



St. Clare Parish

Aug. 3, 2025

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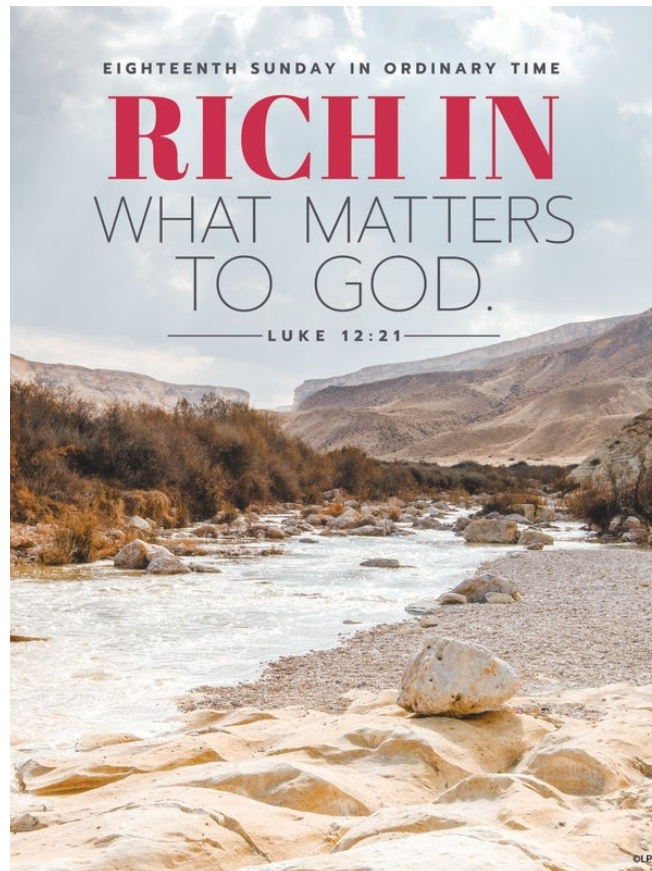
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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 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.

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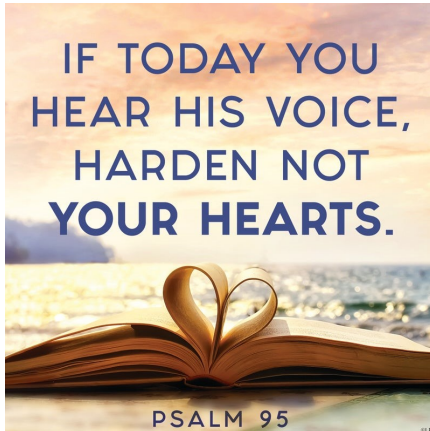


Weekly Inspirations

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 3, 2025

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth? ©LPi



Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Aug. 2

2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration (until 4pm)	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +John Tujo	Church

Sunday, Aug. 3

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

Monday, Aug. 4

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Wednesday, Aug. 6

8:30am	Daily Mass +Agnes Roberts	Church
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Thursday, Aug. 7

8:30am	Daily Mass +Christine Zotter	Church
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Friday, Aug. 8

8:30am	Daily Mass +Stephen Loomis	Church
11:00am	Christine Zotter Funeral	Church
	Reception following	Parish Hall

Saturday, Aug. 9

4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +Barbara Gruenfeldt	Church

Sunday, Aug. 10

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:00am	Blessing of Mary's Garden	Parish Office Backyard
10:45am	Mass +John McCormick	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Summer is going full swing. I hope you are having some extra leisure time to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Things are going well here at St. Clare. Our St. Clare Preschool/Daycare continues on through the summer. The summer program includes a lot of outdoor time in our nature garden. I love seeing the children out there enjoying God's beauty, finding bugs, playing in the sandboxes, climbing on the logs . . . lots of happy kids.

In the summer time we do a deep cleaning of all the preschool classrooms and the K-8 school rooms. Carpets get cleaned, floors polished, paint touched up, repairs made . . . Our maintenance staff is busy making everything spotless for the start of the new school year.

Throughout the summer, we offer week-long day camps for the school children. Mrs. McCarthy and Ms. Cree do a great job of leading these camps. They use some of the older students as counselors, which is great leadership training for those students. It's fun to watch the camp attendees doing water balloon tosses, craft projects, gym games and all kinds of other fun activities.

It's hard to beat Oregon for summertime enjoyment. I hope you are soaking up God's summer blessings.

~ Fr. Don



Funeral Notice ~ Christine Zotter

Friday, Aug. 8 11am

Reception following in the Parish Hall

Christine was an active member of the Church and especially enjoyed singing in the St. Clare Choir and serving in our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Scripture Readings

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 10, 2025

Reading 1 - Wis 18:6-9

Psalms - PS 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Reading 2 - Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel - Lk 12:32-48

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Friday, Aug. 15 ~ Mass at 8:30am and 7pm

Prayer For Summertime

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

Source: marquette.edu/faith/prayer-for-summer.php

Blessing of Mary's Garden ~ Sunday, Aug. 10 at 10am

Many thanks to all who contributed to our Mary's Garden project last spring. In honor of the Feast of St. Clare (Aug. 11) and the Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15), please join us for this special blessing in the parish office backyard.



Join us on a Pilgrimage to The Grotto

Thursday, Aug. 14 following the 8:30am Daily Mass

2025 is a Jubilee Year, a special time in the Church's tradition encouraging holiness through reconciliation and communion with our brothers and sisters. It is being marked by special opportunities for grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Jubilee indulgence, and local pilgrimages. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Grotto in northeast Portland has been designated as an official Pilgrimage Site. "Pilgrims" from St. Clare Parish will attend 8:30am Mass on Aug. 14 and then carpool together to The Grotto for a time of prayer and reflection while surrounded by the beauty of the grounds. Our tour will be led by Pia de Leon, St. Clare parishioner and The Grotto board member.

All are invited to attend. Please sign up at the church doors, so we may plan for the journey.

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

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Parable of the Rich Man

As we all know, we can't take it with us – I have been involved with many funerals in my ministry but have yet to see a U-Haul trailer on a hearse.

Today we hear about a rich man in the gospel, but where does he go wrong?

The rich man in the gospel seems remarkably like us. He is saving something of discernible value, appears to have a good work ethic, and is planning for the future. However, I believe, he makes two mistakes.

First, the rich man never sees beyond himself.

Vanity of vanities benefits us nothing. Vanity adds up to zilch, zip, nada. St. Paul tells us to let go of the old man or woman and become our deepest truest self in Christ. Let us set our hearts on things that matter and not things that are just, well, things. The question to ask ourselves today is this: do we own our stuff or does our stuff own us? As daughters and sons of a loving God, we should recognize that all we have been given in this life are gifts from him. We should use things insofar as they help us live happily, healthy, holy and free; we should divest ourselves of those things which entwine and ensnare our hearts.

Let's ponder the question in the today's gospel, “The things you have prepared to whom will they belong?” Does the rich man think his riches impress anyone? Does he think that anyone really cares he is rich?

There is an old experiment. Name last year's MVP of the Super Bowl? Who won an Oscar this year for the best actor? Who is the richest person in this world? Who was on the cover of *People* magazine most often last year? Now name the best teacher you had in grade school? Name the best coach you ever had. Name your favorite aunt or uncle. Name the people who love you. Name those you love.

It's not about riches or accomplishments that impress. Those things barely matter. What really matters is who we love and who loves us. We are made to love and care for and cherish one another. Fame and fortune come and go with little rhyme or reason.

Secondly, the rich man never sees beyond this world.

There is an old image of heaven and hell. Hell is a place where there is this table laden with all kinds of succulent foods, wines, desserts, thick juicy steaks, fat lobsters, chocolate cakes, ice cream, and pizza, but everyone in hell is sitting five feet away from the table and starving. They can't get any closer, but they do have a set of chopsticks that are about four feet long. They can pick up food, but it is impossible to feed themselves. They spend eternity smelling the flavors and staring at the piles of food as their hungry, starving stomachs rumble.

In heaven, the image is the same with all kinds of food, with everyone sitting at a distance from the table, and holding very long chopsticks still unable to feed themselves, but they are all well nourished and happy. How can this be? Well, everyone in heaven uses their own chopsticks to pick up the food and feed the person near them.

Here at the table of the Lord, we are and become a community. As a community, we are called to help one another. Let us feast, today, together on the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that when we are called from this world, we can gather together to celebrate at that great feast which God has prepared for us.

~ Deacon Bill

Community Life

Attention: 5pm Mass Attendees

After 5pm Mass Social

Wondering what happened to our monthly socials after 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



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Peanut Butter especially Creamy • Applesauce
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- Pasta Sauce • Tomato Sauce • Dried Spaghetti
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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.

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

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Beyond St. Clare



Grief Share Support Group

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St. Anthony Catholic Church in Tigard

Aug. 16 - Nov. 8 9:30-11am

To sign up, contact Nancy Keating at 503.244.7204 or for more information, visit www.griefshare.org.

Only 3 Weeks until Retrouvaille Weekend



The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During these post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

For testimonials, confidential information or to register for the August 22-24 weekend in Canby, Oregon, please visit helpourmarriage.org, call 503.704.7382 or email portland@retrovaille.com.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 7.27.25	\$6,659	\$12,472	(\$5,812)
July 1-27	\$47,014	\$48,105	(\$1,091)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$47,014	\$48,105	(\$1,091)

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

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