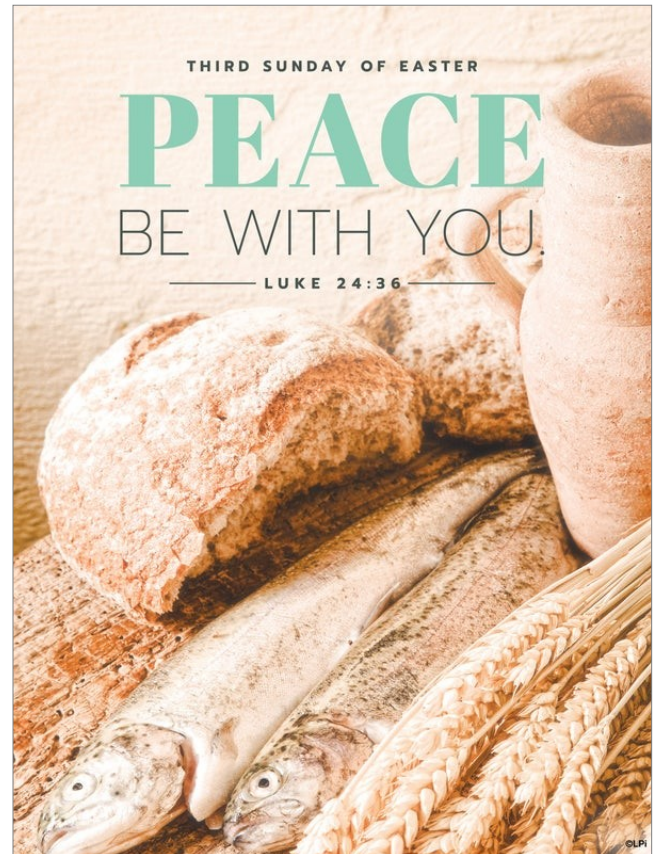
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5pm

Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am

Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am

Holy Days - 8:30am, 12pm & 7pm

Visit www.saintclarechurch.org to view our livestream weekend Masses.

Reconciliation Saturdays from 4pm - 4:30pm in the church or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

Matrimony Six month preparation required. Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Baptism for Infants Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Teens

Contact Kim Zea; **for Children** Contact sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org

A Warm Welcome To All Who Worship with Us

Whether you are a current parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the form below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
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Weekly Inspiration **3rd Sunday of Easter**

Apr. 14, 2024

Sometimes when God appears in our path, we do not recognize him. In these moments, Jesus invites us to reach out and touch him. Remember that Christ is real, Christ is alive, and Christ stands before each one of us — so reach out. Touch him. ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Apr. 13

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Youth Mass *Jimmy* Church

Sunday, Apr. 14

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass + *Philip Gerhart* Church

Monday, Apr. 15

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday, Apr. 17

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, Apr. 18

8:30am Daily Mass +*Bruce Doane* +*Linda Siebold* Church

Friday, Apr. 19

8:30am Daily Mass +*Henry Lewis* Church

Saturday, Apr. 20

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Mass + *Henry Lewis* Church

6:00pm After Mass Social Parish Hall

Sunday, Apr. 21

8:30am Mass +*Rose Yoshida* +*Helen Sasser* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

2nd Collection ~ This Weekend!



Please give to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal! The ACA funds the programs that bring the Word of Jesus Christ to the people of Western Oregon and allows us to minister to our Catholic community.

To learn more, visit JesusChangesEverything.church or call 503. 233.8396. Donation envelopes are available in the pews today.

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday and we did a Litany of Trust at the homily time. Several people asked for a copy of that, so here it is:

From the belief that I have to earn your love -
Deliver me Jesus.

From the false security that I have what it takes -
Deliver me Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on you - Deliver me Jesus.

From anxiety about the future - Deliver me Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth -
Deliver me Jesus.

From discouragement - Deliver me Jesus.

That you are continually holding me, sustaining me,
loving me - Jesus, I trust in you.

That your love goes deeper than my sins and failings,
and transforms me - Jesus, I trust in you.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an
invitation to lean on you - Jesus, I trust in you.

That you are with me in my suffering - Jesus, I trust
in you.

That your plan is better than anything else - Jesus,
I trust in you.

That you always hear me, and in your goodness always
respond to me - Jesus, I trust in you.

It's a good litany to remind us of God's unconditional
love for us. It comes from Sr. Faustina, a Polish nun
in the 1930s who God spoke to about his Divine Mercy.

On another note, my 66th birthday was Wednesday.
Thank you for all the warm greetings I received. You
have been very supportive of me and my ministry
here. St. Clare Church/School/Preschool is a great
place to be! I hope to stay here until I semi-retire at
age 70. ~ *Fr. Don*

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

Apr. 21, 2024

Reading 1 - Acts 4:8-12

Psalms - Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

Reading 2 - 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel - Jn 10:11-18

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . Historical Books of the Bible

Today we begin to look at the Historical Books of the Bible.

The **Book of Ruth** is an extremely short book placed right after Judges to which it is closely related. There is much dialogue in the book. It is historical and relates the story of Boaz, who according to the law marries Ruth. They produce a son named Obed, the father of Jesse, the father of David. (Ru 4: 17b). It was written in the time of Judges and provides an excellent introduction to the Books of Samuel which brings us to the next chapters of Israel's history.

Introduction to the Historical Books. In the Book of Judges, we experience the continued cycle of the people abandoning their religion, God punishing them with a trial, and then sending a judge to deliver them. The people see the error of their ways and repent. All of this activity happens in the different areas where individual tribes have settled but becomes known throughout the land. By the end of the book, the Israelites ask for a king to unite the tribes and the land (Jdg 19:1a, 21:25a). In Genesis Chapter 12 and Deuteronomy Chapter 17, God promises his people land, worldwide blessings, and a royal dynasty. In the first 6 historical books, Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles (each title includes two books), we are introduced to the start of that royal dynasty.

The **Books of Samuel** introduce Saul, the first king, and David, his successor. *(I will discuss in greater detail that important part of history here next week.)*

In the **Books of Kings** at the beginning of the first book, we hear the story of Solomon who is the one who builds the temple in Jerusalem. The three greatest kings of Israel are Saul, David, and Solomon who each rule for approximately 40 years. The balance of the Books of Kings describes the good, bad, and ugly kings of Israel who reign until the fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC. Overall, there are 42 kings and one queen. The kingdom is divided after the death of Solomon in 930 BC, and the northern kingdom has 19 of those kings in its 208 years of existence.

The **Books of Chronicles** is written during and after the Jewish exile from 597 until 537 BC. Those years are presented as a punishment for idolatry and disobedience to God. The Jewish temple is destroyed in 586 BC. These books are similar to Deuteronomy which recaps and reinforces the Book of Exodus with additional information. The Books of Chronicles are written to save the history of Israel for future generations. They supplement the Books of Samuel and Kings with extra stories from various other sources. Their purpose is less concerned with reporting precise facts than it is with explaining the meaning of those facts. As a result, the books focus on the action of God in the lives of the leaders and the proper worship in the temple. This information is extremely important to be preserved for the Hebrew people to survive as a nation after their exile.

~ Deacon Bill

Learn more on Formed.org:

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/1-2-kings-old-testament-book-overviews-the-bible-project>

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/chronicles-old-testament-book-overviews-the-bible-project>

Outreach



Rebuilding Together is Coming!

Saturday, Apr. 27

The St. Clare Rebuilding Together team is looking for volunteers to help with this year's project. We have mostly carpentry, flooring and yard work on this year's punch card. Many hands make light work and we welcome anyone who can help us for all or even part of the day. Also, school parents can earn in-parish tuition hours for lending a hand. So come and join us!

To sign up, email Stclarepdx.rebuilding@gmail.com. Please include your name and availability for April 27th. Thanks!

**The St. Clare Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



Food Pantry Needs

- White Rice • Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit especially Mixed Fruit

Donations may be placed in the food baskets at the church or on the front porch of the parish office.

Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

Note from Mary Bunday . . .

The residents at the **Safe Rest Village** on Multnomah Blvd need new or gently used sweatpants (all sizes) and bath towels. If you would like to donate these items, please drop them off directly to the front gate of the village 24/7. Just ring the bell and an attendant will come to meet you. Many thanks!

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.7.24	\$11,321	\$10,779	\$542
Total Apr (1-7)	\$11,321	\$10,779	\$542
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$471,719	\$441,939	\$29,780

***FY 23/24 Offertory Goal: \$10,779 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

St. Clare School

Mrs. Betty Schuster

St. Clare Kindergarten Teacher

1984-2003



Elizabeth "Betty" Schuster passed away on Mar. 17, 2024. She was our beloved Kindergarten teacher from 1984-2003 and a favorite of students, parents, and teachers.

From Betty's obituary . . . "Betty began teaching at St. School in Portland in 1984. Over the next 19 school years she touched the lives of countless kindergarten children before retiring in 2003. Her classroom was a meticulously kept treasure trove of cubbies, seasonal decorations, a well-worn reading rug, and her children's repurposed Care Bears. Her Teddy Bear Picnics were the stuff of legend."

If you'd like to read more about Betty's story, visit:

<https://www.stehnfuneralthomes.com/obituaries/Elizabeth-Schuster-3/#!/Obituary>

Beyond St. Clare

Pray for the Faithful Departed

The 4th Wednesday of the Month



- April 24 • May 22 • June 26

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery Chapel 2:30pm
333 SW Skyline Blvd Portland 97221

Gethsemane Funeral Home Chapel 12:30pm
11666 SE Stevens Rd Happy Valley 97086

Come and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. Join Deacon David Hammes, Chaplain of Mt. Calvary and Gethsemane Funeral Services for a guided prayer (Rosary and Litany for the Faithful Departed) and meditation in our beautiful sacred surroundings.



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St. Clare **HERITAGE POTLUCK**

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19

Following the 10:45am Mass at the Parish Hall

Food – Fellowship – Fun

All Invited!

Let's celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a heritage potluck!

Please bring your favorite dish that speaks to your family's heritage or tradition. To ensure a variety of foods, please sign up at the link below with the dish you will be bringing. Drinks will be provided.

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