



St. Clare Parish

Feb. 4, 2024

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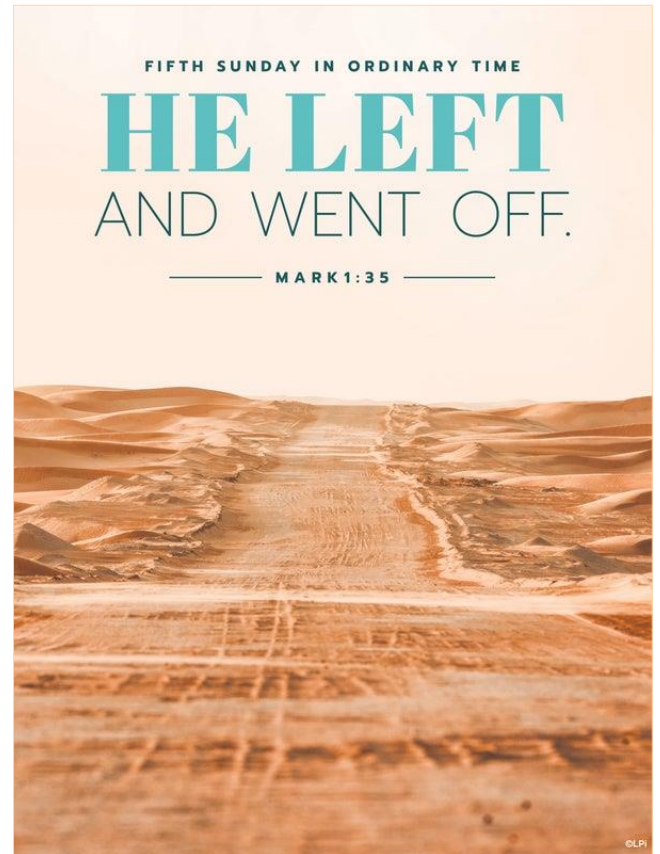
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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 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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 4, 2024

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come. ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Feb. 3

9:30am	Sisters in the Spirit Gathering	Parish Office
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confessions until 4:30pm	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Mack McLaughlin</i>	Church

Sunday, Feb. 4

8:30am	Family Mass + <i>Judy Alyce Mirassou</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
K of C Pancake Breakfast after both Masses		Parish Hall

Monday, Feb. 5

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Fr. Don Gutmann</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Feb. 7

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Alaina Arlene Fitzpatrick</i>	Church
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Thursday, Feb. 8

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Fr. Jim Galluzzo</i>	Church
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Friday, Feb. 9

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Elizabeth DeFrancesco</i>	Church
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Saturday, Feb. 10

4:00pm	Confessions until 4:30pm	Church
5:00pm	Youth Mass <i>Jimmy</i>	Church

Sunday, Feb. 11

8:30am	Mass <i>Deacon Bill McNamara</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church

Scripture Readings

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 11, 2024

Reading 1 - LV 13:1-2, 44-46
 Psalms - PS 32:1-2, 5, 11
 Reading 2 - 1 COR 10:31-11:1
 Gospel - MK 1:40-45

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Fr. Don's Musings . . .



ON VACATION!

Fr. Don will return on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Liturgical Life

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Purpose and Pride

Father, forgive me. Today's Gospel made me want to fight somebody.

If you want to make me really, really angry, you are sure of doing so if you tell me about an old woman who was sick, but felt a little better, and then her son-in-law and all his buddies showed up, so she cooked them a bunch of food and cleaned up after them.

We all project our own feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires onto the word of God. I certainly do. And most of my feelings, fears, insecurities, and desires spring from my current role as a tired mom of little kids.

I think there is a fear inside many of us of God's purpose for our lives. What if it's not aligned perfectly with what we think we need, or what we imagine we want? Most of the time, I think I need a nap, and I imagine that I want absolutely no one asking me for any kind of help. And here I am, perpetually napless and always being called on to render assistance.

The actions of Peter's mother-in-law were the only actions we would expect of a woman who had just received a miracle. She jumped up, and with bravery and boldness she served the Lord.

But couldn't she rest? Couldn't she serve him later? Couldn't she thank him with a smile and take a nap? Well, I suppose. But is that how you react to a miracle?

I have received my miracle — my family. My purpose. So why am I still lying down?

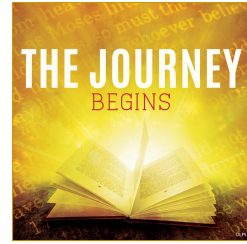
"He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them."
— Mark 1:31

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . Introduction to The Bible

So here we are with our journey through the Bible. This past week, I listened to a podcast by Fr. Mike Schmitt on the *Hallow* app. He was joined by Jeff Cavers who wrote, *The Great Adventure Catholic Bible*, which is where Fr. Mike gets a whole bunch of his information to use in his podcasts. That podcast was 24 minutes long! I hope to be relying on some of these podcasts as we journey together on our abridged trip through the Bible.



So where do we even start? The word, Bible, originally comes from a Greek word, *Ta Biblia*, which means the books or scrolls. *Wikipedia* tells us the “Bible is a collection of religious texts or scriptures...” It goes on to say that many religions along with Christianity accept some of these texts or scriptures. Well, the Catholic Church calls these texts or scriptures, books, so we can consider the Bible a library of books. As with any library, the books are found in special sections. So here is the initial breakdown of the groups that contain the 73 books of the Catholic Bible:

The Old Testament - 46 Books

The Pentateuch - 8 books
The Historical Books - 13 books
The Wisdom Books - 7 books
The Prophetic Books - 18 books

The New Testament - 27 Books

Gospels - 4 books
Acts of the Apostles
New Testament Letters - 14 Letters
The Catholic Letters - 8 Letters

As Catholics, we believe that our God has revealed himself to us through his intervention in human history. The Bible tells us how God has done this through his actions in this world, through people’s lives and through his inspiration in their thoughts and words.

The entire Bible is broken down into two Testaments: the Old and the New. God inspired all the writers of the Bible to bring his plan of salvation to all of us. This action was a result of the Holy Spirit being alive and well through all of time and space and acting in unison with God. However, we don’t really meet the Holy Spirit until Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles.

The writers of the Old Testament explained God’s plan as it gradually unfolded. Their writings even today appear as the living word of God. The word “Old” shows honor and respect, not that these books are obsolete or outdated.

I’m sure that most of us really know the story of Jesus. We hear it every week in our gospels, and the children, teens, and RCIA learn Jesus’ story during formation for the sacraments. However, the prelude and how we get to the end of the story is very rarely shared and often overlooked. Granted the end of the story when God revealed himself in human form and taught us how to live by his words and action is the anchor of our Catholic Faith. It teaches us how to live and love our neighbor as Jesus did, However, without the Old Testament, it is like reading a mystery and cheating by reading the back of the book and not realizing how we got there.

So next week, we will explore God’s Covenant through the years, and why these books and only these books were selected for the Catholic Bible.

Bible in a Year may be found at Ascension press <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

~ Deacon Bill

Outreach

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

2nd Collection ~ Feb. 3-4



Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions. Appeal envelopes may be found at the church exits or you may donate online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/>. Thank you.



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Hot & Cold Cereals • Canned Fruit • Rice
- Spaghetti Sauce • Pancake Syrup • Deodorant

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.

Community Life

Greetings St. Clare Skiing and Snowboarding Enthusiasts!



On all four Sundays in February, a luxury coach will depart from the St. Clare parking lot at 6:30am to take any and all adults and children who wish to go skiing or snowboarding at Mt. Hood Meadows. Ride without the hassle of driving on icy roads and parking in the crowded lots. The bus will unload right in front of the lodge. The bus program may also be used to purchase lessons, lift tickets and equipment rentals.

For all the details, contact bus host Zac Hanks at 503-313-4757 or budosensei@hotmail.com.

You can also register directly by going to: <https://www.skihood.com/store/1548960/> (This code is specifically for the St. Clare ski bus.)

From the Administrative Council . . .

Ways to Support St. Clare Church in addition to your Offertory Donations

Reduce your taxable income by giving your IRA distribution to charity . . .

If you're 70½ and would like to reduce your taxable income, consider making a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) from your IRA distribution to St. Clare Church. It can lower your taxes, because a QCD is excluded from your taxable income. It also counts toward your required minimum distribution. Any amount can be given up to \$100,000 per year. The QCD rule allows you to reduce your income and make a charitable contribution without having to itemize deductions.

Include St. Clare Church in your will and estate planning . . .

By leaving a set portion or percentage of your assets to the church, you are helping St. Clare Church continue to be a vibrant church family even after you have departed this world and gone to heaven.

Thank you for considering these options.

Many thanks to all who contributed!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 1.28.24	\$11,725	\$10,779	\$946
Total Jan. (1-28)	\$38,514	\$43,116	(\$4,602)
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$360,691	\$334,149	\$26,542

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

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?
How is vulnerability a part of our spiritual journey?
Where are you most vulnerable?*

To register: Sign up on diversityasgift@comcast.net

Cost: \$30 Please pay with a check or donate to the Urban Spirituality Center at urbanspiritualitycenter.com



Lenten Season 2024

Calendar of Events

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Mass Schedule - 8:30am, 12 & 7pm

Friday Evenings

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

Soup Suppers 6pm Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Church

Wednesday Mornings starting Feb. 14

Lenten Book Study 9-10:30am

Created to Hear God by Havilah Cunningham

Downstairs in the Parish Office

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Friday, Mar. 22 6:30pm Church

following the 6pm Soup Supper



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