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Jan. 11, 2026

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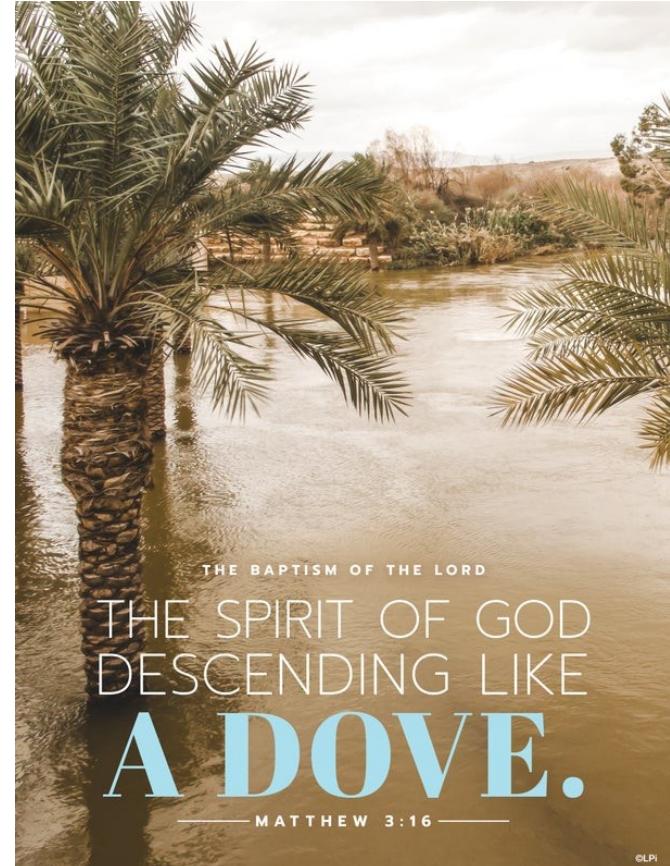
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 Teens & Children:** Contact Debbie Henkelman.

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: _____

New Parishioner
 New Phone Number

Returning Catholic
 New Address

Moving (please remove from parish directory)
 Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes



Weekly Inspiration

The Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 11, 2026

John could not believe that Jesus would seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man. But our God is a humble God. He does not fear our weakness. He extends his hand, saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand. Begin the work he has set out for you. ©LPI



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Jan. 10

9:00am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:00am	Brothers in Spirit 1st Meeting
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)
4:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm	Youth Mass +Stephen Loomis
6:00pm	Youth Group

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Sunday, Jan. 11 Baptism of the Lord

8:30am	Family Mass +Julie Ferguson
10:45am	Mass For the People

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Monday, Jan. 12

8:30am	Daily Mass Nancy Melzer & Family
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Wednesday, Jan. 14

8:30am	Daily Mass John McCracken
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Church

Thursday, Jan. 15

8:30am	Daily Mass Chris Harris
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Friday, Jan. 16

8:30am	Daily Mass +Tom Chambers
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Saturday, Jan. 17

9:30am	Sisters in the Spirit Gathering
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +James Shand

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Sunday, Jan. 18

8:30am	Mass Mary Daniels
10:45am	Mass For the People

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Fr. Don's Musings . . .

We're back into the normal routine, after a few weeks of Christmas celebrations. I was thankful for things slowing down at the church, I was able to only work about 1/2 time during the week after Christmas. It felt good. I even spent two days at my family's cabin enjoying some balmy weather near the coast (60 degrees!). I hope you had some good time with family and friends over the holidays.

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River marked the beginning of his public ministry. We've had a lot of baptisms this year at St. Clare Church, and we've got four more scheduled for this month. Have you had the privilege of being a Godparent at someone's baptism? Being a Godparent isn't a one-time event, it is more than just filling a position in the baptism ceremony. It's an opportunity to be an ongoing good example to that child, to be a model of Christian living and to be a prayer warrior for that child. Hopefully assuming the duties of a Godparent goes on for a life-time. As the child grows into an adult it's good for them to know that their Godparent is still praying for them. The Godparent can encourage the Goddaughter/son to be strong in their faith, to attend Mass regularly, and eventually to baptize their children in the faith.

This weekend we pray especially for all the Godparents in our parish. We pray that you will be strong examples for your Godchildren and that you will offer powerful prayer support for them.

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

Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and claimed us
as Your own, chosen and loved.
Pour Your blessing upon us
as we remember our Baptism.
Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your beloved. Amen. ©LPI

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 18, 2026

Reading 1 - Is 49:3, 5-6

Psalms - Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10

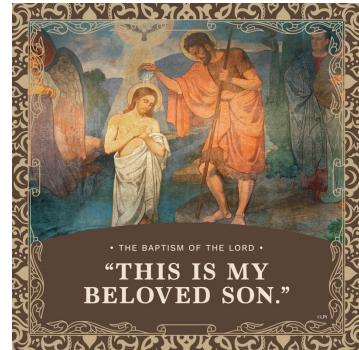
Reading 2 - 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel - Jn 1:29-34

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

"This and That "from Deacon Bill . . . The Baptism of the Lord

Today we close out the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Church's Christmas season lasts longer than that popular Christmas song, Twelve Days of Christmas, which would end at the Feast of the Epiphany. So why is this feast so important, why did Jesus get baptized in the first place, and what does it mean for us? Let's see what St. Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390), the Archbishop of Constantinople has to say...



Christ is bathed in the light; let us also be bathed in the light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down and rise with him. John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly, he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water. The Baptist protests: Jesus insists. Then John says: *I ought to be baptized by you*. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of a woman in the presence of the first born of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. *I ought to be baptized by you*: we should add *and for you*, for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate his holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in glory of him who is in heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor, proceeding from one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer from Mass on Sunday: *Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

~ Deacon Bill

Women of St. Clare, YOU are invited to our first ACTS Retreat!



St. Clare Women's Retreat

Thursday - Sunday, March 12 - 15

Register NOW at www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats

ACTS stands for **A**doration, **C**ommunity, **T**heology and **S**ervice. Join us to revitalize your faith life, and spend time with our Lord and your sisters in Christ. Come and experience three days of joy, prayer, authenticity, and sisterhood. We are expecting this retreat to fill-up quickly, so don't delay. Sign up TODAY!

When: Thursday evening, March 12 - Sunday, March 15.

Where: Fr. Bernard Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon

Depart: 5:00pm March 12 from St. Clare. Transportation will be provided.

Return: Sunday, March 15 to St. Clare for 10:45am Mass and Luncheon.

Transportation back to St. Clare provided. Families are invited and encouraged to attend the Mass and Luncheon.

Relationships require commitment. For this reason, ACTS retreatants are required to attend from Thursday evening starting at St. Clare through the Sunday's closing Luncheon. Our team is committed to providing a weekend filled with joy, prayer and community.

Finances should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, financial arrangements can be made by contacting Kim Zea, Pastoral Associate, at 503-244-1037 ext. 104 or kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Cancellations: In order for us to give you a full refund, we will need a cancellation notice by February 19. If you need to cancel after February 19 and we are able to fill your spot with someone on our waitlist, then you will receive a refund. If your spot is left vacant, we will be unable to refund your payment.

Questions and Cancellation Notices: Contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Non-St. Clare Parishioners

Non-St. Clare Parishioners may register for our ACTS retreats 2 weeks before the event. Please click on the Register for March Women's Retreat button on or after February 26. If there are available slots, we look forward to you joining us.

Community Life

St. Clare Women's Ministry *Sisters in the Spirit*



Next Gathering: Saturday, Jan. 17
9:30-11am Downstairs at the Parish Office

All women of the parish
are invited to join us for connection,
spiritual joy, and refreshments!

Questions? Contact Joanie
at joanieq143@gmail.com

For more information about the Sisters in the Spirit,
visit sis-ministry.mailchimpsites.com/

Quiet Moments for Moms to Meet with Jesus

Want to press pause on all the responsibilities of running a home, raising children, working and volunteering? Come refresh your soul and recharge your spiritual batteries from the busyness of life through devotional books, podcasts & community. Let's create more calm in the midst of all the noise and chaos of everyday life.

For more information, please contact
Melissa at melissa.grelli@gmail.com
or Sarah at sfreepons23@gmail.com



Outreach



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Hot & Cold Cereals
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- White, Brown & Jasmine Rice
- Applesauce Cups & Jars
- Cooking Oil

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.

An Invitation for Healing



Healing Service

Saturday, Jan. 31

6pm in the Church
(immediately following 5pm Mass)

Are you curious if God still heals today?
Would you like prayer for healing?

**Prayer ministers in their 2nd year of training
from the Portland Campus
of the Encounter School of Ministry
will be leading this healing service
and want to pray with YOU!**

Come and be blessed!

5pm: Mass
6pm: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
6:15pm: Praise & Worship
6:30-9pm: Healing Prayers

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 12.28.25	\$12,261	\$12,472	(\$210)
Total December	\$68,270		
W/E 1.4.26	\$20,897	\$12,472	\$8,425
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$313,154	\$336,734	(\$23,580)

Christmas Collection: \$11,755

***FY 25/26 Offertory Goal: \$12,472 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

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Thank you for your support.**



GIVING TUESDAY

Thank You St. Clare!

Giving Tuesday was an Amazing Success

Dear St. Clare community,

Thank you for your incredible generosity and support of this year's Giving Tuesday campaign! Because of you, St. Clare Parish continues to be a place of welcome, worship, learning, and service - strong and ready for all who come here.

Your gifts to the Parish Maintenance Reserve Fund during the campaign will help care for the spaces that sustain our parish life every day. They will ensure that our community remains safe, vibrant and ready to serve for years to come.

We ended the campaign with 171 families and individuals participating. Wow! Their gifts added up to more than \$69,808.

One parishioner felt called to give a considerable gift to the campaign before year's end, sharing this: "Let us take care of our Father's house so we will always have a place to gather, to worship Him, to glorify Him, and to pray for our families, ourselves and others."

Whether your gift was large or small, whether made early or on Giving Tuesday, it truly mattered. You helped us take care of the place that takes care of us - and that's something to celebrate. Thank you for your faith, your generosity and your love for our parish family!

St. Clare School

Discover St. Clare School!

All School Open House

Sunday, Jan. 25 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! The Open House is 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!

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 (ebridge@stclarepdx.org), Director of Enrollment and Marketing.

Open House RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/siHkCPeWrmrA3NyX6>

St. Clare School is a K-8, Catholic parish-school community rooted in Gospel values and is dedicated to the spiritual and educational development of the whole child. St. Clare School offers small class sizes, before and after school care, learning support, classes in Art, PE, Spanish, Music, Technology, Drama, Library, and more. Founded in 1914, St. Clare School has proudly served students for 110 years! Financial aid is available.



Save the Date! St. Clare School Auction: April 18, 2026

All parishioners are invited to attend the St. Clare School Auction on Saturday, April 18. Individual tickets go on sale the week of March 9 and may be purchased through the school website. Interested in purchasing a table? Reach out to Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.

The auction team is working diligently to procure exciting items and experiences for both the silent and live auctions. If you have a favorite place, a connection, or a generous heart, we'd love for you to consider donating an item or experience. Donations may be submitted using the item donation form at <https://forms.gle/AheJ78Az4GXnGj166> or by reaching out to Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.

To spark ideas, here are some crowd favorites: vacation homes, weekend getaways, hotel points or airline miles, adventure outings, sports tickets and swag, gym memberships, dance classes, spa services, indoor and outdoor home improvement help, dinner parties, and restaurant gift cards just to name a few...



St. Clare Italian Dinner

*Hosted by: Our Confirmation Students
and their Sponsors*

Proceeds to Benefit St. Clare Youth Ministry

Saturday, February 7th

Two serving times: 4pm or 6pm in the Parish Hall.
To go orders also available.

Dinner Menu

Garden Salad with Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread, Green Beans and
Choice of: Lasagna with meat sauce, Vegetarian Lasagna
(zucchini, red pepper, spinach, mushrooms & onion)
or Buttered Noodles
Spumoni or Vanilla Ice Cream

Dinner Ticket Prices:

\$20 for Adults (11 yrs and above)

\$10 for Children (2-10 yrs) Free (under 2 yrs)

\$145 Table for 8

Purchase tickets online at:

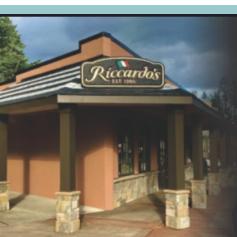
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