



St. Clare Parish

Apr. 26, 2026

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to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning

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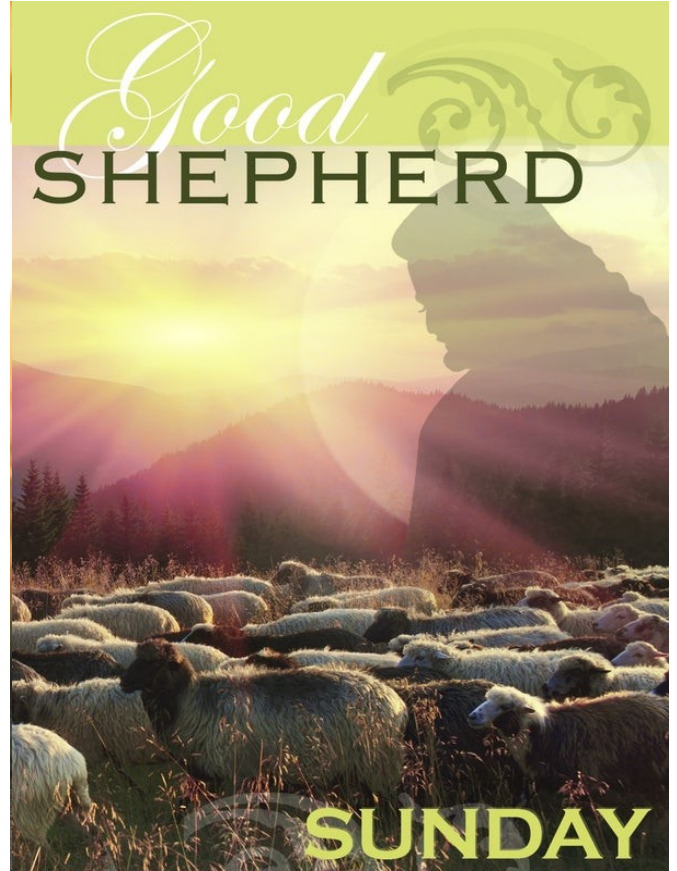
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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.

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Weekly Inspiration
4th Sunday of Easter
 April 26, 2026

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice,” Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

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Week-at-a-Glance

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> + <i>Domenico Digregorio</i>	Church

Sunday, Apr. 26 First Communion Sunday

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

Monday, Apr. 27

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Daphne Bailey</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Apr. 29

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

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Connie Roderick</i>	Church
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Friday, May 1

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Saturday, May 2

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00am	K-5 Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Church
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>John Tujo</i>	Church

Sunday, May 3

8:30am	Family Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass + <i>Richard Lochrie</i>	Church

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

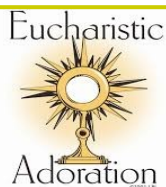
This weekend we celebrate 1st Holy Communion for almost 40 of our young people. Jesus tells us that he is the Bread of Life. These young people will be receiving the Bread of Life for the first time. As Catholics, we believe that the bread and wine are transformed during the prayers of the Mass by Jesus into the real presence of his body and blood. It still looks like unleavened bread and tastes like wine but sacramentally it has become the true presence of Jesus. He comes right inside our lives/our bodies in this sacrament.

Here are a few things Jesus said about the Eucharist: “Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life within you (John 6:53), Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them (John 6:56), Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world (John 6:51).” At the Last Supper when Jesus first gave the Eucharist to his apostles he said, “Do this in memory of me”.

The apostles continued to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday after the resurrection, and we continue that every Sunday when we come to Mass to celebrate the Eucharist. We are following Jesus’ command to “do this in memory of me”. Holy Communion changes us. Every time we receive the Eucharist we are changed, we become more like Jesus.

This weekend we celebrate with our young people as they receive their first Holy Communion. And we celebrate the gift of this sacrament that unites all of us with Jesus.

~ *Fr. Don*



Saturday, May 2 2-4pm
 Come and spend a few minutes
 with the Lord in prayer.
 Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Scripture Readings
5th Sunday of Easter
 May 3rd, 2026

Reading 1 - Acts 6:1-7(52A)
 Psalms - Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,18-19
 Reading 2 - 1 Pet 2:4-9
 Gospel - John 14:1-12

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Welcoming Our Children to the Eucharistic



<i>Amy</i>	<i>Arlo</i>	<i>Baxter</i>	<i>Brianna</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Debbie</i>	<i>Dylan</i>
<i>Ella</i>	<i>Emma</i>	<i>Evan</i>	<i>Finn</i>	<i>Fox</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Gianna</i>
<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Henry</i>	<i>Hildie</i>	<i>Ian</i>	<i>Isabella</i>	<i>Kathleen</i>	<i>Kaden</i>
<i>Leo</i>	<i>Lucy</i>	<i>Madden</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Mateo</i>	<i>Mia</i>	<i>Miles</i>
<i>Morrie</i>	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Philip</i>	<i>Philippe</i>	<i>Rory</i>	<i>Sofia</i>	<i>Soren</i>
<i>Stella</i>	<i>Will</i>	<i>Ronan</i>				

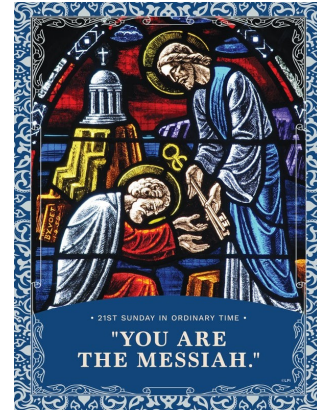
FIRST COMMUNION



“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . St. Peter and the Early Church

As we begin our journey into the Acts of the Apostles, we first focus on St. Peter, the head of the Apostles and our first pope. The Gospels provide a great profile of St. Peter. He was the first Apostle, a fisherman, who could be called “The Fisherman Philosopher”, for he asked the Lord more questions than the others. For example, “To whom shall we go?” “Where are you going?” and “Why cannot I follow you?”

At Caesarea Philippi after Simon Peter declared to Jesus , *“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Jesus replied: “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, (Jesus changes his name) and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven...” (Mt 16: 16:19).*



Peter became part of Jesus’ inner circle along with James and John. He witnessed the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor where Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus, the raising of Jairus’ daughter, and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. It was there that Peter fell from grace by sleeping instead of praying. Later he denied Jesus three times, and fled in fear after the crucifixion. Yet Jesus appeared to him and the other disciple on the shores of Galilee and asked Peter three times if he loved him. Through these three affirmations, Peter was forgiven. All of this is taken from the Gospel passages.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is the main figure up to chapter 12. Paul first appears in chapter 7 and dominates most of the stories from chapter 12 through 28 except during the Council of Jerusalem, where Paul meets Peter and the Church welcomes the Gentiles.

Some of the important decisions Peter made for the early Church included choosing a new apostle to replace Judas. Two candidates were proposed, Joseph and Matthias, and after prayer and casting lots, Matthias was chosen. We also hear the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter’s speech in Jerusalem, and then 3,000 people joining the Church. (from the upcoming reading on Pentecost Sunday).

Peter also healed a crippled beggar which increased the number of believers up to 5,000. He and John were arrested but later released with orders not to preach in the name of Jesus again. Despite this, Peter continued preaching. People even brought the sick so that Peter’s shadow might fall upon them to be cured. As a result, he was imprisoned again, but through the prayers of the community, he experienced a miraculous escape.

As the Church grew, the need for helpers led to the creation of the diaconate (more about that next week with Saints Stephen and Philip). In the name of Jesus, Peter healed Aeneas at Lydda and restored Tabitha to life. Then Peter encountered the centurion, Cornelius the Gentile. Both Peter and Cornelius see visions that bring them together. They dine and Cornelius’ household is baptized. This event inspired Peter to advocate for the baptism of the Gentiles.

Tradition places Peter in Antioch, where he later founded a Christian community. He then went on to Rome and wrote two letters to Christian communities, and was ultimately crucified under Nero in the year 64 AD.

~ Deacon Bill

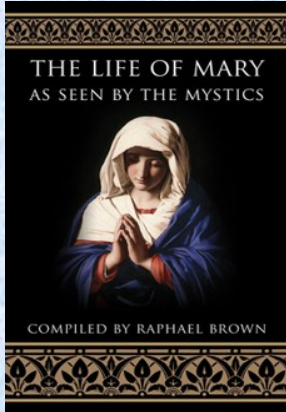
Adult Faith Formation

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Wednesday Morning Book Study

Begins May 6

9:00 - 10:30am Downstairs Parish Office



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Community Life



Annual Heritage Potluck
Sunday, May 31
following the 10:45am Mass Parish Hall

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

Interested in attending? Please register at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/walking-with-purpose>

Need more information?

Contact Maria Boulton at 646.939.7522
or Kim Zea at 503.244.1037, ext 104

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.19.26	\$11,261	\$12,472	(\$1,211)
Total April	\$36,342		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$512,905	\$523,809	(\$10,903)

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



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Reflect and Respond to Today's Scripture

1st Reading

The crowds believed Peter's proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

2nd Reading

Peter speaks of Jesus' wounds healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life?

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,

Be the Good Shepherd in my life.

Help me to know your voice and to respond.

Help me to find your fold
and the paths on which you lead.

Bless me with verdant pastures and restful waters.

Refresh my soul. Amen. ©LPi

Outreach

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 and helping parishioners recycle usable goods.

You can be part of Junque & Jewels by:

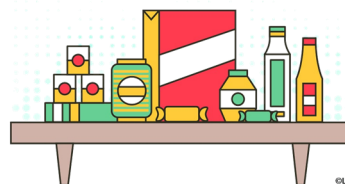
- Saving your used "junque" to donate - most wanted items are dishes & kitchenware, clothes & linens, small appliances & furniture, books & media, toys, games & sporting goods, & décor
- Bringing your donations to the St. Clare gym from June 13-15
- Volunteering to help for set-up, merchandising, pricing, sales, clean-up and MORE! Volunteer opportunities are available from June 13-22. NO experience needed.

Sale Dates: June 19, 20, & 21

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

Food Pantry Needs

- Spaghetti Sauce & Cold Cereal
- Peanut Butter • Jelly or Jam • Hand Soap
- Toothpaste • Shampoo



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.

St. Clare Youth Ministry

SKY-ZONE



NIGHT

Mass

5:00 - 6:00

Sky-Zone

6:00 - 8:00

**Drop off and Pick up
at Sky Zone**



MAY 9, 2026

**Deadline to Sign UP Online is
Friday, April 30, 2026**

For More Information

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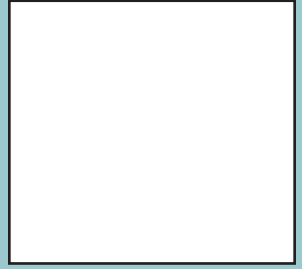
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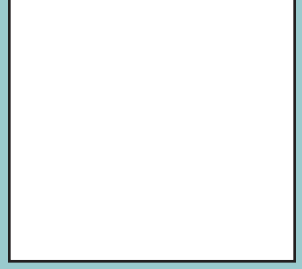
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