



# St. Clare Parish

Apr. 12, 2026

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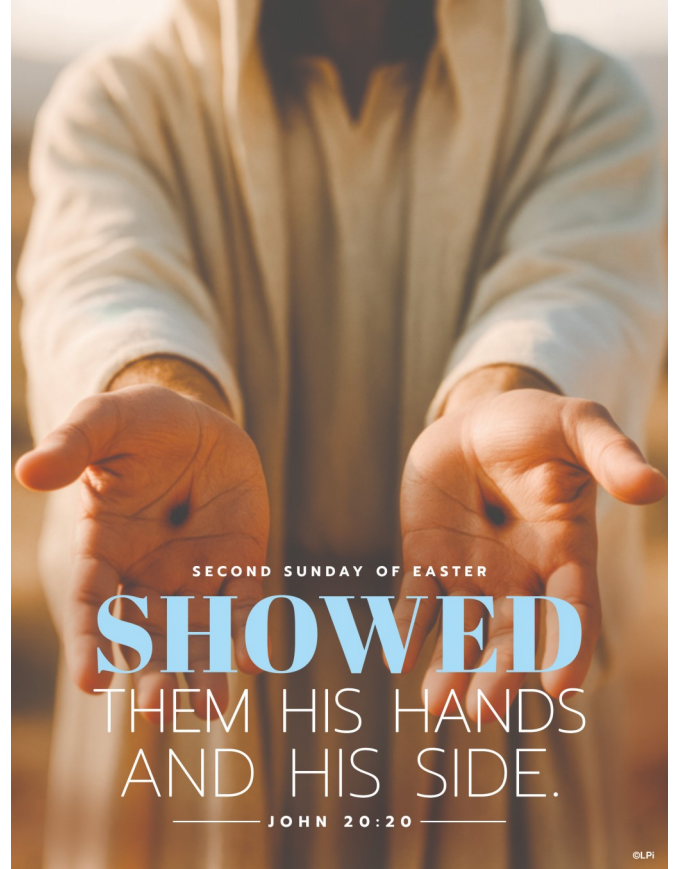
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**Sacraments** - Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) for more information on sacramental preparation.

### 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](http://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 Kim Zea.

**Baptism for Infants:** Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Teens:** Contact Kim Zea; **for Teens & Children:** Contact Debbie Henkelman.

## 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**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
 (Divine Mercy Sunday)  
 April 12, 2026

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation. ©LPi

**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Saturday, Apr. 11\***

9:00am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
4:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall
5:00pm	Youth Mass + <i>Enrico Achille</i>	Church
6:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall

**Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 12\***

8:30am	Family Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
9:30am	Pancake Breakfast (ends at 1pm)	Parish Hall
10:45am	Mass + <i>P.J. Cahalin</i>	Church

\*The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer will take place after ALL weekend Masses in the Church. Please join us.

**Monday, Apr. 13**

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Bob Eckert</i>	Church
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**Wednesday, Apr. 15**

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i>	Church
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**Thursday, Apr. 16**

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Connie Roderick</i>	Church
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**Friday, Apr. 17**

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Bob Eckert</i>	Church
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**Saturday, Apr. 18**

11:00am	Funeral Mass for Paul Chase	Church
	Reception following	Parish Hall
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Bruce Doane &amp; Linda Siebold</i>	Church
6:00pm	After 5pm Mass Social	Parish Hall

**Sunday, Apr. 19**

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

***Funeral Notice***



The funeral for Paul Chase, husband of Mary Angerman and both longtime parishioners, will be held on Saturday, Apr. 18 at 11am followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please keep them in your prayers.

***Fr. Don's Musings . . .***

It was great to see so many people here at Easter Mass. Besides our regular parishioners, it was good to see so many visitors. Thank you for inviting your family, friends and neighbors. I pray that they were inspired and want to come back to join us weekly as we celebrate our great God.

Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations went well, thanks to lots of good helpers. Lots of volunteers and the parish staff all teamed up to make it happen. I appreciate all the good help I have here at St. Clare Church.

Talking about help, we are getting some new help here in the church office. Laurie Zupsic, our administrative assistant, is retiring after 24 years on the job. Laurie is amazing, and we will miss her calm demeanor and smiling face in the office. I'm pleased to announce that we have hired parishioner, Maria Clemente, as our new administrative assistant. Maria is a very active volunteer here and I am happy to have her on staff starting April 13. Maria has a broad background. She is originally from Venezuela, recently she has served as a career coach for immigrants, helped with affordable housing, and was in the corporate world for many years. She is bilingual, holds two masters degrees and loves God above all else.

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Immediately after all the Masses, we offer the opportunity to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. It takes about 15 minutes. It is a prayer, similar in format to the rosary that recognizes Jesus mercy to us and to the whole world. The large picture of Jesus that is behind the choir area is the Divine Mercy image, with the words "Jesus, I trust in you." This Sunday recognizes Jesus' great mercy to you and me.

Let's keep praying for one another as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. ~ *Fr. Don*

***Divine Mercy Blessing***

Dear Jesus,

May your mercy flow over us,  
 filling our gaps and healing our wounds.

Open our hearts more deeply  
 with knowledge of your love for us,  
 understanding of the depth of your passion,  
 and trust in your never-ending mercy.

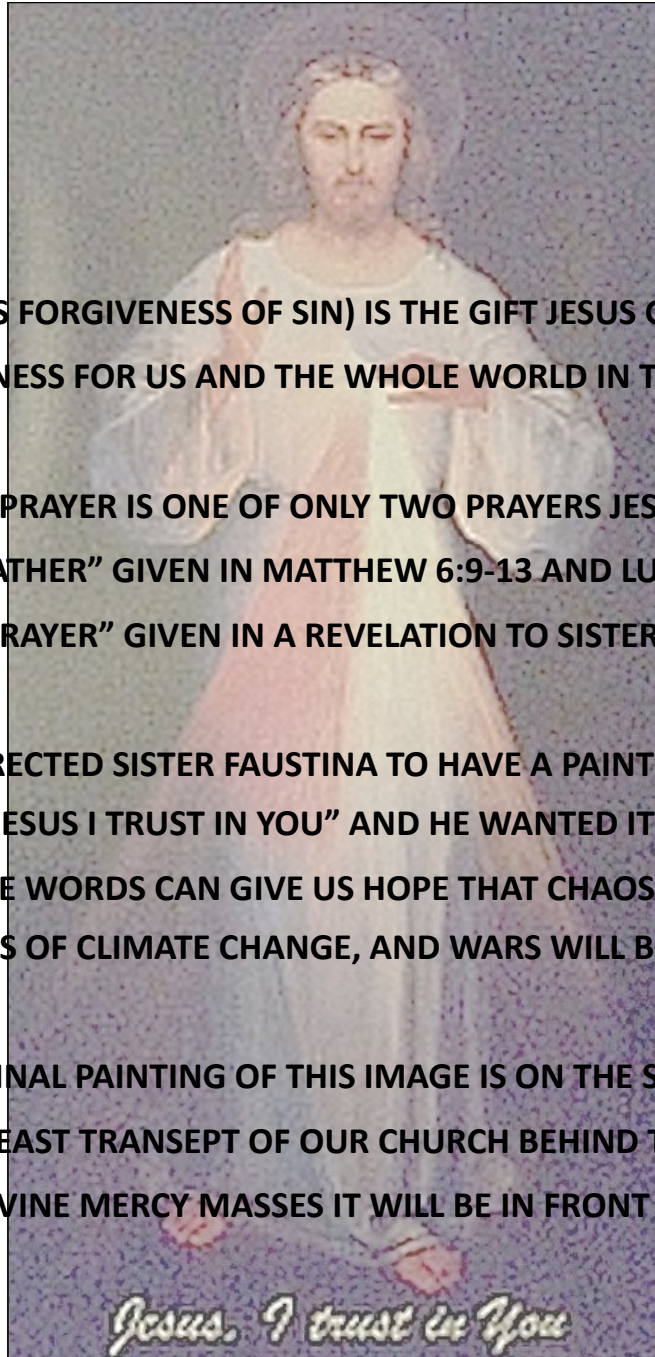
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# EXPERIENCE THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

AFTER DIVINE MERCY MASSES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 12

AN INSPIRING 15 MINUTE VIDEO WILL LEAD US IN THE CHAPLET PRAYER

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



DIVINE MERCY (GOD'S FORGIVENESS OF SIN) IS THE GIFT JESUS GAVE IN JOHN 20: 22-23.  
WE SEEK FORGIVENESS FOR US AND THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE CHAPLET PRAYER.

THE CHAPLET PRAYER IS ONE OF ONLY TWO PRAYERS JESUS DIRECTLY GAVE US,  
THE "OUR FATHER" GIVEN IN MATTHEW 6:9-13 AND LUKE 11:1-4 AND  
THE "CHAPLET PRAYER" GIVEN IN A REVELATION TO SISTER FAUSTINA IN 1935.

JESUS ALSO DIRECTED SISTER FAUSTINA TO HAVE A PAINTING MADE OF HIM  
WITH THE WORDS "JESUS I TRUST IN YOU" AND HE WANTED IT GIVEN TO THE WORLD.  
REMEMBERING THESE WORDS CAN GIVE US HOPE THAT CHAOS IN OUR GOVERNMENT,  
THREATS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, AND WARS WILL BE SOLVED.

THE ORIGINAL PAINTING OF THIS IMAGE IS ON THE SOUTH WALL  
OF THE EAST TRANSEPT OF OUR CHURCH BEHIND THE CHOIR  
EXCEPT AT DIVINE MERCY MASSES IT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE AMBO.

## ***“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . Ways We Come to Know Jesus***

Not many people have ever visited or know someone personally who has visited the North or the South Pole, but we know the poles exist. We pride ourselves on being well-informed. We watch TV and reach out on the internet, but most information we take on faith. Sure, we see the pictures with our own eyes but how do we know those pictures are for real and not filmed on some back lot in Hollywood? We learn by use of our senses, through reasoning and deduction or by placing faith in the testimony of others. The fact of the matter is that scientists tell us today 75% of what we know, we take on faith or from the testimony of others.

Today we hear about Thomas – doubting Thomas. This is the same Thomas who was willing to follow Jesus and to die with him when the apostles headed off to see Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead. Even though he witnessed Lazarus coming out of the tomb, he could not believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Thomas was not content to rely on what others told him about the risen Lord. No, he wanted to use those other methods of learning – his senses and deduction. He needed to see and touch Jesus to know him.

I started reflecting on this idea of knowing Jesus through touch. I realized that we, too, come to know Jesus through our senses – through the sacraments of our church. Through our Sacraments of Initiation, we find Jesus through touch, smell and taste:

- ✦ In Baptism, our foreheads are signed with the cross and anointed with sacred oils.
- ✦ In Confirmation, we are also anointed with holy oil.  
For both sacraments, Chrism is used which is a sweet-smelling oil.
- ✦ In the Eucharist, we are given the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus to touch and taste.

Through our Sacraments of Service, we meet Jesus through touch:

- ✦ In Marriage, the couple who are the ministers of the sacrament hold hands while exchanging vows.
- ✦ In Holy Orders, hands are laid on the priest or deacon by the bishop.

Through our Sacraments of Healing, we experience Jesus through touch and hearing:

- ✦ In Anointing of the Sick, hands are laid on the recipient by the priest and oil is used in the anointing.
- ✦ In Reconciliation, we have the only sacrament that is administered with words alone. It is fitting that in today’s gospel Jesus gives the apostles the almighty power to forgive sins with those very words. “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

All sacraments have words that are said by the celebrant to assist in the experience of meeting Jesus with our other senses.

Even though we can find Jesus through our senses and our reasoning, most of us have come to know and believe in Jesus by having faith in the testimony of others. People who have been a part of our lives and have taught us about Jesus are many such as our parents, religion teachers, nuns, and priests. No matter how we come to know Jesus, the next step in our relationship with him is to trust in him.

Today on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are called to show by our words, our example and especially our prayers that we totally trust in God. The Divine Mercy image includes the words, “Jesus I trust in You.” In the Chaplet we pray, “For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.” We as God’s faithful people are asked to pray for all those who do not know God, for those Catholics who have wandered from the church, and for all those who have died or will die that God will have mercy on their souls and ours.

~ *Deacon Bill*

**Congratulations  
on receiving the Easter Sacraments!**



Alyssa Boileau	Andrea Joy Oelfke
Julian & Nicole Chirouze	Philip Pearson
Carolina Conway	Tommy Solomon
Mollyanne Flemming	Julie Vaillancourt
Samantha McBride	Virginie Vignolo

**Students:**

Leo Lilah Fox Major Bennett Ripley Philippe

Please keep them all in your prayers  
as they continue to grow in faith  
and their relationship with Christ.

**Community Life**

*After 5pm Mass Social*

Saturday, April 18 Parish Hall 6pm

Every 3rd Saturday, 5pm Mass attendees are invited to come, visit with friends and enjoy a light snack and beverage. Please plan to join us for a Saturday evening version of Sunday morning Coffee and Donuts. See you there!

**NEW!! St. Clare Mom's Club**

All Moms Invited!

Social Night

Thursday, April 23 6:30pm

The Oaks Pub in Sellwood

Come and join us for a relaxed evening  
to connect with other moms.

For more information,  
please contact Melissa Nash  
at [Melissa.grelli@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.grelli@gmail.com)

**Reflect and Respond to Today's Scripture**

**1st Reading**

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the community of believers in Jerusalem experienced much joy and harmony. In what ways do you help build up your faith community?

**2nd Reading**

With Jesus' resurrection from the dead, Peter can now speak of an inheritance that awaits all believers and will one day be revealed to us. How should knowledge of this upcoming gift impact our living in the present moment?

**Gospel Reading**

Thomas needed concrete evidence before he would believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. What convinces you that Jesus is risen and alive?

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**Many thanks to all who contribute!**

**Offertory Report**

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.5.26	\$15,937	\$12,472	\$3,465
Total March	\$60,249		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$490,933	\$498,865	(\$7,933)

Easter Collection = \$7,026

\*FY 25/26 Offertory Goal: \$12,472 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.



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**Scripture Readings ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter ~ Apr. 19, 2026**

Reading 1 - Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalms - Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Reading 2 - 1 Pet 1:17-21 Gospel - Lk 24:13-35

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).



**April 18-19**

- Each year, we come together as one Catholic family to support the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal—a shared mission that makes real encounters with Christ possible across our Archdiocese, in our parishes, schools, and ministries.
- Through this appeal, lives are being touched every day: a seminarian discerning his call, a student discovering her worth in Christ, a family finding comfort in the midst of loss. These moments of grace happen because faithful people like you choose to act.
- Your generosity to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal helps bring Christ's love to life—strengthening parishes, forming future priests, and sustaining ministries that carry hope into broken and lonely places.
- I am deeply grateful for our St. Clare family. Together, we are building a caring parish community that shares its resources so that others may encounter Christ and be transformed by His love.
- As this year's Archbishop's Catholic Appeal begins, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to support this mission.
- Next week, and in the weeks ahead, I will ask you to generously support the ministries of our Archdiocese, knowing that every gift—no matter the amount—makes a real and lasting difference.
- Many of you may have already received a letter from Archbishop Sample. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to read it carefully and reflect on how your gift can help further the work of our Church.
- Finally, regardless of your ability to make a financial gift, I ask for your prayers—for the success of the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal and for all those whose lives will encounter Christ because of your generosity.

*Thank you ~ Fr. Don*

## Adult Faith Formation

### COME HOLY SPIRIT

#### Dinner Talk #5

Thursday, April 23 5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Come to the Feast!  
Strengthen your Faith and Build Fellowship.

**Topic: Christian Discipleship Today**  
**Speaker: Pia de Leon**

*We live in a world  
full of anxieties and confusion,  
of mixed messages and individualistic truths.  
How does one who calls oneself a disciple of Christ  
survive and thrive in this kind of world?  
How does one's discipleship to Christ  
assure the world  
that Jesus has truly risen and is alive today?*

Interested in attending? Please register at  
[https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/  
dinner-talk-5-apr-23-2026-1](https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talk-5-apr-23-2026-1)

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## Women's MINISTRY

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Maria Boulton  
646-939-7522

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### *Sisters in the Spirit*

Looking for new Leadership  
if you are interested contact  
Kim Zea at Parish Office

## Outreach



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

#### Food Pantry Needs

- Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste & Diced Tomatoes
  - Spaghetti Sauce • Cold Cereal
- Hamburger & Tuna Helper • Cooking Oil
- Dish Soap • Paper Towels & Facial Tissue



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.\***

## Junque & Jewels

Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale

Plan now for our annual parish rummage sale,  
a fundraiser for parish programs offering  
a low-cost shopping opportunity for the neighborhood  
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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 to the St. Clare gym from June 13-15
- Volunteering to help for set-up, merchandising, pricing, sales, clean-up and MORE! Volunteer opportunities are available from June 13-22. NO experience needed.

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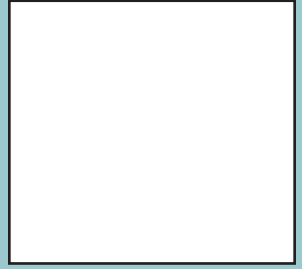
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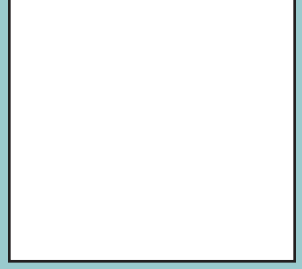
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