



# St. Clare Parish

**Aug. 17, 2025**

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

## Church

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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 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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## Weekly Inspirations

**20th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
Aug. 17, 2025

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames. ©LPI

## Week-at-a Glance

### **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

### **Monday, Aug. 18**

8:30am	Daily Mass Vincent Michael Palacios	Church
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### **Wednesday, Aug. 20**

8:30am	Daily Mass Vincent Michael Palacios	Church
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### **Thursday, Aug. 21**

8:30am	Daily Mass Vincent Michael Palacios	Church
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### **Friday, Aug. 22**

8:30am	Day Mass Vincent Michael Palacios	Church
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### **Saturday, Aug. 23**

1:00pm	Hono Yacapin Funeral	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +Domenico Digregorio	Church

### **Sunday, Aug. 24**

8:30am	Mass Henkelman Family	Church
10:45am	Mass For the People	Church

*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 10:45am 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](mailto:mschuld@stclarepdx.org).

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

Last Saturday morning, we had a big celebration honoring Fr. Jim Galluzzo's 80th birthday and 35th anniversary of ordination. About 400 people attended the Mass and reception here. It was impressive! Fr. Jim is impressive. He is involved in a variety of ministries: education, providing housing and supplies to the homeless, helping migrants, teaching spiritual directors, leading retreats, leading the Urban Spirituality Center, and doing beautiful art in a variety of mediums. He is like the energizer bunny! God is using Fr. Jim in many ways and we are fortunate to have him associated with St. Clare Church. May God continue to bless and use Fr. Jim!

I'll be away Monday-Friday this coming week at my family's annual reunion. We'll meet at the family's little primitive cabin on a lake by Florence. There will be 15 of us including my 4 siblings and their spouses, niece and nephews and grandniece/nephews, and a couple of dogs, too. The humans range in age from 2 to 72. We'll have way too much food, lotsa laughing, swimming and a flotilla of small boats. As I've mentioned before, I am blessed to be part of a really neat family. We always enjoy being together and the cabin is the best place to do that, even though it is only 600 sq. ft, has no electricity, no running water, no road access! I appreciate Fr. Jim covering the Masses while I'm away. I'll be back next weekend.

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

## **Funeral Notice**



The Funeral Mass for Hono Yacapin, husband of Sarah (Morris) Yacapin, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 at 1pm followed by a reception in the parish hall.

## Scripture Readings

### **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Aug. 24, 2025

Reading 1 - Is 66:18 -21

Psalms - PS 117: 1, 2

Reading 2 - Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel - Lk 13:22-30

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

## ***“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Feast of the Assumption***

This past Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption Here are some thoughts from a sermon by St. Germanus of Constantinople (634-732) who was one of the saints who helped form the Catholic doctrines of Mary (Immaculate Conception and Assumption).

“When Christ willed that his Mother, who had borne Life Itself within her, should be taken upwards to himself, he told her through an angel who was already known to her, that the time of her falling asleep was now at hand. And this he did, so that through the intimation of her coming death, she might not be troubled at her departure from the living. For we know that the separation of the body can bring distress of even strong men and women. Therefore, he who knows all things sent an angel to her, to give her strength to the soul by such words as these, coming from Christ himself through him:

It is time for me to take to myself, you, my Mother. As you have filled the earth with joy, so you shall you bring joy to heaven. You will gladden the mansions of my Father and delight the spirits of the saints. For beholding the honor of the angels give to you at your translation to me, they shall be confirmed in their belief that through you their members also shall dwell in my light, oh full of Grace!

Come, therefore with exceeding great joy! Hail and again rejoice as once before. For you above all creatures are worthy of being hailed – full of grace! As when you were about to conceive me, you received tidings of great joy, so now rejoice that once more you are sought for, so be received by me.” \*

It took many years to declare the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as dogma which took place and was declared by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull, *Ineffabilis Deus*, on December 8, 1854. It took many more years for the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary to be declared infallible which took place on November 1, 1950, when Pope Pius XII proclaimed it as dogma through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

It should be noted that papal infallibility was officially defined by Pope Pius IX in 1870 after the dogma of the Immaculate Conception and has only been used in the history of the Church these two times and only regarding the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Mother.

Today the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us “The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the Blessed Mother’s entrance into heavenly glory. Mary’s Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage to eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship in the true meaning of heaven: To live in heaven is ‘to be with Christ.’” (CCC, 1025)

~ Deacon Bill

\* The Sunday Sermons of Great Fathers, Vol. 4. Edited by M.F. Toal, Swedesboro, NJ: Preservation , 1996.

## Outreach



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

#### **Food Pantry Needs**

- Canned Fruits especially Peaches & Mixed Fruit
  - Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Ramen Noodles • Baked Beans

And did you know SNAP benefits cannot be used to purchase hygiene items like shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes or paper products for the kitchen and bathroom? So our SVDP pantry can always use these items.

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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.\**



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Thank you  
for your support.



**Many thanks to all who contribute!**

#### **Offertory Report**

The Offertory Report for Aug. 10  
will be included in the Aug. 24 bulletin.

## Mark your Calendars!

### **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](mailto:nate@endyem.com) or 503.245.2837 to sign up and reserve your spot.



### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Thursday, Sept. 25

Parish Hall 2:15-7pm

Please register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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](mailto:mariad8984@gmail.com).



Deepen your faith and build community.

Save the date for the upcoming  
St Clare Men's ACTS Retreat  
November 13-16.

Come and immerse yourself in  
Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service  
during this enriching weekend retreat.  
Registration will open soon on the parish website.  
For more information, please contact Kim Zea  
at [kim@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:kim@saintclarechurch.org) or x104.





# **One Mass, One Family & St. Clare Picnic**

**Sunday, Sept. 7**

**One Mass at 10am; Picnic 11am - 2pm**

**All invited for Fellowship, Food, Carnival Games, & Family Fun!**



**MENU:** Fried Chicken, Salads,  
Fruit, Chips, Desserts & Drinks

**LIVE MUSIC**  
by Todd Yuratich, School Dad



**BRING:** Blankets & Lawn Chairs  
(Limited table space for those who need it.)

Canned or Boxed Food Donations for our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry



**NEEDED: Picnic Volunteers!**

To lend a hand, go to [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

**Dessert Donations and Prizes for Kid's Carnival Games Appreciated!**

Sign-up is by the east church door.

For prize ideas, visit [Amazon wish list](#)

Please deliver to Parish Office by Tuesday, Sept. 2.



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