



St. Clare Parish

Aug. 24, 2025

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

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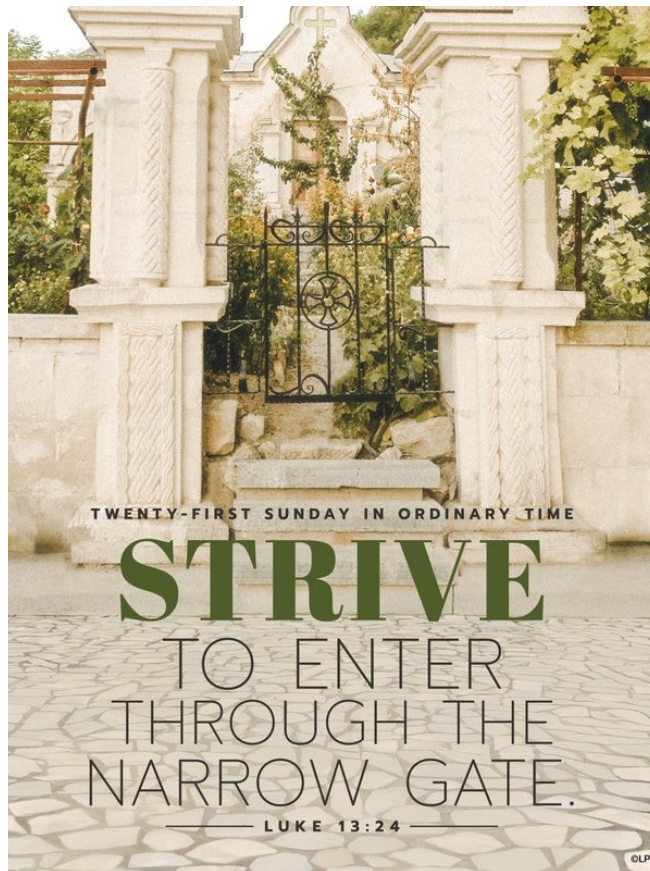
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 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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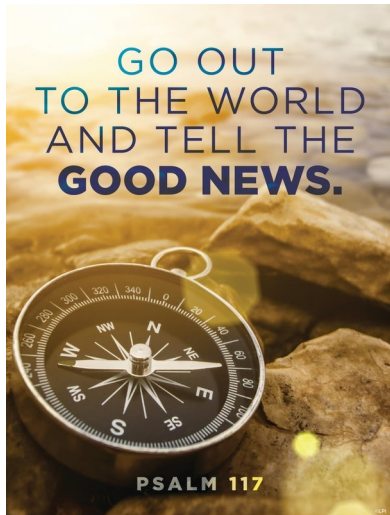


Weekly Inspirations

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 24, 2025

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,” Jesus tells us. “Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough.” So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help. ©LPi



Week-at-a- Glance

Saturday, Aug. 23

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

Sunday, Aug. 24

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

Monday, Aug. 25

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Vincent Michael Palacios</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Aug. 27

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Vincent Michael Palacios</i>	Church
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Thursday, Aug. 28

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Mary Kaye Doane</i> + <i>Douglas M. Doane</i>	Church
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Friday, Aug. 29

8:30am	Day Mass <i>Paulette Sonnen</i>	Church
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Saturday, Aug. 30

4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Genevieve Soule</i> , + <i>Webster Soule</i> & + <i>Diana Soule</i>	Church

Sunday, Aug. 31

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

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Fr. Don has been on vacation this week. His Musings will return in the Aug. 31 bulletin.

Youth and Children's Faith Formation

Faith Formation Registration



***Sign-up NOW for
Classes beginning in September!***

First Communion

Grades 2-3 and Grades 4-6

Confirmation

Grades 7-12

Youth Ministry

Grades 6-12

To view schedules and register,
please visit www.saintclarechurch.org.

On the homepage, click Sacraments
then First Communion or Confirmation.

For Youth Group, click on Faith Formation >
Youth Ministry > Youth Group.

***We look forward to growing
in faith with your family!***

Questions? Please contact
Debbie Henkelman,
Children's Faith Formation Coordinator,
at debbie@saintclarechurch.org or x103.

Prayer for Holiness

*Good Shepherd,
Guide me through the narrow gate. Remove from
me anything that distracts me from You, Your love,
Your invitation, Your mission. Keep me close to You,
familiar at every step. Amen.* ©LPi

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Reflection on Today’s Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Today’s Gospel might make us squirm in our seats.

We meet Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. Passing through the various towns and villages on his route, he stops and teaches those who have come out to hear him. Someone along the way asks him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved? Jesus rarely answers a question directly. He doesn’t this time either. He turns the question back on the questioner. He says, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

What does he mean by “enter through the narrow gate”? Does he mean that the number of people who will get into heaven is limited? It sure seems that’s what Jesus means when he says that the gate is narrow, but we do know that anything worth having in this world requires work. We want a strong body, we work for it. We want a strong marriage, we work at it. We want a strong company, we work for it. Why should it be any different in our faith?

Maybe the person who asked that question of Jesus was thinking about a friend, a neighbor, a family member – someone who was lacking in their faith and love of God.

The idea that seems to be widespread with a lot of people in the Catholic Church today is that the Christian life is easy and that requires only a minimal output of effort. What an absurd idea! I heard it said, “90% percent of our parishes across the country require less commitment than the local Rotary club.” This is disturbing, yet who could deny it is true?

The narrow gate suggests that Christ loves us whoever we may be and whatever we have done, but Christ expects that we will not stay where we are. We need to grow. Christ expects us to strive mightily to live according to the standard he has established for us. Simply put, “Love God and love your neighbor. Life is a journey - we can’t just say I know all my prayers and I come to Mass every Sunday. The psalm today says it all, “Go out to all the world and tell the good news.” Jesus demands more from us! His message should motivate us to leave our comfort zone and help others enter that narrow gate.

Our best selling point is not necessarily our words but our behavior and our actions. I’m sure we are all doing this, but maybe it’s time for us to use our words and ask those we are concerned about and those we meet, a simple question that was popular a few years back and still applies today: *If you were put on trial for being a Christian, could enough evidence be presented to convict you?*

Jesus saying the gate is narrow and asking people to know Him requires work. We who are here at Mass every week or even reading this should be the people who help others. Our faith asks us to invite our neighbors who are missing from Mass and church to come back.

God loves all of us whoever we are, but the narrow gate suggests that we should not stay where we are. We are called to be God’s helpers. Christ calls us to a new way of living - a life of loving God and loving our neighbor with prayer and with action.

We are all are on a journey. All journeys are meant to bring us to a destination. The only true destination is heaven and our focus should be helping those who have strayed to return. Our true challenge as active Catholics is the salvation of souls which requires us to know Jesus Christ who leads us to heaven by continually feeding us with his body and blood.

~ Deacon Bill

Adult Faith Formation

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.



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.

For more details and to register, go to
www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats
or scan the QR code:



Questions? Contact Kim Zea
at kim@saintclarechurch.org or x104.

Outreach



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Fruits • Hamburger Helper
- Pancake Syrup • Cooking Oil

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.

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.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Sept. 25

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.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 8.17.25	\$12,731	\$12,472	\$206
W/E 8.10.25	\$9,667	\$12,472	(\$2,804)
August	\$30,309	\$37,415	(\$7,106)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$79,164	\$87,304	(\$8,140)

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

Scan the QR code
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Thank you for your support.



Scripture Readings ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Aug. 31, 2025

Reading 1 - Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 Psalms - PS 68:4-7, 10-1 Reading 2 - Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Gospel - Lk 14:1, 7-14

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org.



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!



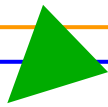
MENU: Fried Chicken, Salads,
Fruit, Chips, Desserts & Drinks

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](#) or
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](#) or
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at debbiehenkelman923@gmail.com.



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