



St. Clare Parish

Apr. 19, 2026

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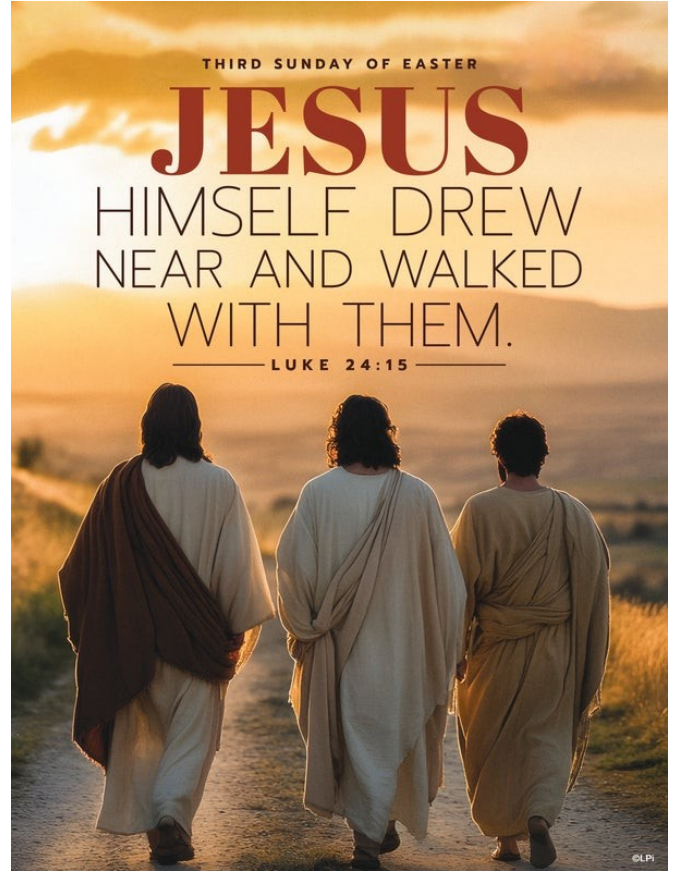
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 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: _____

- New Parishioner
- Returning Catholic
- Moving (please remove from parish directory)
- New Phone Number
- New Address
- Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes



Weekly Inspiration
3rd Sunday of Easter
 April 19, 2026

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him? ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Apr. 18

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
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 & 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

Monday, Apr. 20

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Richard Lochri</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Apr. 22

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>James Shand</i>	Church
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Thursday, Apr. 23

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Connie Roderick</i>	Church
5:30pm	Dinner Talk #5	Parish Hall

Friday, Apr. 24

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i>	Church
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Saturday, Apr. 25

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00am	Sisters in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Lorraine Digregorio</i>	Church
	+ <i>Domenico Digregorio</i>	

Sunday, Apr. 26 First Communion Sunday

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

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

This weekend we focus on the ministries of the arch-diocese, not just our own local church of St. Clare. There are many ministries of the diocese that are outside of any one particular parish. For example, part of my education as a priest (MANY years ago!) was paid for by the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. The ACA also covers the cost of health insurance for our retired priests (as I'm approaching 70 years old, that's more relevant to me than ever). It helps our Catholic schools, and helps our diocese to run smoothly. This weekend I'll be talking about the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal and giving you the opportunity to take part in the important ministries the diocese does. I personally make a significant donation annually to this fundraiser and I encourage you to do the same.

Thank you for all the birthday greetings. You make me feel very loved! I deeply enjoy serving with all of you here at St. Clare. As I have mentioned before, my time is winding down here. I expect to be reassigned in the summer of '27. The tentative plan is that I will co-pastor St. Wenceslaus Church in Scappoose with my brother Dave, who is currently the pastor there. Neither one of us wants to retire, yet as we age, we both feel a need to slow down. Working together we think we can continue to serve as priests for many more years.

I have bought 3 acres near Scappoose and I am currently building a tiny house on the property. Last week on my day off I put up the interior paneling, this week I installed the ceiling... on Tuesdays I'm imitating Jesus the carpenter more than Jesus the preacher!

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

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Reading 1 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms - Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading 2 - 1 Pet 2:20b-25

Gospel - John 10:1-10

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Children & Teens Faith Formation

Upcoming Events



April 26 – First Communion Sunday
 8:30am Mass: 34 children (2nd–3rd grade)
 10:45am Mass: 5 children (4th–6th grade)



May 1 – Confirmation at Resurrection Church
 6pm: 29 teens from St. Clare will receive the
 Sacrament of Confirmation

**May 9 – Final Middle School
 Youth Group Gathering**

More details in next week's bulletin.

*Please keep all of our children and teens
 in your prayers
 as they celebrate these sacraments
 and their year together.*

Reflect and Respond to Today's Scripture

1st Reading

In his first speech on the streets of Jerusalem, Peter quotes Psalm 16 as proof of God's promise to David in raising Jesus from the dead. Have you ever made a promise to God?

2nd Reading

In the resurrection of Jesus, Peter urges us to have our faith and hope in God. What is something you could hope for from God this week?

Gospel Reading

Jesus' interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples. Does reading the Bible bring you clarity?

Blessing for Spring

As the flowers bud and bloom,
 bless us with new wonder, new hope,
 new promise, new joy. Amen.

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Community Life

NEW!! St. Clare Mom's Club

All Moms Invited to 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



Save THE Date

Annual Heritage Potluck

Sunday, May 31

following the 10:45am Mass Parish Hall

Movie Review from Deacon Bill

Soul on Fire, Must-See Family Movie!

I heard about this movie on Mater Dei Radio during the week. My wife, Alice, and I watched it on Sunday afternoon. It was inspiring - outstanding - 5 plus stars, based on a true story, rated PG, very well presented, a great message for everyone and Christian! It can be viewed on Netflix or Amazon. ~ Deacon Bill

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.12.26	\$10,712	\$12,472	(\$1,760)
Total April	\$25,681		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$502,244	\$511,337	(\$9,093)

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



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“This and That “ from Deacon Bill . . . The Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles

As we continue in this Easter Season which lasts for 5 more weeks until Pentecost Sunday, we will continue to hear at Mass the story of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. For those upcoming weeks, I would like to dwell on the early saints found in this early history written by St. Luke. According to Catholic Answers, this book appears to have been written between 62-64 AD. Luke who was Greek most likely wrote his gospel for Christian Gentile community at the end of 62 AD Paul was imprisoned in Rome between 61-63 AD when the book of Acts ends. The fire that began the persecutions by Nero in July of 64 AD is not mentioned in any of the gospels or Acts. Recall that Jesus had died according to scholars in April of 30 or 33 AD. Both of Luke’s books were written to Theophilus, believed to be a Roman nobleman or official, who had become a convert to Christianity.



Both of Luke’s books, his gospel and the Act of the Apostles, reveal the presentation of biblical history, describing how the salvation promised to Israel in the Old Testament and accomplished through Jesus under the guidance of the Holy Spirit was extended to the Gentiles.

This week the focus is on St. Luke. Not much is known about him. It is unlikely that he ever met Jesus, but he did research the stories of Jesus from the other synoptic gospels. It is not clear if he ever met Mary, but most likely received information on the infancy narratives from someone who knew the story of Jesus’ birth. St. Luke traveled with St. Paul on some of his journeys, so he was an outright witness to those adventures. There are several verses in Acts that mentioned the pronoun, “we”, which attests to this fact. He was probably a physician and may have been a leader of the church at Antioch. Both of his books reveal a lot about his character. He wrote excellent popular prose with an artist’s skill of painting stories, received from some other sources, which the other evangelist did not report. He demonstrated a commitment to accuracy and appears to have checked his facts. For example, archaeologists through the ages have confirmed many details of the places he reported in Acts.

The Book of Acts of the Apostles introduce St. Paul, St. Stephen, St. Barnabas, the First Council of the Church at Jerusalem in 48-50 AD, and the formation of the Deaconate.

It appears that St. Luke’s concern in presenting his works to Theophilus and other Romans like him was to tell the story of Jesus and the growth of Christianity to the entire world and to show that this new religion was a legitimate form of worship in the Roman world, a religion that could meet the spiritual needs of the world just like that religion of the Roman Empire. Also, in Acts, Christianity is the logical development and proper fulfillment of Judaism and deserving of the same toleration and freedom accorded Judaism by Rome.

~ Deacon Bill

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
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For more details? Contact Kim Zea
at kim@saintclarechurch.org

Women's Ministry



Wednesday, May 6
6-7:30pm Location TBA

Join us in this Bible Study Ministry designed
specifically for women who desire to:

- Grow in Faith in a supportive community
- Get to know other Catholic women
- Build a network of family support

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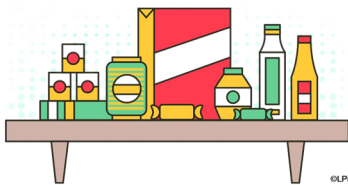
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The St. Clare Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Needs

- Tomato Sauce & Tomato Paste
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- Canned Fruit & Vegetables • Pancake Mix



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.



The St Clare Rebuilding Together team
is looking for volunteers to lend a hand on
Saturday, Apr. 25.

We have a number of projects
including flooring, drywall, carpentry,
hauling, yard work and more.

Please send an email to
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indicating your interest and the skills/work
you are comfortable performing.

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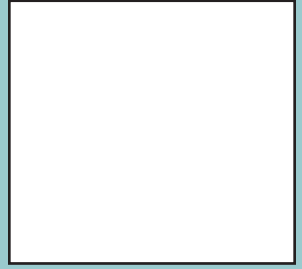
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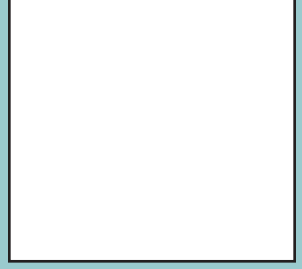
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