



St. Clare Parish

Mar. 17, 2024



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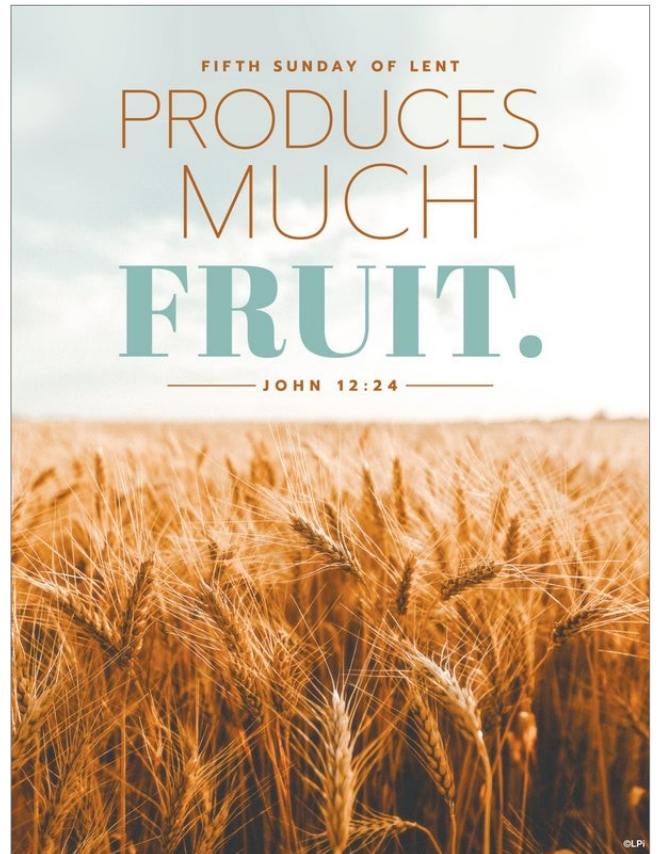
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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 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 Children** Contact sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org

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



Weekly Inspiration

5th Sunday of Lent

Mar. 17, 2024

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be. ©LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Mar. 16

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church
5:00pm Mass +*David Duncan* Church
6:00pm After 5pm Mass Social Parish Hall

Sunday, Mar. 17 5th Sunday of Lent

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

8:30am Mass +*L. Patrick Kelley* Church
10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Monday, Mar. 18

8:30am Daily Mass +*Martin Brown* Church

Wednesday, Mar. 20

8:30am Daily Mass +*Bill Coakley* Church
9:00am Lenten Book Study Parish Office

Thursday, Mar. 21

8:30am Daily Mass +*Teresa Caldwell* Church

Friday, Mar. 22

8:30am Daily Mass Church
2:00pm Stations of the Cross with School Students Church
6:00pm Soup Supper Parish Hall
6:30pm Lenten Penance Service Church

Saturday, Mar. 23

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church
5:00pm Mass +*Antonette Amato* Church

Sunday, Mar. 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30am Mass +*Donna Godar* Church
10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Lent has gone quickly this year. I hope it's been a good time of connecting closer to God.

This Friday, March 22, will be our Lenten Penance Service at 6:30pm. We'll have our usual 6pm soup supper and then instead of Stations of the Cross, we'll have Confessions. Two other priests will come to help, (Frs. John Henderson and Ted Prentice), we'll do a short communal reflection on sin/forgiveness and then go right into the individual Confessions.

If you haven't taken advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation yet this Lent, I encourage you to come Friday evening. Confession is a powerful sacrament for spiritual healing. It gives us the grace of not only being forgiven, but receiving healing from the effects of sin in our lives. It gives us healing and strength, so we can resist sin better and consequently be more fully alive. It's a great sacrament, take advantage of it this Lent.

In order to make Confession as convenient as possible, I will continue hearing Confessions after all the weekend Masses, and also during Holy Week, I'll be in the Reconciliation Chapel on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-9:30am. ~ Fr. Don



Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/W 3.10.24	\$11,687	\$10,779	\$908
W/E 3.3.24	\$10,257	\$10,779	(\$522)
Total Mar (1-10)	\$19,912	\$21,558	(\$1,646)
Total February	\$47,430	\$43,116	\$4,314
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$432,532	\$398,823	\$33,709

***FY 23/24 Offertory Goal: \$10,779 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

Reminder: Interested in Online Giving? Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org. Thank you!

Lent 2024

Stations, Soup & Penance Service

Friday, Mar. 22

Stations of the Cross with School Students
2pm Church

Soup Supper 6pm Parish Hall

Lenten Penance Service 6:30pm Church

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Mar. 28 - Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Mar. 29 - Good Friday Service, 7pm

Mar. 30 - Saturday Easter Vigil, 8pm

Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday Mass
8:30am and 10:45am



Mass Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 23 5pm Vigil

Sunday, Mar. 24 8:30am & 10:45am

For the Sunday Masses,
please meet at the parish hall door
for the procession of palms to the church.

Scripture Readings

Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord

Mar. 24, 2024

At the Procession with Palms - Jn 12:12-16

Reading 1 - Is 50:4-7

Psalms - Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading 2 - Phil 2:6-11

Gospel - Mk 14:1-15:47

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

St. Clare Easter Egg Hunt **Easter Sunday, Mar. 31**

Immediately following the 8:30am Mass
on the School Playground

For Toddlers-12 Year Olds & their Parents

Donations Still Needed!

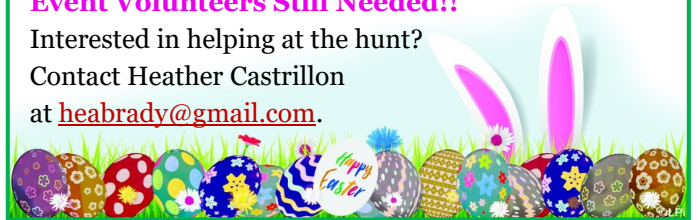
Bags of individually wrapped candy or healthy alternatives, small toys that fit in eggs, and small prizes. Place your goodies in the food baskets at church or the parish office.

Monetary donations are also being accepted to help purchase egg hunt supplies. Please make checks payable to St. Clare Church with "Easter Egg Hunt" written on the memo line, insert in an envelope, also marked, "Easter Egg Hunt," and drop in the Sunday collection basket or at the parish office.

Event Volunteers Still Needed!!

Interested in helping at the hunt?

Contact Heather Castrillon
at heabrad@gmail.com.



Easter Garden 2024

Donate \$10 each in Memory of or in Honor of family members and/or friends. Your remembrances will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin and your donations will be used to purchase beautiful flowers for our Easter Garden displayed on the altar during the Easter Season. Please **legibly print** the information requested below, attach your donation and drop it into the Sunday collection basket or deliver/mail to the parish office by **Monday, Mar. 18.**

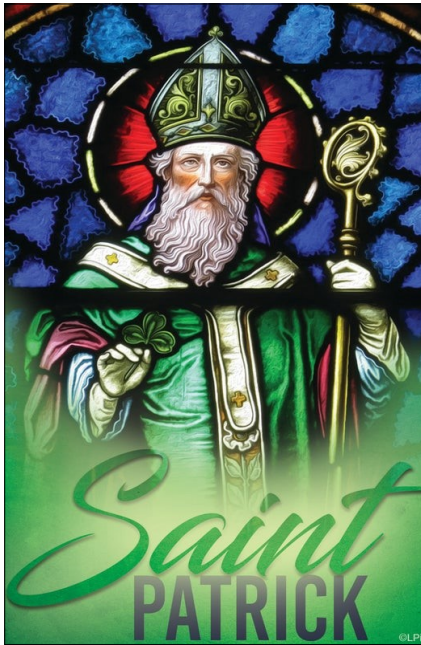
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St. Patrick's Day, March 17

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPi

For more information on St. Patrick, visit www.formed.org and watch the video, *The Trials of St. Patrick*. See pg. 7 for details.

Outreach



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

Pantry Needs

- Cold Cereal • Peanut Butter • Sugar & Flour
- Spaghetti Sauce • Lentils & Dates

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.



From the Administrative Council . . .

Ways to Support St. Clare Church in addition to your Offertory Donations

Reduce your taxable income by giving your IRA distribution to charity . . .

If you're 70½ and would like to reduce your taxable income, consider making a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) from your IRA distribution to St. Clare Church. It can lower your taxes, because a QCD is excluded from your taxable income. It also counts toward your required minimum distribution. Any amount can be given up to \$100,000 per year. The QCD rule allows you to reduce your income and make a charitable contribution without having to itemize deductions.

Include St. Clare Church in your will and estate planning . . .

By leaving a set portion or percentage of your assets to the church, you are helping St. Clare Church continue to be a vibrant church family even after you have departed this world and gone to heaven.

Thank you for considering these options.

Spring Cleaning Soon?

*Save those usable discards for
the annual parish Rummage Sale!*

Junque & Jewels

Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale

- Most needed items: kitchenware, dishes, appliances, tools, craft equipment, clothes, shoes, books, décor, and small furniture
- Donations accepted at the St. Clare Gym
June 15 - 17
- **Sale Dates:**
June 21- 23



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

Buy your St. Clare School Auction tickets:

<https://saintclare.ejoinme.org/registration2024>



Scan here to
register!



ST. CLARE SCHOOL AUCTION GO FOR GOLD

Date: **April 20th**

Venue: **AVENUE event space**

Theme: **The Olympics**

Evening agenda

Opening Ceremonies 5:15 pm

Doors open at 5:15 pm with hosted wine, beer, and a signature cocktail

The Games 6:30 pm

Dinner and the live auction begin at 6:30 pm

Closing Ceremonies 9:00 pm

Stay for a DJ and dance party after the live auction until 11:00 pm

Questions? Email: auction@stclarepdx.org

Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . Book of Exodus: Moses and the Israelites

Well here we are. It has been about 400 years since the Jewish people have settled in Egypt. The Pharaoh, the current leader, is concerned about the extremely large number of Israelites. He puts out an edict that all the male infants of the Israelites be killed for population control. As a result, we meet Moses (the Jewish word for his name is *mosheh which means draw out*) and from here on nothing will be the same. The four remaining books of the Pentateuch are all related to Moses, the Israelites, and their relationship with God.

In the story of Exodus, God claims his people and makes them into a nation. By the end of the book, the Israelites have a priesthood of Aaron and his sons (Ex 29), a tabernacle known as the Ark of the Covenant (Ex 25), and the law or Ten Commandments (Ex 20).

In the first four chapters of Exodus, Moses is saved from death when found in a basket in the river by the Pharaoh's daughter. Moses grows older and becomes aware of his Hebrew heritage. One day, he comes upon an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, kills the Egyptian and flees to Midian. There he marries and has a son. While tending the flocks of his father-in law, Jethro, a priest in Midian, Moses has an encounter with God at a burning bush. God enlists and convinces him with his older brother, Aaron, to go back to Egypt to free his people.

In Chapters 5-11, Moses with God's help convinces Pharaoh to grant freedom for the Israelites in the story of the ten plagues. The two extremely important parts of the Exodus story are the Passover meal and the parting of the Red Sea. *(All the stories in Exodus as in Genesis were passed down from four different oral traditions and put down in writing by the official editor between the 6th and the 5th century BCE. The actual event took place around 13 BCE.)* The Passover meal is described in a very precise way using the priestly tradition, so that it can always be remembered and passed along to future generations. That tradition is celebrated even today by the Jewish people. It is also the feast where Jesus gave us his Body and Blood which Christians continue to commemorate to this day. The escape through the Red Sea for us Christians signifies our baptism when we are given new life by passing through the waters of baptism.

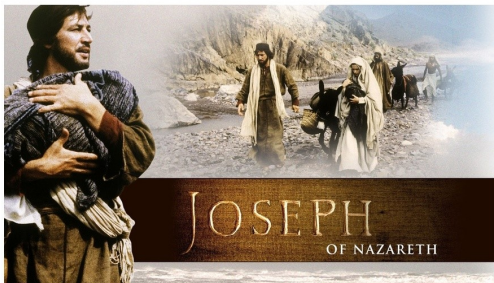
The next part of Exodus, starting just before Chapter 16, finds the Israelites in the desert grumbling to Moses about no food and water. Recall that the Israelites were in Egypt for 400 years, lived a peaceful life and comfortable in their situation. Now they are starving, so God supplies manna, quail, and water. *(We will learn much more about the desert journey in the Book of Numbers.)* They arrive at Mount Sinai where God tells Moses that the Hebrews will be his chosen people if they obey his commandments and keep his covenant. Moses then goes up the mountain, stays for 40 days and receives the Ten Commandments. Since he delays coming down, the Israelites make a golden calf to worship. God gets angry and kills many in a rage. The people repent and make an atonement for their sins, and our merciful God forgives them. *(This, my friends, will be the continuing cycle we will witness throughout the entire Bible culminating with Jesus dying on the cross for our sins).*

The balance of this book presents more laws, the Ark of the Covenant and the royal priesthood with detailed procedures regarding all of these subjects. But the next three books will go even deeper into the history and formation of God's people.

~ Deacon Bill

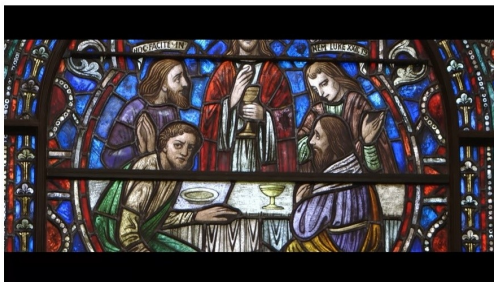
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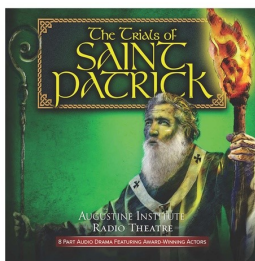
Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



An Encounter with Mercy

We are not defined by our mistakes. In Confession, Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.

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