



# St. Clare Parish

July 20, 2025

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## Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm

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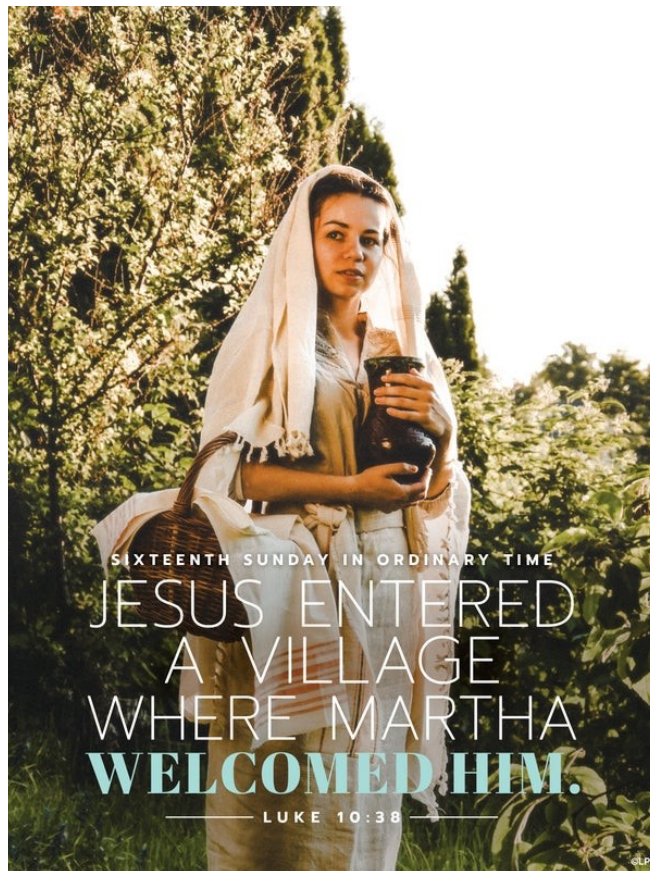
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**Sacraments** - Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) for more information on sacramental preparation.

### 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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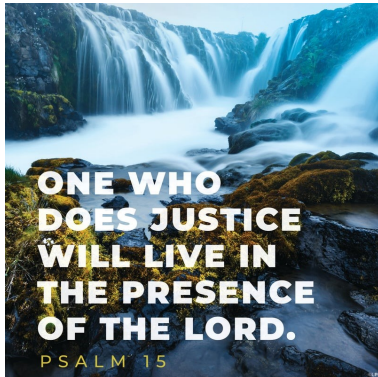
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## **Weekly Inspirations**

**16th Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 20, 2025**

In life, there are so many “Marthas” - people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world. ©LPi



## **Week-at-a Glance**

### **Saturday, July 19**

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

5:00pm Vigil Mass +*Kathleen Winter* Church

### **Sunday, July 20**

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass +*Wade Henkelman* Church

### **Monday, July 21**

8:30am Daily Mass +*James Shand* Church

### **Wednesday, July 23**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Thursday, July 24**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Friday, July 25**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Saturday, July 26**

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

5:00pm Vigil Mass +*Cathy Worrell* Church

### **Sunday, July 27**

8:30am Mass +*Lorraine Digregorio* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

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

63 parish families are camping out at our big annual St. Clare Campout this weekend. This is one of the outstanding annual events that makes St. Clare Church so special. The campout is attended mostly by families with children, LOTS of children having a great time with their friends. Lots of bike riding, hot dogs, a scavenger hunt, s'mores around campfires . . . I am there to enjoy all the fun from Thursday afternoon through Saturday. The outdoor Mass (Saturday at 4pm) is always a highlight, as we celebrate God's goodness amidst the beauty of the great Oregon outdoors. Our campout is at Champoege State Park this year because of the construction closures at Ft. Stevens where we usually go. I always enjoy the campout, seeing everyone and enjoying leisure time with all of the families. A special THANK YOU to Jessica Leahy and Christina Reilly who coordinate the whole affair!

On another topic, I'd also like to thank some members of our parish Administrative Council whose terms are expiring. THANK YOU to Pat DeKlotz (attorney), Marilyn Morrissey (CPA) and Doug Ziebart (contractor) for all their good input on the business management of our church, school, and preschool. The Administrative Council is composed of 10 people with lots of various business experience, and their role is to advise me and the parish Business Manager on the wise use of parish resources. They approve our annual budget, oversee our monthly financial records and advise about maintenance on our buildings . . . They are a BIG help to me. Thank you to all of our Administrative Council members, those serving presently and those whose terms have finished.

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

## **Job Opportunity**

St. Clare continues the search for a new Business Manager. This is a full-time salaried position with excellent benefits. Come join our faith-filled staff and help St. Clare Church run smoothly and efficiently. For more information, please contact Fr. Don at [frdon@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:frdon@saintclarechurch.org) or 503.244.1037, x101.

## **Scripture Readings ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 27, 2025**

Reading 1 - Gn 18:20-32 Psalms - PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 Reading 2 - Col 2:12-14 Gospel - Lk 11:1-13

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



## Happenings

### Save the Date!

Thank you to all who donated to our Mary's Garden project. In honor of the Feast of St. Clare (Aug. 11) and the Assumption of Mary (Aug. 15), please join us:



### Blessing of Mary's Garden

Sunday, Aug. 10 10am  
Behind the Parish office building

### Join us on a Journey to The Grotto

Thursday, Aug. 14  
following the 8:30am Daily Mass



2025 is a Jubilee Year, a special time in the Church's tradition encouraging holiness through reconciliation and communion with our brothers and sisters. Jubilee Year 2025 is being marked by special opportunities for grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Jubilee indulgence, and local pilgrimages. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Grotto in northeast Portland has been designated as an official Pilgrimage Site. "Pilgrims" from St. Clare Parish will attend 8:30am Mass on Aug. 14 and then carpool together to The Grotto for a time of prayer and reflection while surrounded by the beauty of the grounds. Our tour will be lead by Pia de Leon, St. Clare parishioner.



All are invited to attend. Please sign-up at the church doors, so we may plan for the journey.

Note: To visit the upper gardens, The Grotto is offering a special discount pass for pilgrim groups:  
\$8.95 adults (12-64) \$7.95 seniors (65+)  
\$4.95 youth (6-11) Free for children 5 and under

## Outreach



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

#### Food Pantry Needs

- Spaghetti Sauce • Applesauce, Cups & Jars
- Diced Tomatoes • White Rice
- Toothpaste • Laundry 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.\**

## Beyond St. Clare



Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication.

For testimonials, confidential information or to register for the August 22-24 weekend in Canby, Oregon, please visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org), call 503.704.7382

### Many thanks to all who contribute!

#### Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 7.6.25	\$14,975	\$12,472	\$2,503
W/E 7.13.25	\$10,370	\$12,472	(\$2,101)
July 1-13	\$24,005	\$23,612	\$843
Fiscal Year 25/26	24,005	\$23,162	\$843

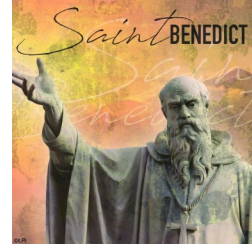
**\*FY 25/26 Offertory Goal: \$12,472 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

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for your support.



## ***“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . The Rule of St. Benedict***

*Last Friday, July 11, the feast day of St. Benedict was celebrated. In the 6<sup>th</sup> century, he established the famous monastery on Mount Cassino near Rome and composed the Benedictine rule. Our very own Monastery at Mount Angel was formed in 1882 and the monks still live by the rule today. Here is just a sample from when it was first written by this great saint .*



“Whenever you begin any good work, you should first make a most pressing appeal to Christ to bring it to perfection; that he, who has honored us by counting us among his children, may never be grieved by our evil deeds. For we must always serve him with the good things he has given us in such a way that he may never – as an angry father disinherits his sons or even like a master who inspirers fear – grow impatient with our sins and consign us to everlasting punishment, like wicked servants who would not follow him to glory.

So, we should always rouse ourselves prompted by the words of Scripture: *Now is the time for us to rise from sleep.* Our eyes should be opened to the God-given light, and we should listen in wonderment to the message of the divine voice as it daily cries out: *Today, if you hear his voice, harden not your hearts;* and again, *If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.* And what does the Spirit say? *Come my sons, listen to me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Hurry, while you have the light of life, so that death’s darkness may not overtake you.*

And the Lord as he seeks the one who will do his work among the throng of people to whom he makes that appeal, says again: *Which of you wants to live to the fullest; who loves long life and the enjoyment of prosperity?* And, if when you hear this, you say, I do, God says to you: *If you desire true and everlasting life, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceit; turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. And when you have done these things, my eyes will be upon you and my ears will be attentive to your prayers; and before you call upon my name I shall say to you: Behold, I am here.* What could be more delightful, dearest brothers, than the voice of our Lord’s invitation to us? In his loving kindness he reveals to us the way of life.

Just as there exists an evil fervor, a bitter spirit, which divides us from God and leads us to hell, so there is a good fervor which sets us apart from evil inclinations and leads us to God and eternal life. Monks should put this fervor into practice with an overflowing love: that is, they should surpass each other in mutual esteem, accept their weakness, either of body or behavior, with the upmost patience; and vie with each other in acceding to requests. No one should follow what he considers to be good for himself, but rather what seems good for another. They should display brotherly love in a chaste manner; fear God in the spirit of love; revere their abbot with genuine and submissive affection. Let them put Christ before all else; and may he lead us to eternal life.”

*~ Deacon Bill*



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**For more information, give us a call!**

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