



St. Clare Parish

Apr. 7, 2024

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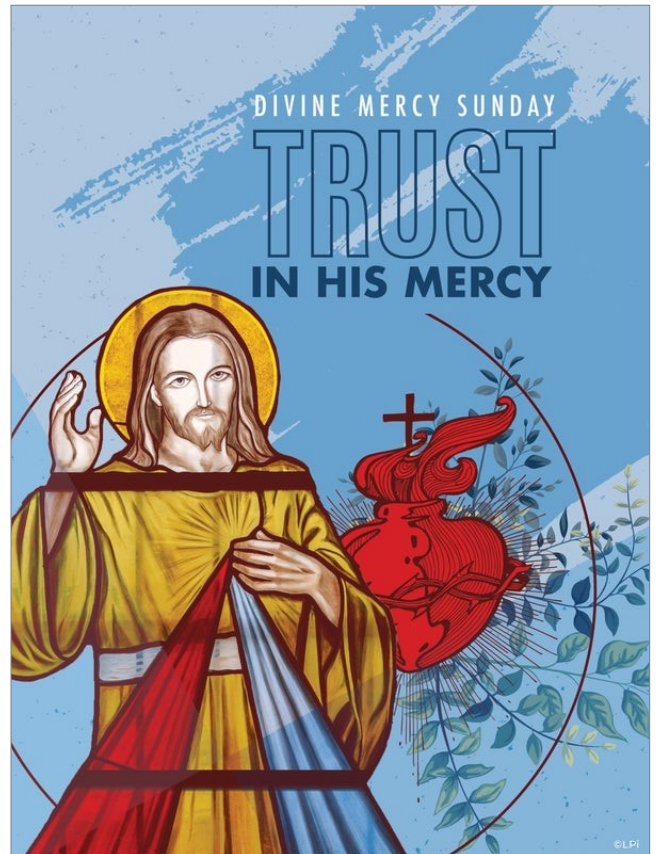
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |



Weekly Inspiration **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Apr. 7, 2024

We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ – even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in the confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at his side. We just have to call his name. ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Apr. 6

9:00am	Sisters in the Spirit Gathering	Parish Office
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Antonette Amato</i>	Church

Sunday, Apr. 7 Divine Mercy Sunday

Knights' Pancake Breakfast after both Masses

8:30am	Family Mass <i>Roxanne Messner</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass	Church
11:45am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church

Monday, Apr. 8

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Henry Lewis</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Apr. 10

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Henry Lewis</i>	Church
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Thursday, Apr. 11

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>John Tujo</i>	Church
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Friday, Apr. 12

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Fr. Don Gutmann</i>	Church
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Saturday, Apr. 13

4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Youth Mass <i>Jimmy</i>	Church

Sunday, Apr. 14

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass + <i>Philip Gerhart</i>	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

We continue to celebrate Easter here at St. Clare. This weekend concludes the "Octave of Easter," eight days of extended Easter celebrations. We are also in the Easter Season of the Church which extends to the Feast of Pentecost 50 days after Easter (May 19th). I really enjoyed our Easter celebrations last weekend. We had joyful Masses with our church packed full of worshippers, great music, and beautiful decorations, welcomed in 14 new Catholic converts, and also had a fun time for the kids with the Easter Egg Hunt (4000 eggs!). Alleluia, he is risen!

This Sunday is also Divine Mercy Sunday. After our Masses we will provide the opportunity to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. This is a prayer that God inspired Sr. Faustina to use. It uses the rosary beads and begs for God's mercy for ourselves and the whole world.

Next Sunday we will have the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. This is the annual fund drive to provide needed moneys for the ministries of the archdiocese that don't fit neatly into any one particular parish. The ACA supports specialized ministries around the archdiocese (things like campus, hospital and jail ministries), it helps to pay for the training of our future priests, and helps meet the needs of our retired priests. Please respond generously to this need.

I was away from the parish for three days last week for some rest and relaxation at my family's primitive cabin on Mercer Lake. It felt so good to have nothing scheduled for a few days, to enjoy the beauty of nature and to visit some good friends. Lent and Holy Week is a busy time for us priests, I was tired when it was over and ready for a few days of rest. I appreciate Frs. Jim Galluzzo and Pat McNamee for being willing to cover Masses here while I was away.

Let's keep praying for one another ~ *Fr. Don*

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

Apr. 14, 2024

Reading 1 - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalms - Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Reading 2 - 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel - LK 24:35-48

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY WITH US AFTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASSES ON APRIL 6 & 7

REMAIN IN CHURCH WITH US FOR JUST 15 MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL PRAYER.

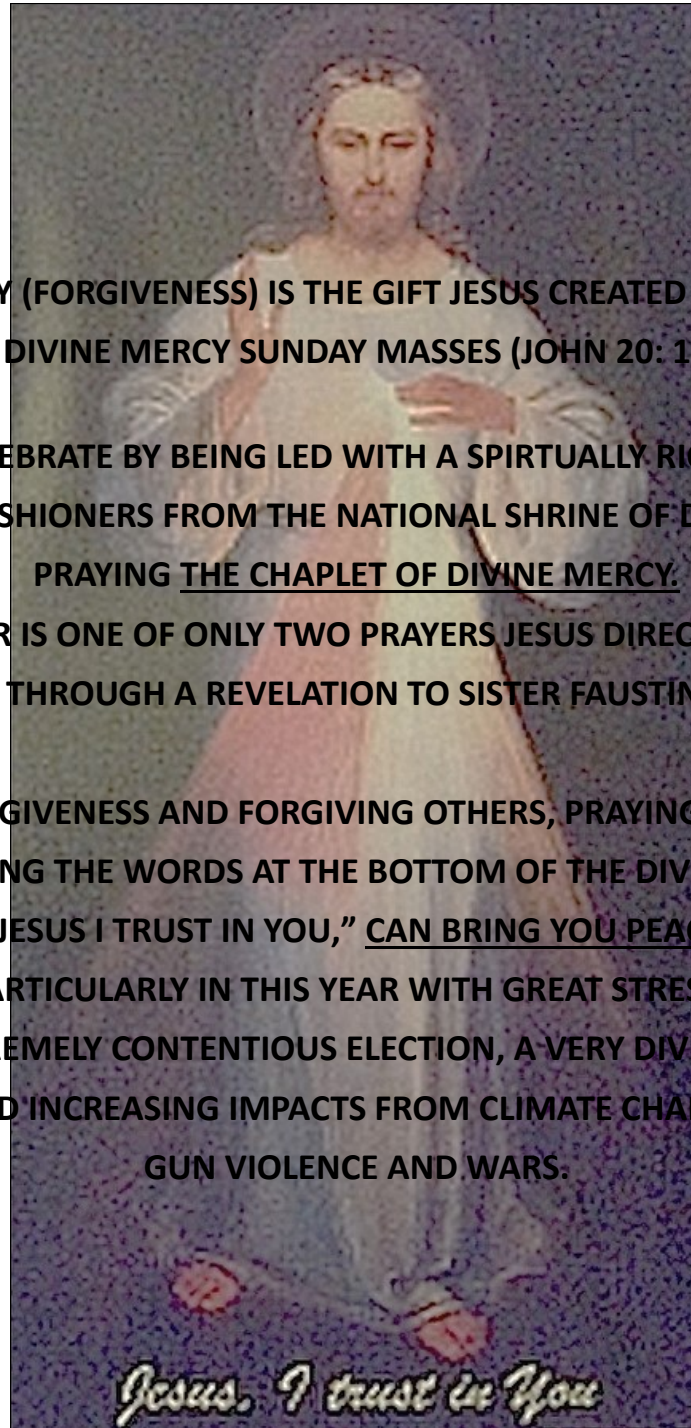
The Pancake Breakfast will still be available afterwards in the Parish Hall. (Sunday Masses only.)

**DIVINE MERCY (FORGIVENESS) IS THE GIFT JESUS CREATED IN THE GOSPEL
FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASSES (JOHN 20: 19-23).**

**WE WILL CELEBRATE BY BEING LED WITH A SPIRITUALLY RICH DVD VIDEO
OF THE PARISHIONERS FROM THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF DIVINE MERCY
PRAYING THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY.**

**THIS PRAYER IS ONE OF ONLY TWO PRAYERS JESUS DIRECTLY GAVE US,
THIS ONE THROUGH A REVELATION TO SISTER FAUSTINA IN 1935.**

**SEEKING FORGIVENESS AND FORGIVING OTHERS, PRAYING THE CHAPLET
AND REMEMBERING THE WORDS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE,
“JESUS I TRUST IN YOU,” CAN BRING YOU PEACE,
PARTICULARLY IN THIS YEAR WITH GREAT STRESSES
FROM AN EXTREMELY CONTENTIOUS ELECTION, A VERY DIVIDED CONGRESS,
AND INCREASING IMPACTS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE,
GUN VIOLENCE AND WARS.**



The Divine Mercy Image is in the background. A copy is in the east transept of our Church.

Jesus requested Sister Faustina, in another revelation, to have it painted as she envisioned him and include the inscription, “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . The Books of Joshua and Judges

This week we begin our journey into the historical books of the Bible. There are approximately 16 of these books. They help define Israel as a nation and a people of God.

The Book of Joshua - If you recall from Deuteronomy, God chose Joshua to be Moses' apprentice and the one to lead his people into the Promised Land. In the opening verses of the Book of Joshua, God is so clear about Joshua's role as leader that he instructs him to "be strong and courageous" three different times.



The Israelites have been in the desert for 40 years which has been like a boot camp to prepare for a battle as they plan to move into Canaan. The book's purpose is to demonstrate God's fidelity in giving the land he promised to the Israelites as an inheritance. It tells the story of God's intervention in capturing Jericho by using the Ark of the Covenant to block the waters of the Jordan River so Canaan can be entered. Then the Israelites walk around the city for seven days. On the seventh day, seven priests sound their trumpets and the walls of Jericho collapse. After many other battles, the entire land is conquered and divided up among the 12 tribes of the Israelites.

The book ends with Joshua recalling the history of God's action with the people through covenants made from the time of the escape from Egypt until the present. He challenges the people saying, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Jos 24:18b) and the people responded, "We will still serve the Lord, our God, and obey his voice." (Jos 24:24)

The Book of Judges - This book records the story of 12 judges who were considered heroes for 110 years between 1130 and 1020 BC. The Israelites continue to abandon their religion, so God punishes them with a trial. Then he sends a judge to deliver them from the trial, so they repent. Finally God shows mercy and forgives them. This behavior throughout the entire Old Testament is called the cycle of apostasy. These 12 individuals are not judges or magistrates as we might know them today, but military leaders God sends to aid and relieve the Israelites in times of danger. These 12 judges most likely exercised their authority simultaneously in different areas where the 12 individual tribes of Israel had settled but never over the entire nation.

We will explore the nation as a whole when we study the books of Samuel and Kings in which, as you may guess, the kings emerge. The six major judges are Othniel, Ehud, Barak, Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson. However, they are not great examples. Gideon, Jephthah, and Samson are guilty of significant sins even though they are part of God's plan to help the people. Only Deborah, the one female minor judge who is a prophet and a warrior, proves to be the exception. The kings rescue the Israelites though the power of God, but the people continue to fall into the cycle of apostasy. By the end of the book, we see that Israel needs a king to lead by doing right in God's plan. "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what they thought was best" [for themselves]. (Jgs 17:6)

~ Deacon Bill

For more information on the Books of Joshua and Judges, please click the Formed links below:

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

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

RESPECT LIFE

Prayer & Action

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer

The USCCBs president and the chairman of their Committee on Pro-Life Activities announced a [nationwide invitation to prayer](https://uscpcb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer) (uscpcb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer).

On Mar. 26, the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that could impact the wide-spread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

When to Pray:

Prayers began on Monday, Mar. 25 and will continue through June when a decision is expected.



How to Participate:

Offer daily the [Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life](https://respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph) (respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph) for the end of abortion and the protection of women and pre-born children.

Outreach

Mark your Calendars!

Junque & Jewels

Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale

Plan now for Junque & Jewels, our annual parish rummage sale. *This unique event raises funds for parish programs, offers a low-cost shopping opportunity for the neighborhood, and helps parishioners recycle useable goods.*

You can be part of Junque & Jewels by:

- saving your used “Junque” to donate - most wanted items are dishes, kitchenware, clothes, linens, small appliances, furniture, books, media, toys, games, sporting goods, & décor.
 - bringing your donations from June 15 - 17.
 - volunteering for set-up, merchandising, pricing, sales, clean-up, & MORE! Helping hands are needed from June 15 - 24.
- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Sale Dates: June 21 - 23, 2024

Watch the bulletin for additional information.

Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal

2nd Collection ~ Apr. 13-14



We are united in Christ, in our one mission, and you are part of it. When you give to the Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal, you are actively participating in our one mission to live and spread the Gospel. Every gift, regardless of size, is a testament to our belief that we are all one in the Eucharist, each of us essential to the vitality of our Church.

To learn more, visit JesusChangesEverything.church or call 503. 233.8396. Donation envelopes will be available in the pews next weekend.

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



Food Pantry Needs

- Dish & Laundry Detergent
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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.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 3.31.24	\$4,738	\$10,779	(\$6,041)
W/E 3.24.24	\$12,644	\$10,779	\$1,865
Total Mar (1-31)	\$47,308	\$53,895	(\$6,587)
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$460,398	\$431,160	\$29,238

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

Easter Collection = \$15,009.00 (not included in above totals)



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