



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO ALL!

Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

St. Clare is A Catholic community guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 5:00pm, Vigil
Sunday | 8:30am, 10:45am

For livestream weekend Mass, visit
www.saintclarechurch.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday | 8:30am
Wednesday | 8:30am
Thursday | 8:30am, School Mass
Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4-4:30pm or
by appointment, contact Fr. Don

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monthly on the 1st Saturday from 2-4pm
Benediction at 3:45pm



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Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm; 2:00-5:00pm

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there. @ LPI

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

This weekend we celebrate our patroness, St. Clare of Assisi. She lived 800 years ago, was the first woman follower of St. Francis of Assisi and then helped to establish and lead the women Franciscan order, the Poor Clares. She was an amazing woman. Her faith in God shaped everything she did.

St. Clare was a very prayerful woman. When she came out of a prayer sometimes her face radiated amazing joy.

She was an effective leader. Her leadership style is that of a servant-leader, no job was too simple or lowly for her to do. She lead with love and compassion.

St. Clare was very caring. She and her sisters nursed the sick that came to their convent, helping them to be well.

She led a simple life. The simplicity allowed her to focus her energy on God and God's people and not be distracted by too much "stuff".

She was wise and brave. Popes came to her for advice. When the Seracins threatened to attack the convent she bravely placed the Blessed Sacrament in the front window, trusting that God would protect them. And the Seracins backed off.

Whether we are women or men, we can all imitate St. Clare of Assisi. She sets an example of prayerfulness, dependence on God, and courageous leadership.

Let's keep praying for one another.

~Fr. Don

STAY UPDATED

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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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| ☐ New Parishioner | ☐ New Address |
| ☐ New Phone Number | ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
| ☐ Returning Catholic | ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Church
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i>	Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:30 am	Mass +James Larkins	Church
10:45 am	Mass For the People	Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:00 am	Daily Mass	Church
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

8:00 am	Daily Mass Pierce Tujo	Church
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

8:00 am	Daily Mass	Church
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 am	Daily Mass	Church
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Church
6:00 pm	Mass Social	Parish Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass +Clark Bailey	Church

**We Become
What We Love,
and Who We Love
Shapes
What We Become**



SACRAMENTS

More information available at
saintclarechurch.org/sacraments

BAPTISM

Please contact **Deacon Bill McNamara** for more information.

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Adults please contact **Kim Zea**.

For Teens and Children please contact **Debbie Henkelman**.

MARRIAGE

Please contact **Fr. Don** to learn more about the six-month preparation required for getting married at St. Clare Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. When or where do you hear God's voice?

2nd Reading

Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

Gospel Reading

Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. What are some fears the Lord could help you face?



NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

AUGUST 15-16, 2026 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- First Reading: Revelation 11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab (622)
- Psalms: Psalm 45: 10, 11, 12, 16
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-27
- Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

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

THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

VANQUISHING FEAR WITH FAITH

The Biblical figures featured in this Sunday's sacred texts Elijah, Peter, and Paul, share similar situations. All had a sense of being overwhelmed. All felt helpless to remedy their difficult circumstances. All experienced the grace and power of God, and in that moment knew the peace of God's presence.

Elijah fled to Mount Horeb to escape the wrath of Jezebel, Ahab's wife and queen of the northern Kingdom of Israel. She convinced her husband to erect statues of Ba'al, a foreign god, in the temple in Jerusalem. Jezebel wanted Elijah --a revered prophet-- dead. With nowhere to turn in his moment of peril, Elijah cried out for God to take his life. But God had a better solution; in the quiet of God's revealed presence the prophet found peace.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans (Chapters 9-11) mourned for his Jewish brothers and sisters who had refused to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. He longed that they too could know the fulfillment he had found on the road to Damascus. He pleaded his case with passion, even when it seemed most hopeless. He explained in the passage how he surrendered himself to God's plan and had found serenity in that trust.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33), Jesus invites Peter to step out of the boat and come to Him on the water, calling him to trust in faith. But when Peter leaves the relative safety of the boat to brave the sea and wind, he panics. Jesus extends his hand, and Peter's fears are stilled in the presence of the man he came to believe was the Son of God.

As we remember the experiences of Elijah, Paul, and Peter, many of us will identify with their fear of feeling lost, hopeless and alone. Contemplating an unknown future, fear can claim our reason, our peace, our hope, and even our faith. We might be inclined to follow Elijah's lead and flee from our troubles. We might feel like Peter did on the tumultuous waters: about to drown in a dangerous sea of anxiety.

It is in that moment that the assurance of God's presence invites us to move from fear to faith. Fear is a complex human emotion, triggered by the perception of danger, pain, or threat. It serves as a survival mechanism, prompting the body's fight or flight response. Fear helps us to protect ourselves from harm. Elijah knew fear when he was marked for death

by Jezebel. Peter knew such fear when the storm came up on the Sea of Galilee. Paul carried this fear on behalf of his Jewish brothers and sisters. Through their believing, each of these theological mentors moved beyond fear to a place of peace in God's presence.

We need to have a bridge, that provides a path from fear to faith.

Elijah found not only that God was waiting to welcome him, but that God had been with him all along. Paul longed to shepherd his fellow Jews across the bridge to faith in Jesus. By his faith he sought to provide example and still their fears. For Peter, Jesus, by his outstretched hand over the raging waters, represented triumph over fear and salvation.

St. Brendan the navigator has a lovely prayer: "Help me, O God, for my boat is so small and your sea is so great." St. Faustina, whose image graces the front of St. Clare Church, offered this simple prayer:

"Jesus, I Trust in You."

We are like a small boat tossed by the storms of life. Our lives are beset by threatening waves of temptation, fears of failure, and the scourges of stress and anxiety. At times we may be tempted to give up the ship, to lose courage, and lose heart. Today, as we gather to worship, the Lord is saying to us, "Take courage, do not be afraid."

~ Deacon Bill



OUTREACH



ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Boxed Mac 'n' Cheese
- Canned Vegetables
- Applesauce Cups or Jars
- Tuna Helper



Back-to-School Needs

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent

Please check expiration dates to ensure food items have not expired.

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

HELP KIDS Start Strong!

We are collecting school supplies for homeless and houseless children in our community.

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Notebooks
- Rulers
- School glue in bottles
- Small Kleenex packages

WE NEED THEM BY AUGUST 19

Thank you

Thanks Fr James Galluzzo: Diversity as Gift

ADMINISTRATION



OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

The Offertory Report for August 02 will be included in the next bulletin

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MAY GOD
GUIDE
your steps

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**ST. CLARE'S**
FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW
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Do you love classic cars? Cool trucks? Motorcycles that make your neighbors slightly jealous? Then clear your calendar and join us for **St. Clare's First Annual Car Show!**

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 **1:00-3:00 PM**
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ST CLARE PICNIC

ONE MASS, ONE FAMILY

Sunday, September 13

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

All invited for fellowship, food, and fun for the whole family



ST. CLARE MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Deepen your faith and build community

September 17-20

Come and immerse yourself in Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service during this enriching weekend retreat. For more details, contact Kim Zea at Kim@saintclarechurch.org

Faith Formation Information



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA (formerly RCIA) is for adults and children who are interested in becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or learning more about the Catholic faith.

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For more details, contact Kim Zea
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WHAT: A weekend to strengthen
communication and renew your marriage.

WHO: Married couples experiencing
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WHEN: August 21-23, 2026

WHERE: Canby, Oregon

Learn more: HelpOurMarriage.org



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