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July 27, 2025

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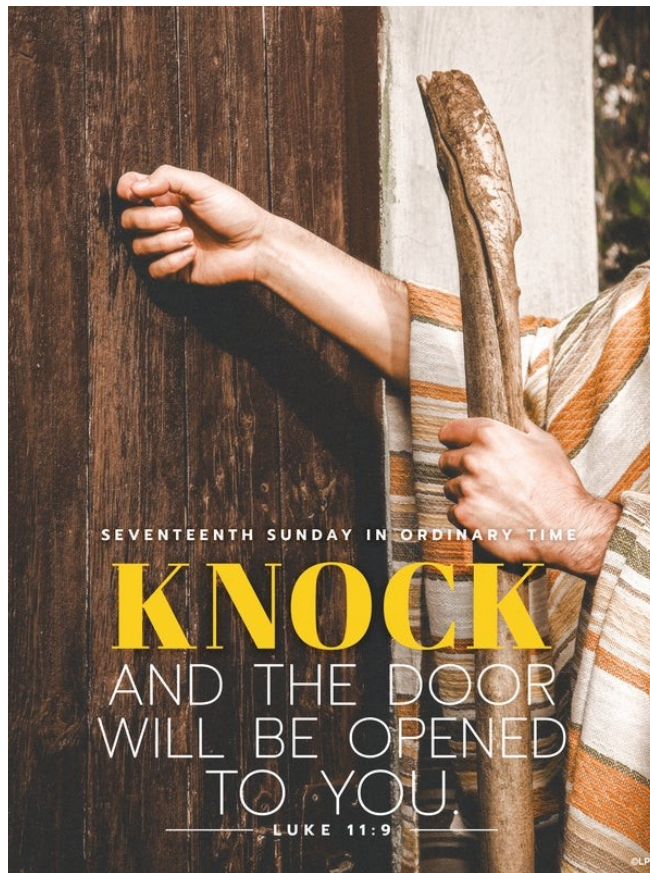
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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.

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Contact Kim Zea; **for Teens & Children:** Contact Debbie Henkelman.

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Weekly Inspirations

**17th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
July 27, 2025

"Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples are asking how to approach God, how to communicate with Him. Jesus' answer? Have no fear, and have no embarrassment. God waits at the door. Knock. The conversation is yours to start. ©LPi



Week-at-a- Glance

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

Monday, July 28

8:30am Daily Mass +Robert Young Church

Wednesday, July 30

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, July 31

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Friday, Aug. 1

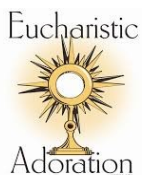
8:30am Daily Mass Church

Saturday, Aug. 2

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (until 4pm) Church
4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass +John Tujo Church

Sunday, Aug. 3

8:30am Mass For the People Church
10:45am Mass +John McCormick Church



Saturday, Aug. 2 2-4pm
Come and spend a few minutes
with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Pope Francis declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year for the Church, with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." In honor of the Jubilee Year, St. Clare has planned two pilgrimages, a little one and a big one. Our little one is just 2½ weeks away. It'll be a day trip to The Grotto of our Sorrowful Mother, near NE 82nd and Sandy Blvd. here in Portland. We'll start the day here at St. Clare with our 8:30 morning Mass, then we'll carpool to The Grotto. We'll have a guided tour of the Grotto, with prayer and plenty of private reflection time to wander the beautiful gardens and chapels. We'll pray the rosary together.

If you haven't been to the Grotto, this is a great opportunity to see this beautiful and holy treasure we have right here in Portland. If you've been to the Grotto, you know that it is a special place and this St. Clare pilgrimage is a neat chance to spend some spiritual time there with fellow parishioners. Sign-up sheets are available at the doors of the church. Please sign up so we know how many are going.

Our big pilgrimage of the Jubilee Year will be a 9 day trip to Italy, visiting Rome and Assisi and the Amalfi coast. We'll leave at the end of September for the big pilgrimage. 35 people are signed up and it promises to be a great experience. We are meeting monthly to prepare for that trip. We'll join an audience with Pope Leo, go through the holy doors of the 4 great basilicas of Rome, and visit the holy sites of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi, plus a little tourist time on the spectacular Amalfi Coast.

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

Scripture Readings **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Aug. 3, 2025

Reading 1 - Ec 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalms - PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Reading 2 - Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel - Lk 12:13-21

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



Funeral Notice ~ Christine Zotter

Friday, Aug. 8 11am
Reception following in the Parish Hall

Christine was an active member of the Church and especially enjoyed singing in the St. Clare Choir and serving in our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Prayer and Praying

The Gospel today starts with a prayer, “Lord, teach us to pray...”

Over the years, everyone has been taught how to pray by someone else - our parents, grandparents, the parish priest, the religious sisters and brothers from school, religious education teachers or through books we have read. We all have some idea what prayer means and does from these influences in our lives.



So, what more can be learned about prayer?

Maybe we should start by defining prayer. The Catechism defines prayer as raising one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. The Catholic Catechism for Adults (2006) added a few more definitions. St. Augustine said, “True prayer is nothing but love.” St. Francis de Sales remarked, “Every one of us needs a half hour of prayer each day except when we are busy, then we need an hour.”

Even though definitions of prayer are necessary, they are insufficient. There is a huge difference between knowing about prayer and praying. When one looks closely at prayer or praying, it is not just talking to God but talking with God which also means listening to God. Listening to God is what helps us move through this earthly journey in hopes that one day we will see our God face to face. God is everywhere – in our workplace, in our homes, in the supermarket, in our car. We can listen to our God when we listen to our neighbor, read a book or newspaper, watch the television, or listen to that little voice inside of us that always seems to keep us on track.

In the gospel today, Jesus teaches his disciples the true lessons to be learned about prayer. God is willing to give, but one must ask. God is willing to reveal, but one must seek. God is willing to open that door, but one must knock. God is willing to answer prayers, but one must pray.

One must come to know, love and serve God and in order to do this one must build a relationship with God, just as we build relationships with one another. If we do not communicate in marriage, it will not last; if we do not communicate within our family, family life will surely break down; if we do not communicate with friends, friendships will not survive the test of time. God continuously speaks to us and tries to lead us down the right path through the gift of the spirit in this world.

I have one final thought on prayer that I would like to share . . .

We are blessed as Catholics to come together as community and join together in prayer. All religious and some laity pray the Liturgy of the Hours for the intentions of church. Every day, at every Mass, all over the world, prayers of gratitude and petitions are placed before God on our behalf. During Mass, we also pray for the forgiveness of our sins and ask our sisters and brothers to pray for us. We have prayer groups in our parish and all parishes that pray for all our needs. We have a book of prayer filled with people who need our prayers. The great thing about our Catholic community is that while you and I are praying for the pope, bishops, and clergy, they are praying for us. While you and I are praying for each other, we are receiving prayers for ourselves.

The amazing thing is that often we become the thing for which we pray; prayers for peace create people of peace; prayers for healing form hearts of compassion. This I assure you comes about by our ability to listen to what God is telling us.

Let us reflect this week on our prayer life and on our relationship with our God.

~ Deacon Bill

August 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

Join us on a Pilgrimage 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 led 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+)
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To sign up, contact Nancy Keating 503.244.7204

For more information, visit www.griefshare.org

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 7.20.25	\$16,350	\$12,472	\$3,878
July 1-20	\$40,355	\$35,633	\$4,721
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$40,355	\$35,633	\$4,721

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

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

Ask and You Shall Receive

It's easy to look at today's Gospel reading and come away with a view of God as disinterested and irritated, reluctant to give us what we need unless we bang down his door, hound him to the furthest reaches of heaven, wrench him from his reverie and force him to answer just so we'll finally go away.

Well, that's not what Jesus means by the parable of the friend at midnight — but it's also not surprising that we would think that it is. The whole point of this Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. It's not as easy as it once was, as it should be, as it could be.

In this parable, there exists many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite — one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. They appear to be two people who are not primed to communicate well. Everything is working against them.

The same could well be said of God and the human race. Here we are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin and pain and sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes.

We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (*That door is thick! Will he hear us if we knock?*). We don't always know if we should (*It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all*). We don't even know if we want to (*It's nighttime! He might be angry!*).

Everything is working against us.

It doesn't matter, Jesus tells us. Whatever is interrupting communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, it can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong enough.

So knock.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Answer:

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

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