



# St. Clare Parish

Jan. 14, 2024

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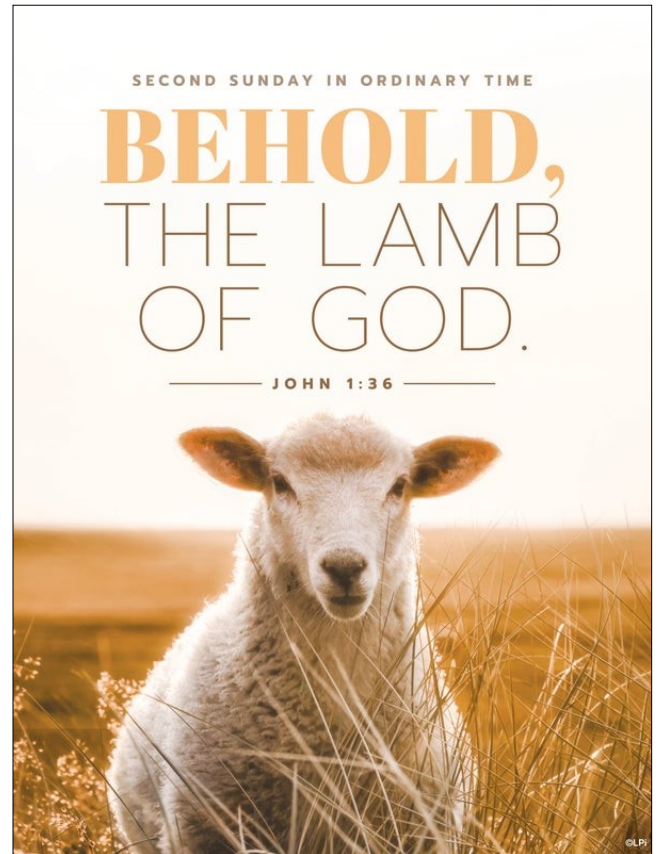
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**Sacraments** - Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) for more information on sacramental preparation.

### 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](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)

## 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 Inspiration

### **2nd Sunday in Ordinary time**

Jan. 14 2024

“Come and see,” Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

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## Week-at-a-Glance

### **Saturday, Jan. 13**

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church

5:00pm Youth Mass *Jimmy* Church

### **Sunday, Jan. 14**

8:30am Mass *Kim Zea* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

### **Monday, Jan. 15 MLK Day/Parish Office Closed**

8:30am Daily Mass +*Sam Tallutto* Church

### **Wednesday, Jan. 17**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Thursday, Jan. 18**

8:30am Daily Mass +*Mack McLoughlin* Church

### **Friday, Jan. 19**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Saturday, Jan. 20**

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church

5:00pm Candlelight Mass *Jeanne Raffety* Church

6:00pm After 5pm Mass Social Church

### **Sunday, Jan. 21**

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass *Shelley Worrell* Church

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

An important part of our Confirmation preparation program for our middle school students is a weekend retreat focused on the Holy Spirit. We did that last weekend at a retreat center out at Rockaway. It was an impressive weekend! The adult leaders (led by Kim Zea) did a great job, but the most impressive part to me was the students themselves. The students' behavior and respect for one another and sportsmanship was outstanding. They were super energetic and full of fun (as middle schoolers tend to be), but every time we needed them to calm down and pay attention to the next presentation, they responded quickly and respectfully.

The students' behavior is a strong reflection on their parents' efforts and the teachers' efforts at our school (most of the Confirmation candidates are students at St. Clare School). Our school sets and enforces high standards for behavior and respect for one another, and I saw the fruits of that over and over again at the retreat. The kids know how to be super fun and crazy while not offending one another, and they also know when it's time to be fun/crazy and when it's time to be serious.

I left the retreat with a heightened respect for our students. We have lots of great kids (and great families) at St. Clare Church. It was a joy to spend the weekend with them.

Let's keep praying for one another. ~ Fr. Don

## **More from Fr. Don . . .**



Mary Noonan, longtime parishioner, passed away last week from complications of aging. The funeral date has not been set yet. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Our next candlelight Mass is Saturday, Jan. 20 at 5pm followed by our After Mass Social in the parish hall.

## After 5pm Mass Social

Saturday, Jan. 20 Parish Hall 6pm

Every 3rd Saturday, 5pm Mass attendees are invited to come, visit with friends and enjoy a light snack and beverage. Plan to join us for a Saturday evening version of Sunday morning Coffee & Donuts. See you there!

## Scripture Readings

### **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jan. 21, 2024

Reading 1 - JON 3:1-5, 10

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

Reading 2 - 1 COR 7:29-31

Gospel - MK 1:14-20

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

## ***Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . Welcome to Ordinary Time!***



Welcome to the middle of January 2024. Time surely does fly by. It seems that we were just in Advent preparing for our Christmas celebration. Now as of last Monday when the Church celebrated the Baptism of the Lord, we waved goodbye to our Christmas season.

Where do we go from here? Well, welcome to Ordinary Time! However, Ordinary Time really isn't ordinary at all. It comprises the story of Jesus' three years of ministry in all four gospels. Luke and Matthew both give us the nativity and manifestation of Jesus to the world from his birth through the visit of the Magi, the escape to Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the temple. Then came those hidden years where Jesus grew up and was formed for his ministry by his parents and the Holy Spirit. Next, we look again to all four gospels and find John the Baptist, who we learned about during Advent, being reintroduced.

All gospels include the Baptism of the Lord, the official start of Mark's Gospel, which we will be listening to for most of this calendar year. It is the shortest Gospel, and usually just tells the story straight and gets right to the point. There is no beating around the bush for Mark. It is also believed to be the first gospel written. The opening verse, "The beginning of Jesus Christ the Son of God" serves as title for the entire manuscript. Mark focuses on the fact that Jesus hand-picked his twelve apostles and even though they witness all of the miracles, listen to all of the parables, and hear other people and even evil spirits recognize Jesus, they still don't get it. After the calling of the apostles, we only get to hear about three miraculous healings before the season of Lent arrives.

Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 14, St. Valentine's Day. As a result, there will be five weeks of Ordinary Time now, but it will return as the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time on June 9, the week after the Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Here's some additional information on Mark's gospel from the introduction of the *New American Bible*: "Although the book is anonymous, apart from the ancient heading 'According to Mark' in manuscripts, it has traditionally been assigned to John Mark, in whose mother's house (at Jerusalem) Christians assembled (Acts 12:12). This Mark was a cousin of Barnabas (Col 4:10) and accompanied Barnabas and Paul on a missionary journey (Acts 12:25; 13:3; 15:36-39) . . . \* Papias (ca A.D. 135) described Mark as Peter's 'interpreter' . . .

Traditionally, the gospel is said to have been written shortly before A.D. 70 in Rome, at a time of impending persecution and when destruction loomed over Jerusalem. Its audience seems to have been Gentile, unfamiliar with Jewish customs (hence Mk 7:3-4, 11). The book aimed to equip such Christians to stand faithful in the face of persecution (Mk: 13:9-13) . . ."

So as we begin our year with the Gospel of Mark, let's open our minds and hearts to see what the Spirit is saying to us in this day and age. Buckle up and enjoy the ride.

~ Deacon Bill

\* Papias, a Greek and Bishop of Hierapolis (modern day Turkey), was an author who lived c. 60-130 AD. (from Wikipedia)

## Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC)

2nd Collection ~ Jan. 20-21

Next weekend, our second collection supports the CCC. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the monies collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Portland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc). Donation envelopes may be found at the church doors or give online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/>.

## St. Clare School



Discover St. Clare School!

### All School Open House

Sunday, Jan. 28 12-2pm

Come and learn all about St. Clare School and what makes us the "Small School with the BIG heart!"

Don't miss this once-a-year event, a great opportunity to meet our faculty and staff, learn about our curriculum and programs, have one-on-one conversations with current parents and students, and tour our building and facilities, and more! Private campus tours will be available or you can explore on your own.

This event is free and for the whole family: Parents, students, and siblings are all welcome to attend! We encourage new families and returning families with younger children entering kindergarten to attend the Open House. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Bridge ([ebriidge@stclarepdx.org](mailto:ebriidge@stclarepdx.org)), Director of Enrollment and Marketing.

## Beyond St. Clare

*Grieving a Loss? Come for hope & healing after the death of a loved one . . .*

Grief Share ~ Weekly Grief Support Group  
Jan. 25 - May 4  
St. Anthony Catholic Church  
9905 SW McKenzie St. Tigard 97223

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or contact Julie Stump at 503.621.7506  
or [Julie.stump@icloud.com](mailto:Julie.stump@icloud.com).

## Outreach



### Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Feb. 4

9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast served up after both Masses by the John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.



Plain & Blueberry Pancakes

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Questions? Contact Don Mey at [dmey1951@gmail.com](mailto:dmey1951@gmail.com) or 434.429.9881.

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



### Food Pantry Needs

- Hot & Cold Cereals
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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.\***

## Many thanks to all who contributed!

### Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 1.7.24	\$11,770	\$10,779	\$991
Total Jan. (1-7)	\$11,770	\$10,779	\$991
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$332,120	\$301,812	\$30,308

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

Reminder: Interested in Online Giving? Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org). Thank you!



## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

### Those Who Seek the Truth

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which-Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.





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