



# St. Clare Parish

Feb. 11, 2024

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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](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 Children** Contact [sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org)

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**Weekly Inspiration**

**6th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Feb. 11, 2024

It was pity that moved the heart of Jesus to heal the leper. He worked this miracle because the leper, in his faith, boldly asked him to. Have that same courage in approaching God with your needs. Have that same faith in His power to heal. ©LPi



**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Saturday, Feb. 10**

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church  
5:00pm Youth Mass *Jimmy* Church

**Sunday, Feb. 11**

8:30am Mass *Deacon Bill McNamara* Church  
10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

**Monday, Feb. 12**

8:30am Daily Mass *+Ray Nelke* Church

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14**

8:30am Mass *+Michael Worden* Church  
12:00pm Mass Church  
7:00pm Mass Church

**Thursday, Feb. 15**

8:30am Daily Mass *+Mike Hertzfeld* Church

**Friday, Feb. 16**

8:30am Daily Mass *+Mack McLaughlin* Church  
6:00pm Soup Supper Parish Hall  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross Church

**Saturday, Feb. 17**

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church  
5:00pm Mass *Bill & Alice McNamara* Church

**Sunday, Feb. 18 1st Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Mass *+Antonia Digregorio* Church  
*+Enrico Achille*  
10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

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

Ash Wednesday is this week, the beginning of Lent. Lent is 40 days of extra focus on the Lord to get us ready for Holy Week and Easter. Here at St. Clare Church, we have some Lenten activities available to help you make this season an especially holy time for your family (they are listed on p. 4 in this bulletin), but a lot of what makes Lent special are the things you choose to do individually, often by yourself. Some helpful things are: extra prayer time, daily Bible reading, coming to a weekday Mass, extra charitable giving or weekly visit to an older relative or neighbor. What is God asking you to do this Lent to make it a special season?

One of the themes of Lent is purifying ourselves from sin. To help with this, I will be offering Confessions after all our weekend Masses during Lent as well as our regular time of 4-4:30pm on Saturdays. We will also have our Lenten Penance Service on Friday evening, Mar. 22 at 7pm. I highly encourage you to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation sometime during this Lent.

On a completely different topic, I was on vacation in Hawaii for 9 days and got home Tuesday evening. Good times! Lots of time to just relax, take long walks, swim in the ocean at sunrise and visit with friends. The highlight of the trip was going to the North Shore of Oahu to watch some of the world's best surfers riding the 20 ft. waves at Pipeline as the PipePro Competition was going on. I lived on the Oregon coast for 12 years and enjoyed surfing regularly but my skill level and our Oregon waves are nothing compared to what I saw at Pipeline. It was super fun to watch!

Let's make this Lent a good one, a holy one. God bless ya'll! ~ Fr. Don

**Many thanks to all who contributed!**

**Offertory Report**

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
<b>W/E 2.4.24</b>	\$11,568	\$10,779	\$789
<b>Total Feb. (1-4)</b>	\$9,416		
<b>Total Jan. (1-31)</b>	\$40,693	\$43,116	(\$2,423)
<b>Fiscal Year 23/24</b>	\$372,259	\$344,928	<b>\$27,331</b>

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

## ***Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . Introduction to The Bible Part 2***

Last week, I touched on the books of the Bible and how it is broken down into testaments and books. Today, I would like to mention how those books and only those books became part of the Bible. The Catholic Bible, as we know it, officially came to be at the Council of Trent (1545-63 AD), the nineteenth ecumenical council responding to doctrinal challenges of the Protestant Reformation. However, the Canon (meaning reed) is what the people of God through the ages determined to be their norm for faith.



The Old Testament took over 1,000 years to complete. When the Jewish people were in Babylonian exile from 597-538 BC (years are dated from higher to lower before Christ), the Jewish priests felt it was necessary for the events, stories and prayers from their faith tradition to survive for the future generations. They made an all out effort to write them down by hand on scrolls. Most of that information was oral and had been handed down through generations by word of mouth similar to the way we pass on stories in our families. Ancient cultures guarded their remembered traditions carefully. The Jewish feast of the Passover was celebrated by Jesus and is still a great part of the Jewish religion today. The Torah, part of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, is believed to have been written around 400 BC. It focuses on the Law given to Moses and highlights Israel's origins. The books of the major and minor prophets were completed by 200 BC. Next, somewhere around 100 BC, came the wisdom writings.

The most important part of the Jewish Canon, the Torah, was finally completed around 350 BC, whereas the last book, the Book of Daniel, was completed in 164 BC. As a result, it is believed that somewhere between the end of the Hasmonean dynasty, 140-40 BC, and sometime during the second century AD the Jewish Old Testament was closed. The Jewish believers to this day read from scrolls of the law, the prophets, and the writings especially the psalms on the Sabbath. They have a three year cycle of readings as do we. This sounds a lot like the way Catholics worship today, doesn't it?

With that thought in mind, let us recall that the early Christians celebrated Mass as we know it by reading the Jewish texts. Those early Christians most likely knew and prayed the Jewish writings and orally shared the stories of Jesus' experiences, miracles, and teachings. It wasn't until almost the end of the first century when the written gospels were finalized. While Church leaders accepted most of the Jewish Canon, they struggled to decide which Christian writings should be included in the Catholic Canon. Many later written gospels and about 14 books from the Jewish writings were not accepted into the Catholic Bible. After much debate and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the final version of the Canon was affirmed by the Council of Rome in 382 AD after the Roman empire became Christian. Then it was reaffirmed at the Synod of Hippo in 393 AD, the two councils of Carthage in 397 AD and 419 AD, once more at the Council of Florence in 1431 AD, and finally, by an article of faith at the Council of Trent.

~ Deacon Bill

Note - Some information was taken from the *Introduction to the Bible* by Fr. Stephen J. Binz. 1990

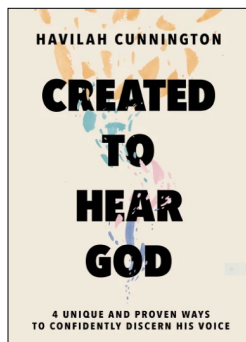
## Lent 2024



### Lenten Book Study

Wednesday Mornings starting Feb. 14  
9-10:30am Downstairs in the Parish Office

*God is always speaking to us but are we listening?*  
The key lies in discovering the unique way God communicates with you. *Created to Hear God* by Havilah Cunningham provides practical guidance on hearing from God and forging a deep connection with Him.



Please consider joining the group this Lenten season. A sign up sheet may be found at each church door along with information on how to order your book. You may also buy the book on Kindle or Audiobook.

If you would be willing to lead a small group at another day and time, please contact Kim Zea at the parish office, x104, or [kim@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:kim@saintclarechurch.org)

### Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross



#### **Friday Evenings in Lent**

Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Soup Suppers 6pm Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Church



Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for a light soup supper and Stations of the Cross. Our parish ministry groups will take turns hosting our meal and leading the stations.

### Outreach



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

#### **Food Pantry Needs**

- Hot Cereals & Oatmeal • Jams & Jellies
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*\*Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.\**

### Scripture Readings

#### **1st Sunday of Lent**

Feb. 18, 2024

Reading 1 - GN 9:8-15

Psalms - PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 - 1 PT 3:18-22

Gospel - MK 1:12-15

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

### Beyond St. Clare

#### Lenten Retreat on Vulnerability

Saturday, Feb. 24 9:30am-12pm on Zoom

Facilitators: Fr. Jim Galluzzo, Nate Morrison,  
Brandon Bressi and Team

*What are the myths about vulnerability?*

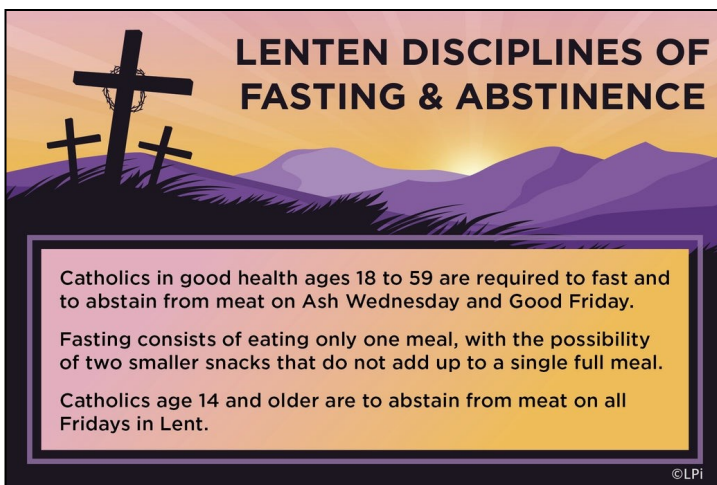
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*Where are you most vulnerable?*

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## Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### Sin and Loneliness

When I was in high school, we read “The Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka. It’s a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

“Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch,” our teacher told us. “Without each other, we curl up and die.”

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. “I feel like a leper,” we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn’t begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

“If you wish, you can make me clean,” we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

*“Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”*  
— Mark 1:41

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

#### Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.”

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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