



St. Clare Parish

Dec. 10, 2023

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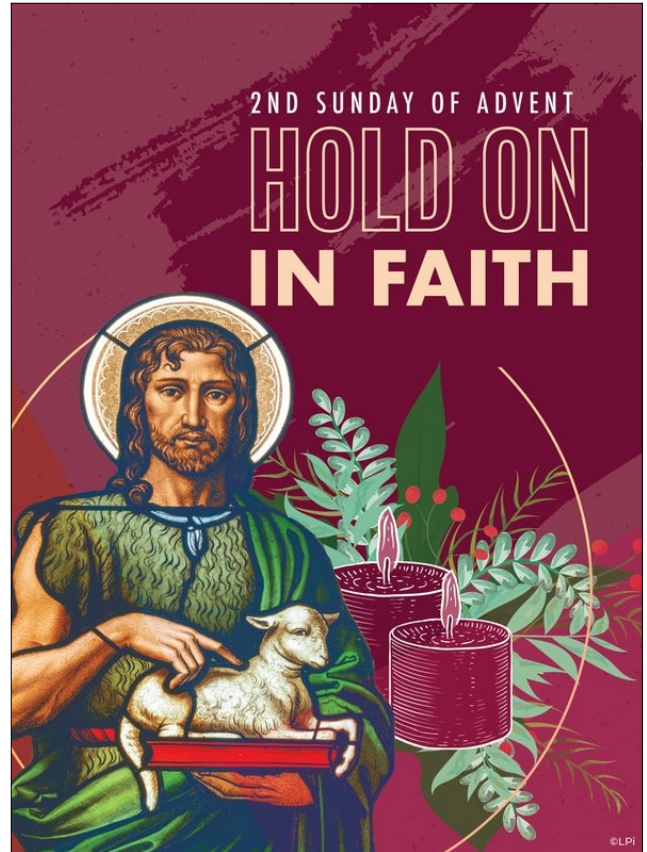
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 Children** Contact sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |



Weekly Inspiration
2nd Sunday of Advent
 Dec. 10, 2023

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in. ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Dec. 9

10:00am	Dave Montgomery Funeral Mass	Church
4:00pm	Confessions until 4:30pm	Church
5:00pm	Youth Mass	Church

Sunday, Dec. 10

8:30am	Mass <i>Mary Helen Filz</i>	Church
9:00am	Giving Tree Drop-Off (ends at 1pm)	Parish Office
10:45am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church

Monday, Dec. 11

8:05am	Weekly Rosary	Church
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church

Tuesday, Dec. 12

7:00pm	Giving Tree Drop-Off (ends at 9pm)	Parish Office
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Wednesday, Dec. 13

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Edith Luther</i>	Church
9:00am	Advent Reflection & Adoration	Church

Thursday, Dec. 14

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>+Ruth Prissel</i>	Church
6:30pm	School Christmas Program	Church

Friday, Dec. 15

8:30am	Mass <i>+Viola Wray</i>	Church
7:00pm	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service	Church

Saturday, Dec. 16

9:00am	Giving Tree Delivery Day (ends 12pm)	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confessions until 4:30pm	Church
5:00pm	Youth Mass	Church
6:00pm	Soup & Caroling	Parish Office

Sunday, Dec. 17

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass <i>Edith Luther</i>	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

This week, we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception recognizing Mary being born free from original sin so that she could be the perfectly pure woman to birth the Christ child. Besides being born free from sin, she lived her life without sinning. Mary is a perfect example for us to strive to live our lives free from sin.

As I said during the Immaculate Conception Masses, if we were baptized as babies, our baptism washed away original sin, and in a sense we "caught up" to Mary at that point. But then as we grew older, we gave into our weaknesses and chose to sin, so then we were different from Mary. But when we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are washed free from sin, so once again we "catch up" to Mary.

During this season of Advent, I will be available for confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation) after all the weekend Masses. We will also have our Advent Reconciliation Service this Friday, Dec. 15 at 7pm. Two other priests will join me. We will have a brief prayer service followed by individual confessions. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of confession during this Advent season of preparation for Christmas. Baptism and Reconciliation allow us to "catch up" to Mary in being free from sin. Do it!

Blessings to you all. ~ Fr. Don



Congratulations to Mary Helen Filz, longtime parishioner, faithful 8:30am Mass attendee, and dedicated volunteer for many years! She will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Best wishes to Mary Helen!

Scripture Readings

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 17, 2023

Reading 1 - IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

Psalms - LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Reading 2 - 1 THES 5:16-24

Gospel - JN 1:6-8, 19-28

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



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Important Dates Giving Tree 2023

Drive-thru Drop-off Donation Sundays

Nov. 26, Dec. 3 & Dec. 10
9am-1pm
Parish Office Garage

Drive-thru Drop-off Tuesday Evenings

Dec. 5 7-9pm
Dec. 12 7-9pm
Parish Office Garage

Donation Sorting - All Days/Times are Filled! Thank you!

Monday, Dec. 11 7-9pm
Tuesday, Dec. 12 7-9pm
Wednesday, Dec. 13 7-9pm
Thursday, Dec. 14 7-9pm
Friday, Dec. 15 4pm

Delivery Day

Saturday, Dec. 16, 9am-12pm
Parish Office Parking Lot

Questions? Contact Theresa at
pntduda@gmail.com



Final Donation Drop-Off Events - Parish Office Garage, Sunday, Dec. 10, 9am-1pm & Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7-9pm



- * Shelf-Stable Cookies
- * Soap - Bath, Dish & Laundry
- * Shampoo
- * Toilet Paper
- * Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- * Christmas Candy & Nuts
- * Checks payable to St. Clare Church. Please write "Giving Tree" on the memo line.
- * Donations also accepted online via the parish online giving link at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/funds/giving-tree>



- * Donors please bring your turkeys and hams to the Dec. 10 Drop-off Event or the parish office lower back door during any of the sorting times on Dec. 11-15. (See side bar). Ring the door bell and a volunteer will come to collect your donations. They should not be left unattended on the front porch of the parish office.
- * **More Turkeys and Hams are needed.** To donate, please contact Mary at 503.246.9265 or marybunday@yahoo.com.

Delivery Day, Saturday, Dec. 16, 9am-12pm, Parish Office Garage

Delivery drivers are needed throughout the morning. To volunteer, please contact Theresa at pntduda@gmail.com.

- * Box pick-up times will be assigned every 15 minutes. Many drivers make multiple trips.
- * Drivers will use a drive-thru procedure to pick up boxes entering from SW Spring Garden St. and exiting SW 19th Ave.
- * Drivers will not exit their cars; volunteers will load items and boxes into cars.



Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . The Eucharist in the Catechism

As we continue through our Advent Season this year, the Archdiocese has asked us to focus on the Eucharist since we are in the middle of the year of Eucharistic Revival. This revival asks us - no matter where we are on our journey of faith - to grow in love for the Eucharist and to make it the source and summit of our lives.



Not many of us embrace the Catechism since it is a rather large book. However, it is a tool to enlighten us with the true teaching of the Catholic Church that has been handed on to us through scripture and tradition. Chapter two, entitled *The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*, introduces us to the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It defines a sacrament as “*an efficacious sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.*” (CCC 1131)

As we delve into what stands out in the section on the Eucharist, St Thomas Aquinas wrote that *we can love only what we know*. The Archdiocese has given us the following sections of the Catechism in order to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist, so we can come to love and embrace Jesus more deeply in His Real Presence:

(CCC 1324) The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all the ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. (OP5) For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” (Pasch in the early church referred to the Pascal Mystery of Jesus – the Passion, Death, and Resurrection.)

The following paragraphs sum up how Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus in BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, and DIVINITY.

(CCC 1406) Jesus said: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; ... he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and ... abides in me, and I in him” (John 6:51, 54)

(CCC 1407) The Eucharist is the heart and summit of the Church’s life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once and for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the grace of salvation on his Body the Church.

(CCC 1408) The Eucharist celebration always includes: the proclamation of the Word of God; thanksgiving to God the Father for all his benefits, above all the gift of the Son; the consecration of the bread and wine; and participation in the liturgical banquet by receiving the Lord’s body and blood. These elements constitute one single act of worship.

(CCC 1409) The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by liturgical action.

(CCC 1410) It is Christ himself, Eternal high priest of the New Covenant, who acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

~ Deacon Bill

 **ADVENT** 
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Advent Reflection & Adoration

Wednesday, Dec. 13
following the 8:30am daily Mass
ending at 10am

Join us in the church for a short reflection
on the Nativity of the Lord,
listen to peaceful music,
and spend time with the Lord
before the Blessed Sacrament.



Community Life

All ages and skill levels welcome!



Saturday, Dec. 16

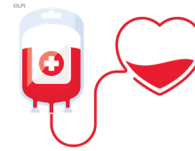
After the 5 pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Join us for a festive night in the neighborhood as we gather to spread holiday cheer through Christmas carols. First, we'll warm up with delicious soup before our caroling adventure. Please bring a to-go cup for hot chocolate to keep you cozy during our walk. Let's create beautiful memories together as we celebrate the season's joy. Questions? Please contact Debbie at Debbiehenkelman923@gmail.com

Outreach

December Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, Dec. 20
2:15-7pm Parish Hall



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

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



December 23 - 25 Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24

Saturday, Dec. 23, 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, Dec. 24, 8:30am Mass only
** There will be NO 10:45am Mass on Dec. 24. **

Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec. 24

4pm Family Mass with our Children's Choir
6pm Mass with Joyful Noise
Carols begin at 5:45pm
10pm Mass with our St. Clare Choir
Carols begin at 9:30pm

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

10am Mass with the St. Clare Choir
Carols begin at 9:30am

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 12.3.23	\$16,059	\$10,779	\$5,280
Dec. 1-3 only	\$9,770		
Total November	\$78,011	\$43,116	\$34,895
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$267,000	\$247,917	\$19,083

***FY 23/24 Offertory Goal: \$10,779 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

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