



St. Clare Parish

Aug. 10, 2025

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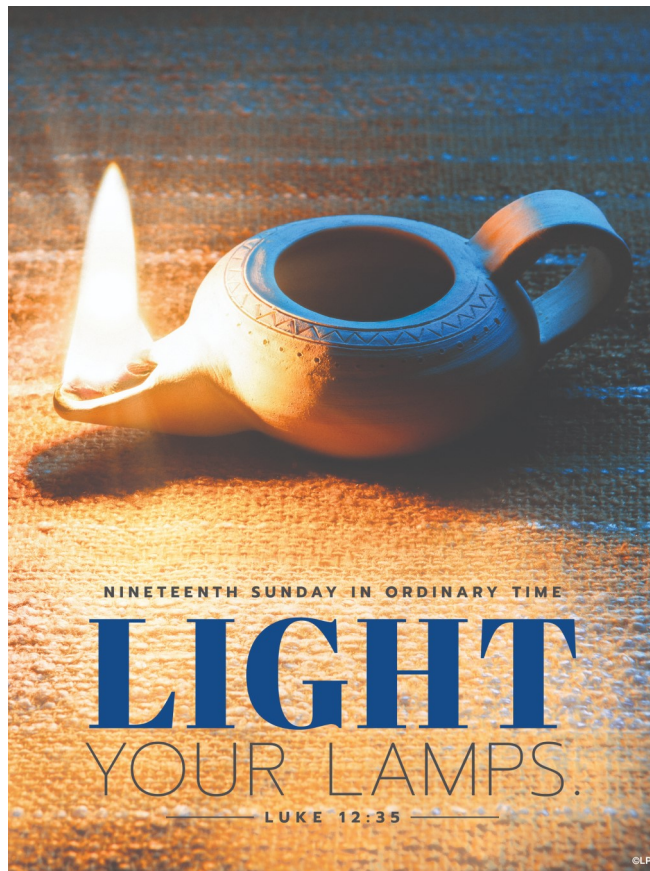
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 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 Inspirations

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 10, 2025

We are the servants and God is our master. He has told us His will, and given us all that we need to carry out His directions. Do we have the courage to act as our master desires? Do we have what it takes to be stewards of God's grace? ©LPi

Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Aug. 9

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

5:00pm Vigil Mass +Barbara Gruenfeldt Church

Sunday, Aug. 10

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:00am Blessing of Mary's Garden Parish Office Backyard

10:45am Mass +John McCormick Church

Monday, Aug. 11 Happy Feast of St. Clare!

8:30am Daily Mass *John Kowalczyk* Church

Wednesday, Aug. 13

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, Aug. 14

8:30am Daily Mass *The Johnson Family* Church

9:00am Pilgrimage to The Grotto

Friday, Aug. 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

8:30am Holy Day Mass Church

7:00pm Holy Day Mass Church

Saturday, Aug. 16

9:30am Sisters in the Spirit Gathering Parish Office

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

5:00pm Vigil Mass +Ed Wosleger Church

Sunday, Aug. 17

8:30am Mass +James Shand Church

9:40am Charitable Giving Presentation Parish Hall

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

This weekend we honor our patroness, St. Clare of Assisi. She lived about 800 years ago in Assisi, Italy and she was the first woman to join St. Francis' troupe of disciples. She spent all of her adult life leading the Poor Clares, the women's division of Francis' followers. Clare was a strong and committed woman. She was very prayerful and lived super simply in order to devote all her attention to God and serving God's people. I'm honored to be serving here at St. Clare Church, a church dedicated to such a strong and devout woman.

This weekend we dedicate our new Mary's Garden. The garden is located behind the parish office building. If you haven't walked through it yet, please walk over there and enjoy the peaceful garden. The garden project was headed up by Maria Clemente and funded by many people's specific donations, but especially by Craig and Vicky Kelly. The Kellys are long time parishioners who are dedicated to the good of St. Clare Church. I appreciate their generosity. Silvino Pacheco (parishioner and landscaper) used his expertise to install the garden. We'll dedicate the garden at 10am this Sunday.

This week on Thursday, we have our mini-pilgrimage to The Grotto. Many parishioners have signed up for the prayerful event. We'll start with Mass here at St. Clare at 8:30am, then we'll carpool over to The Grotto, have a tour by Pia de Leon, time for quiet reflection while wandering the gardens and chapels, and pray the rosary together. We'll finish the mini-pilgrimage about lunchtime.

Enjoy your summertime everyone! ~ Fr. Don

All Invited!

Charitable Giving Presentation

Sunday, Aug. 17

9:40am (following 8:30am Mass) Parish Hall

Grab a donut and join us for a special presentation on charitable giving. If you are planning to attend the 10:45 Mass, join us for this presentation first. Shawn Downey, parishioner, school parent, and financial advisor, will share insights on how to give charitably in tax-effective ways. Learn more about your giving options, available resources, and key strategies to consider in more detail. All are welcome! For questions before the event, contact Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.



“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . St. Clare of Assisi

This weekend our Parish honors our own personal patron saint, St. Clare of Assisi. She was born to a wealthy family in Assisi in 1194 when St. Francis was 13 years old. Francis in his early twenties experienced a voice from God that directed him to live for God alone and take “Lady Poverty” as his bride. In 1209, Francis began his itinerant ministry and had other men follow him. Clare had witnessed the journey of Francis and decided to follow his way of life. On Palm Sunday 1212, she met Francis and his brothers at a chapel and committed herself to live the Gospel in poverty and chastity. Eventually, Francis invited Clare to lead a community of women and provided a small house for them near the church of San Damiano. They wore rough habits, went barefoot, fasted, slept on the floor, abstained from meat, and spoke only when necessary.



Later Clare befriended Queen Agnes of Bohemia who also became a saint. Four letters which Clare wrote to Agnes between 1234 and 1253 have been preserved. They provide a look into the spirituality of St. Clare. In one portion of the 4th Letter composed in the same year as her death, Clare asks the Queen to look at herself in Christ the Mirror . . .

Happy the soul to whom it is given to attain this life with Christ, to cleave with all one's heart to Him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts behold forever; whose love inflames our love; whose contemplation is our refreshment; whose graciousness is our delight; whose gentleness fills us to overflowing; whose remembrance gives sweet light; whose fragrance revives the dead; whose glorious vision will be the happiness of all citizens of that heavenly Jerusalem. For he is the brightness of eternal glory, the splendor of eternal light, the mirror without spot. Look into that mirror daily. O queen and spouse of Jesus. Always study your face in it, so that within and without you may adorn and clothe and gird yourself with all manner of virtue. So by God's grace you can contemplate blessed poverty, holy humility, and sacred charity, which are reflected in that mirror.

St. Agnes of Bohemia (Prague) opted for a life of charity, mortification of the flesh and piety over a life of luxury and comfort. She founded and lived in a convent in Prague which was a double monastery for Franciscan friars and Poor Clare nuns. It appears she was formed by her relationship with St. Clare and performed many miracles in her life dying in 1282.

St. Clare was said to have the gift of healing, but she herself was ill for about 27 years before she died in 1253 at the age of 59. (Francis died in 1226 at the age of 45 with the stigmata which he received on Sept. 17, 1224.) St. Clare had a large following of women known as the Poor Clares with convents located in Italy and France. She died in 1253, the day after the Rule of St. Clare for her order was approved by Pope Innocent IV. Her last words were reported to be, “Blessed be You, O God, for having created me.”

St. Clare pray for us!

~ Deacon Bill

Quote taken from Clare of Assisi. *The Legends and Writings of St. Clare*, Translated by Ignatius Brady, St. Bonaventure, NY: The Franciscan Institute, 1953.

Last Call . . . Pilgrimage to The Grotto

Thursday, Aug. 14

following the 8:30am Daily Mass

Sign-up TODAY at the church doors!



Come and celebrate Jubilee 2025 with a trip to The Grotto with other St. Clare "pilgrims" for a time of prayer and reflection while surrounded by the beauty of the grounds. Plan to attend daily Mass at St. Clare and then carpool together to The Grotto, an officially designated Pilgrimage Site. Our tour will be led by Pia de Leon, St. Clare parishioner and The Grotto board member. To learn more about The Grotto, please visit www.thegrotto.org.

Note: To visit the upper gardens, The Grotto is offering a special discount pass for pilgrim groups:

\$8.95 adults (12-64) \$7.95 seniors (65+)

\$4.95 youth (6-11) Free for children 5 and under

Community Life

St. Clare Women's Ministry

Sisters in the Spirit



Next Gathering: Saturday, Aug. 16
9:30-11am Downstairs at the Parish Office

All women of the parish
are invited to join us for connection,
spiritual joy, and refreshments!

Questions? Contact Joanie
at joanieq143@gmail.com

For more information
about the Sisters in the Spirit,
visit sis-ministry.mailchimpsites.com/

Mark your Calendars!

September EVENTS

Men's Spiritual Support Group

Begins Tuesday, Sept. 2

7pm Downstairs at the Parish Office

*Men, are you ready for
an unconventional kind of grace?*

Join us this season as we dive into Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Accidental Saints." We'll explore raw, honest stories from her life and her church, proving that holiness isn't about being perfect — it's about being real.

We will meet on the first Tuesday of each month and challenge what we think we know about faith, finding grace in the messiness of life. This is a space for connection, honest reflection, and discovering that we are all accidental saints, chosen not because we are good, but because we are loved.

*Ready to discover grace in the most unexpected
places and people?* Please contact Nate Morrison
at nate@endyem.com or 503.245.2837 to sign up
and reserve your spot.

Save the Date!

ST CLARE PICNIC



Sunday, Sept. 7

following our annual 10am One Mass

More details coming soon.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Sept. 27

Parish Hall 2:15-7pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org
(Sponsor Code is St.ClarePortland)

If you need assistance with registering,
call 800.RED.CROSS or contact Maria DaSilva,
St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator,
at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com.

Community Life

Attention: 5pm Mass Attendees

After 5pm Mass Social

Wondering what happened to our monthly socials after Saturday 5pm Mass?

They have been on hold until an individual, family or group steps forward to host these simple gatherings on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Hosting involves planning and serving light snacks and beverages plus easy clean-up. Volunteer hours are 4:30-7:30pm with time allowed to attend 5pm Mass if desired. Willing to lend a hand? Please contact Kim Zea at ext. 104 or kim@saintclarechurch.org.



Outreach

Fr. Jim's Toiletry Project

During your August travels, please remember to collect small, personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, dental supplies and hand sanitizer on your travels. Then bring them to the baskets at church or front porch of the parish office. They will help us to fill hundreds of gift bags in mid-November for our neighbors in need. Your continued support of this annual outreach project is always much appreciated! ~ Fr. Jim



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Fruits & Vegetables • Tuna • Pasta Sauce
- Jams & Jellies • Cooking Oils • Paper Towels

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

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Beyond St. Clare



UPCOMING SPORTS

SEASON BEGINS
AUGUST 18TH



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QUESTIONS?

Contact CYO Office at
info@cyocamphoward.org
503-231-9484



Scripture Readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 17, 2025

Reading 1 - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalms - PS 40:2, 3, 4, 18

Reading 2 - Heb 12:1-4

Gospel - Lk 12:49-53

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 8.3.25	\$9,353	\$12,472	(\$3,119)
Month of July	\$48,455	\$55,232	(\$6,776)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$56,367	\$62,630	(\$5,993)

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

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