



# St. Clare Parish

Jan. 25, 2026

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## Church

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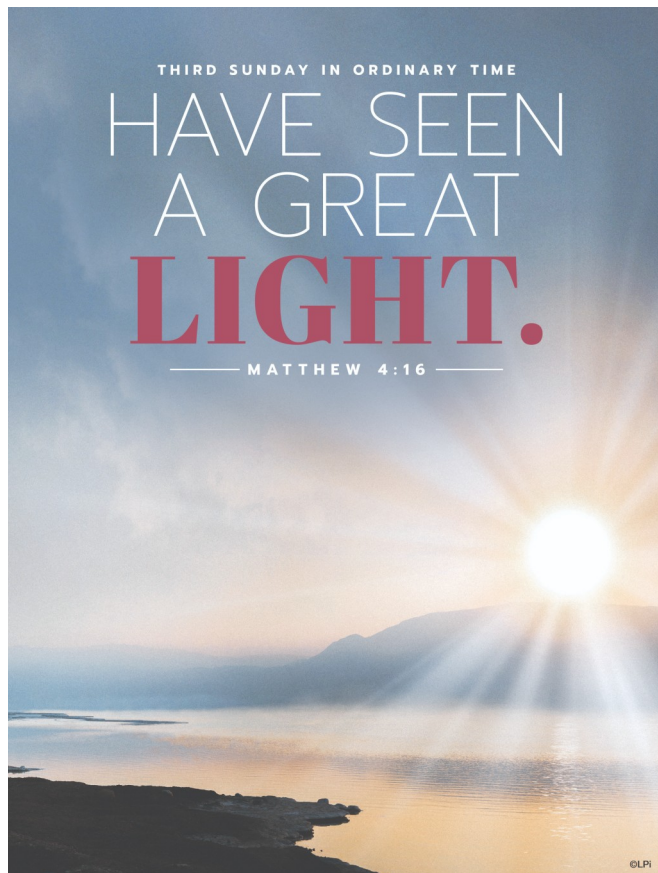
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**Sacraments** - Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) for more information on sacramental preparation.

### 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 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.

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## Weekly Inspiration

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

Jan. 25, 2026

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow? ©LPi



## Week-at-a-Glance

### **Saturday, Jan. 24**

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Vigil Mass *Mary Daniels* Church

### **Sunday, Jan. 25**

8:30am Mass *Mary Daniels* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

12:00pm School Open House (ends at 2pm) School

### **Monday, Jan. 26**

8:30am Daily Mass +*Joseph Mathew Tran* Church

### **Wednesday, Jan. 28**

8:30am Daily Mass +*Kim Zea* Church

### **Thursday, Jan. 29**

8:30am Daily Mass +*James Edward Laughren* Church

### **Friday, Jan. 30**

8:30am Daily Mass +*Joseph Mathew Tran* Church

### **Saturday, Jan. 31**

9:00am Brothers in Spirit Meeting Parish Office

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Vigil Mass *Mary Daniels* Church

6:00pm Healing Service Church

### **Sunday, Feb. 1**

8:30am Mass *Maureen Vala* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

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

Thirty of our middle schoolers and high schoolers are away this weekend at their Confirmation retreat. This is a weekend to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are reflecting on the Holy Spirit's action in their lives. We have presentations on topics such as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, the Mass, and Reconciliation. Please keep the youth of our parish in your prayers this weekend. The retreat is at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel. Thank you to Debbie Henkelman and her team of adults who are preparing these students for the sacrament.

This Sunday we have our annual St. Clare School Open House from 12-2pm. I encourage all parishioners to go over and see YOUR wonderful school. Our St. Clare School has a strong reputation throughout the diocese. We currently have 232 students in Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a very stable and dedicated faculty. We provide a faith-based school with excellent academics and character development. Our classes are capped at 28 students/class, and each class has both a teacher and an aid. I visit every classroom every day. Every classroom starts the day with prayer and faith is woven throughout the curriculum. Mr. Chris Harris is our principal and I think we have the best Catholic school principal in the state. I'm proud of our staff and students. This is National Catholic Schools Week, and we can all be proud of our St. Clare Catholic School.

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

## ***All Invited!***

### **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

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and want to pray with YOU!

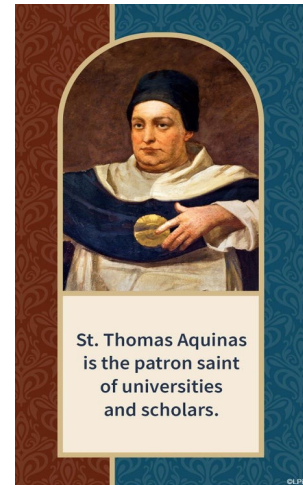
Come and be blessed!

5pm: Mass 6pm: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

6:15pm: Praise & Worship 6:30-9pm: Healing Prayers

### ***“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)***

This Wednesday is the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Doctor of the Church. His greatest work, *Summa Theologica*, was never finished. At a Mass in 1273 he said, “All I have written seems to me like straw compared to what I have seen and has been revealed to me.” His writings encompassed both theology and philosophy. Some of his thoughts on *the cross exemplifying every virtue* from a conference at which he spoke are following:



Why did the son of Man have to suffer for us? There is a great need, and it could be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act. It is a remedy, for in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, as the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but to disdain what Christ distained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

**If you seek the example of love:** *Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.* Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

**If you seek patience,** you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently because when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

**If you seek an example of his humility,** look upon the crucified one, for God has wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

**If you seek an example of obedience,** follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For just as the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.

**If you seek an example of despising earthly things,** follow him who is the King of kings and Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink. Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because they divided my garments among themselves. Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourging. Nor to greatness of rank, for wearing a crown of thorns they placed on his head. Nor anything delightful, for in my thirst they gave him vinegar to drink.

*St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.*

*~ Deacon Bill*





# 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 for Dessert

***Thank you to the Spaccarelli Family for the meat sauce  
and Banning's Restaurant for the Vegetarian Lasagna.***

### Dinner Ticket Prices:

**\$20 for Adults (11 years and above)**

**\$10 for Children (ages 2-10 years; under 2 free)**

**\$145 Table for 8**

**Purchase tickets online at:**

**[https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/  
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**Dessert Raffle Tickets available  
during Dinner \$5 a ticket.**

## Faith Formation

### **Women of St. Clare**

*Deepen your faith and build community.*



It's time to register for the  
**St. Clare Women's ACTS Retreat**  
March 12 - 15.

Come and immerse yourself in  
Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service  
during this enriching weekend retreat.

For more details and to register, go to  
[www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats](http://www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats)  
or scan the QR code:



Questions? Contact Kim Zea  
at [kim@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:kim@saintclarechurch.org) or x104.



### **BROTHERS IN SPIRIT**

**Men's Faith Formation Group**  
Meets Weekly on Saturdays (except Jan. 24)  
9am - 10:30am Downstairs at the Parish Office

All men of the parish are invited to participate in  
*Brothers in Spirit*, a new men's faith formation group  
devoted to spiritual growth, prayer, and fraternity.

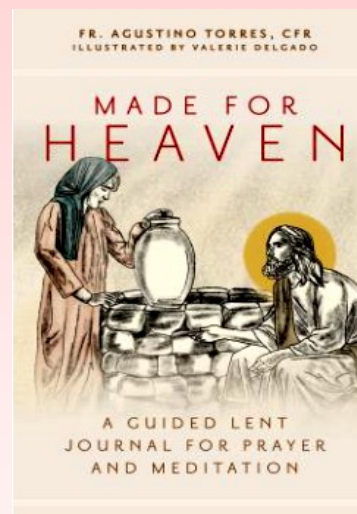
Our mission is to form faithful Catholic men ground-  
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equipped to live their faith courageously in family,  
work, and society.

For further information or to express interest, contact  
Dr. David Villegas at [drdavevillegas@gmail.com](mailto:drdavevillegas@gmail.com).

### ***An Opportunity to Strengthen Your Lenten Practice This Year***

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18 - a little early in 2026!

Once again our St. Clare family will have an oppor-  
tunity for prayer and reflection through the Lenten  
season. Small groups will gather on different days  
to follow the book *Made for Heaven: A Guided Lent  
Journal for Prayer and Meditation*.



Sharing insights and comments together is a valuable  
way to grow our own spiritual journey. Weekly ses-  
sions will begin the week of Feb. 15. Sign-up sheets  
with available dates and times, and online registration,  
will be available as we get closer to that date. Watch  
the bulletin for more information about the program  
in future weeks.



**Dinner Talk #3 - Thursday, Feb. 5**  
5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Come to the Feast!  
Strengthen your Faith and Build Fellowship.

Topic: *Evangelization*  
Speaker: *Fr. Don Gutmann*

Evangelization is the process of sharing our faith  
with others. Sometimes it might seem intimidating  
or scary, but it doesn't have to be that.

Fr. Don will share some simple and effective  
techniques for sharing our faith  
with family, friends, co-workers, or even strangers.

Interested in attending? Please register at  
[https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/  
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For more details? Contact Kim Zea  
at [kim@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:kim@saintclarechurch.org)

## February Youth Group, Grades 6-12

### MOVIE NIGHT

**Join Us on Saturday, Feb. 14!**

5pm Youth Mass  
with singing led by our Youth Choir  
followed by  
Pizza, Salad, and Movie

Be sure to sign-up by Saturday, Jan. 31 at

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/february-youth-group-signup>



### Scripture Readings 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 1, 2026

Reading 1 - Zeph 2:3;3:12-13

Psalms - Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading 2 - 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel - Mt 5:1-12a

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

## NEW! 2nd Collection Changes in 2026



### Universal Church Appeal

*Your Gift, Your Choice, Our Shared Mission*

Beginning this year, the Archdiocese is combining the former national 2nd collections into one streamlined Universal Church Appeal, which will still be taken at Mass the weekend of July 12, 2026.

To make participation easier, online giving is now open at <https://osd.archdpdx.org/universal-church-appeal>.

Prefer to give directly? While the portal makes it easy to support multiple causes with one gift, you're always welcome to donate straight to the source (links are provided on the Archdiocese webpage listed above).

## Outreach



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

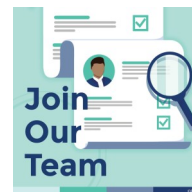
#### Food Pantry Needs

- Hamburger and Tuna Helper
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- Tomato Sauce • Pasta Sauce • Pasta Noodles
- Hygiene Products especially Toothbrushes, Deodorant, and Laundry and Dish Detergent

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.\**

## Job Opportunity



St. Clare Church is hiring a full-time administrative assistant. Laurie Zupsic is retiring from the parish staff after 24 years. For more information, please contact Santo at the parish office, 503.244.1037, x102 or [santo@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:santo@saintclarechurch.org).

### Many thanks to all who contribute!

#### Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 1.18.26	\$16,965	\$12,472	\$4,493
Total January	\$42,064		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$355,388	\$361,677	(\$6,290)

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

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# Get to Know Your Fellow St. Clare Parishioners

A bulletin series designed to build community by learning about our members

By Paul Sherbo - Pastoral Council Member



In the second article in this series, we feature a family that truly reflects the values, faith and energy of St. Clare. Jason and Allison Beam happen to attend the 10:45 Mass as do my wife Judy and I. When they come to Mass it is like someone just placed a magnet in the pew. People come from everywhere to chat and greet them. They are ebullient, always smiling, and more often than not, engaged in a ministry at the Mass. They reflect the joy of the gospel message in a bigger than life way, which no doubt inspires many. Let's get to know them a little better.

The Beams have been members of our parish since 2005 when they moved to Portland from Seattle. They bought a house two blocks from the church, moved in, then took a walk and found our Parish! Interestingly, Jason was not Catholic at the time, but landing at St. Clare provided a comfortable place to continue his faith journey which resulted in his conversion in 2013. It seems like God's plan for Jason is to be involved our church...good stuff! The desire to have their children get the same Christian education they enjoyed resulted in 3 of their children attending St. Clare School from preschool through 8th grade and the youngest is now there in 4th grade. Their oldest son has just started college. Their kids who have graduated talk of the education and foundation of faith formed at our school and how it continues to drive the decisions in their lives today. Jason noted also that being part of the church has contributed to their "extremely strong" marriage.

The kids, Brady, Berkley, Carson, and Camden are all Altar Servers, Ushers, and if confirmed, Eucharistic Ministers. They were readers at school masses and have continued that into high school. Allison and Jason serve in multiple ministries as well. Jason loves being in the bullpen, so to speak, ready to fill in for ushering or any other need. St. Clare is truly a family affair for the Beams. One key thing I note: when any of the family members are serving at Mass, they are enthusiastic and obviously very happy to be there. It is real, and it can't help but draw you into the celebration.

The family enjoys being active together and outside of church, you might find them on a golf course, walking their dog, or volunteering. Allison in particular helped start a group called St. Clare Circle of Moms. The idea was to connect young moms to support each other. They have sponsored Lenten soup suppers, done fund raisers, and social gatherings geared toward service of the church. Allison has also been involved in school auctions, has been both a first communion and confirmation leader and has engaged confirmation candidates in service to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, especially around Christmas. Jason is in the commercial flooring business has worked with our facilities personnel to provide products like the carpet in the church and materials for the office when it recently flooded. In addition, he has served on the school advisory council.


I was taken aback hearing all the ways the Beams have been involved at St. Clare. I asked how all of this service has affected the family. Allison replied "when the family is engaged in the Mass and other services, we feel we have a greater tie to our church and our faith because we are actively involved". Jason said that being part of the collective community has also been very important. He really appreciates the church family.

In learning about all the Beam family, I was reminded of a quote from the bible. James 2:17-19 says "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith". The Beams personify showing faith by their works, and I for one, can learn from their example.



  
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