



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 19, 2026 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO ALL!

Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

St. Clare is A Catholic community guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 5:00pm, Vigil
Sunday | 8:30am, 10:45am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday | 8:30am
Wednesday | 8:30am
Thursday | 8:30am, School Mass
Friday | 8:30am

For livestream weekend Mass, visit
www.saintclarechurch.org

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4:00pm - 4:30pm or
by appointment, contact Fr. Don

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm



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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:30pm; 2:00-5:00pm

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice. @ LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

A week ago we had our annual St. Clare Campout. It's an amazing event! I came home with a big smile on my face, and exhausted too. Our St. Clare kids have SO much energy. They were riding their bikes around and around our campground loops, plus going back and forth to the lake and the ocean beach and the historic battery. The kids always ask me to bring my unicycle so I rode that a bit for them also.

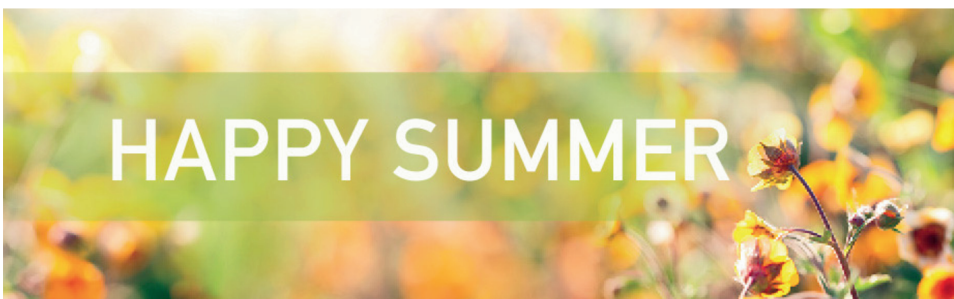
There is always lots of good food. I learned the first time I attended the campout (10 years ago) that I don't need to pack any food for myself, I will be well fed at many generous parishioners. The first night I was there I enjoyed a Filipino dinner, Italian dinner and an American dinner. It's good I got lots of exercise or I would get fat! Lots of good food and good conversation.

The outdoor Mass at the amphitheater is always my favorite part of the campout. We had about 200 people there plus their dogs. After a day filled with fun activities we gathered to thank God for the good times. As a church, we are able to have lots of fun together but also to worship well together. The campout Mass reminds us that our biggest uniting factor is our faith in God.

This was probably my last St. Clare Campout, as next summer I expect to be semi-retired, and moving to Scappoose where my brother and I will co-pastor St. Wenceslaus Church in our senior years. The St. Clare Campout is one of the many things I will miss about serving here at St. Clare.

Let's keep praying for one another.

~Fr. Don



STAY UPDATED

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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

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| ☐ New Parishioner | ☐ New Address |
| ☐ New Phone Number | ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
| ☐ Returning Catholic | ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, JULY 18

9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Dorothy Digregorio	Church
6:00 pm	After Mass Social	Parish Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass	Church

MONDAY, JULY 20

8:30 am	Daily Mass +Wade Henkelman	Church
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

8:30 am	Daily Mass Carrie Bailey	Church
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THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:30 am	Daily Mass +Henry Fitzgibbons	Church
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FRIDAY, JULY 24

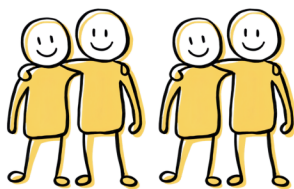
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SATURDAY, JULY 25

4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Pat Lee	Church

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass +James W. Starr	Church



AFTER MASS SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JULY 18 | 6:00PM | PARISH HALL

Every third weekend, Saturday Vigil Mass attendees are invited to come, visit with friends and enjoy a light snack and beverage. Please plan to join us for a Saturday evening version of Sunday morning Coffee and Donuts. See you there!

SACRAMENTS

More information available at
saintclarechurch.org/sacraments

BAPTISM

Please contact **Deacon Bill McNamara** for more information.

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Adults please contact **Kim Zea**.

For Teens and Children please contact **Debbie Henkelman**.

MARRIAGE

Please contact **Fr. Don** to learn more about the six-month preparation required for getting married at St. Clare Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

Wisdom speaks of God's power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. What words would you use to describe God?

2nd Reading

Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. How do we stay on guard against the evil one?



NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

JULY 26, 2026 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 (109A)
- Psalms: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
- Second Reading: Romans 8: 28-30
- Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52 or 13: 44-46

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org.

OUTREACH

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Help Our Neighbors in Need!

During the summer, many families lose access to school meals and rely on the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. While SNAP helps with food, it does not cover essential hygiene and household items, such as:

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Shampoo & Bath Soap
- Dish Soap & Kitchen Sponges
- Paper towels



Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting local families through our parish Food Pantry. Every donation makes a difference!

HELP KIDS Start Strong!

We are collecting school supplies for **homeless and houseless** children in our community.

WE ARE COLLECTING:

Crayons
 Pens
 Pencils
 Notebooks
 School glue in bottles

Markers
 Glue Sticks
 Scissors
 Rulers
 Small Kleenex packages

**WE NEED THEM BY
AUGUST 19**

Thank you!

Thanks Fr James Galluzzo.
Diversity as Gift

Donations may be placed in the food baskets at the church or on the front porch of the parish office.

ADMINISTRATION

Creativity is needed

*Do you enjoy working with flowers and decorating?
We are looking for volunteers to lead our Church Environment Ministry and build a new team.
If you are interested, please contact Kim Zea at
kim@saintclarechurch.org*

OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 7.05.26	\$9,736	\$13,458	(\$3,722)
W/E 7.12.26	\$10,400	\$13,458	(\$3,058)
Total July	\$20,136		
Fiscal Year 26/27**	\$20,136	\$26,916	(\$6,780)

**FY 26/27 Offertory Goal: \$13,458 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.*

*** Total includes fiscal year-end adjustments.*

Donating online is easy! Aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link.
Thank you for your support!



THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

JUDGE NO, SAYETH THE LORD

Today's Wisdom reading reminds us of the benefits we enjoy because of the patience of a loving God. Leniency, kindness, justice, mercy, and clemency are shown to those whom God loves as very dear children. Despite our frequent failings and repeated sins, our patient God gives us what is perhaps the greatest gift of all – time, here and now, to repent for our sins.

Jesus calls us to adopt this same nonjudgmental quality of patience. The three parables in today's Gospel invite us to extend to others the same forbearance and grace God extends to us. In the first parable, while the servants of the householder were anxious to pull up the weeds as soon as they appeared, the householder was patient enough to let wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. It has always been: the good and the bad grow side by side. It is God's prerogative alone to judge between them.

On a personal note: when I bought a house with a lot of greenery in the yard, I asked Father Don how to distinguish between the desirable plants and green foliage from the weeds. He simply told me, "A weed is what you call it."

This is what I believe the gospel is telling us today. That only God knows who the weeds are. Today's scripture readings call us to recognize that God's wisdom may be different from what we might expect or what we may want. While we might theoretically want someone to police the world, eliminate wrongdoing, and administer earthly justice, Wisdom's reading say that power is in the hands of God and God alone. God is the judge of plants and weeds, sin and righteousness, and in essence forbids to take earthly punishment into our own hands. Judging belongs only to God, and will take place at the harvest when God calls us home.

We must let God be God.

Unfortunately, humankind has a tendency to clarify, to categorize, to separate and to judge the worthiness of our fellow brothers and sisters. We categorize and thus divide people according to gender, sexual orientation, skin color, ethnicity, age, economic status, religious affiliation, and language.

With that thought in mind I would like to share a poem a friend sent me about judgmentalism.

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door.

Not by the beauty of it all, nor the lights, or its décor. It was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp The thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade, who swiped my lunch money twice.

Next to him my old neighbor, who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell, Was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus "What's the deal ? I would love to hear your take.

How did all these sinners get up here? God must have made a mistake.

And why is everyone so quiet, so somber – give me a clue."

"Hush, child," Jesus said, "they are all in shock.

No one thought they would be seeing you."

Let's take some time this week to work on our own virtue of patience, and reflect on how we might stray from God's wisdom by categorizing and judging others.

~ Deacon Bill



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ST. CLARE WOMEN'S MINISTRY SISTERS IN SPIRIT

Next Gathering: Saturday, August 8 and September 12

9:00 - 10:30 am - Downstairs at the Parish Office

All women of the parish are invited to join us for connection,
spiritual growth and join

Questions contact: kim@saintclarechurch.org



DEEPEN YOUR FAITH AND BUILD COMMUNITY

ST. CLARE MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

September 17-20

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

For more details contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org



ST CLARE PICNIC

ONE MASS, ONE FAMILY

Sunday, September 13

One Mass at 10am; Picnic 11am - 2pm

All invited for fellowship, food, games, and fun the whole family



ST. CLARE CHURCH FIRST ANNUAL CAR SHOW

*Chrome, Coffee, Community...
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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 23**

**1:00-3:00 PM**

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Join us on **Sunday, August 23rd**, 1-3 PM,
for a celebration of cars, trucks, and motorcycles!
Everyone is welcome! Whether you're a car enthusiast
or just looking for a fun afternoon, come enjoy the show.

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-  Beautiful classic and custom vehicles
-  Friendly conversation and fellowship
-  An opportunity to support St. Vincent de Paul through donations of non-perishable food or financial gifts
-  Great atmosphere and family fun
-  Stories, memories, and a few laughs from fellow car enthusiasts

Bring your friends, family, and your favorite wheels—we can't wait to see you there!

**HAVE A VEHICLE
YOU'D LIKE TO SHOW OFF?**

Space is limited. Please email us to register and reserve your space.

All vehicles—cars, trucks, and motorcycles—are invited!

 Donations of non-perishable food or financial contributions are welcome to support our neighborhood via St. Vincent de Paul.

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AUGUST 21-23, 2026

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