

## St. Clare Parish

#### Mar. 24, 2024

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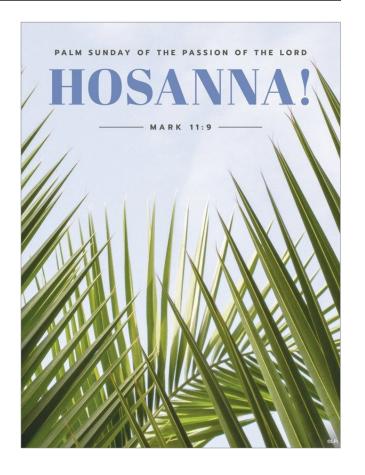
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#### Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5pm

Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am

Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am

Holy Days - 8:30am, 12pm & 7pm

Visit <u>www.saintclarechurch.org</u> 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 <a href="mailto:sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org">sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org</a>

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## Weekly Inspiration Palm Sunday

## of the Passion of the Lord

Mar. 24, 2024

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week. LPi



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Mar. 23

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

#### Palm Sunday, Mar. 24

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

#### Monday, Mar. 25

8:30am Daily Mass +*Henry Lewis* Church 9:00am Confessions until 9:30am Church

#### Wednesday, Mar. 27

8:30am Daily Mass + Ethnie McCormick Church
9:00am Confessions until 9:30am Church

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

No Daily Mass Confessions, 9am-9:30am

Good Friday, Mar. 29
Good Friday Service, 7pm

No Daily Mass

Saturday, Mar. 30
Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm

Mass Intention for our RCIA Candidates

Easter Sunday, Mar. 31 8:30am & 10:45am Mass

Easter Egg Hunt, after 8:30am Mass, School Playground

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

Welcome to Holy Week. This week we commemorate the most important events in our faith: Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday as we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds are finally recognizing that he is the long-awaited Messiah/Savior. They lay palm fronds on the road like a red carpet for Jesus. But then the Mass shifts to the reading of the death of Christ which happened just a few days after this triumphant entry.

On Holy Thursday, we have Mass at 7pm. This Mass commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the Eucharist. We will do the traditional foot washing and we'll conclude Mass with a Eucharistic Procession around the inside of the church and then offer a time of Eucharistic Adoration for those that want to stay.

On Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' suffering and death. We don't do Mass that day but will have a Solemn Good Friday Service at 7pm. The evening service will include the reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross.

On Holy Saturday, we have the big Easter Vigil Mass, our biggest Mass of the year. This Mass starts after dark, so 8pm is the starting time. The Mass starts with the lighting of the Easter fire in the darkened church and everyone holding candles, then we read the history of salvation culminating with the resurrection. We welcome our newest members into the church (14 new converts this year) with Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. It's a longer Mass than usual, it usually takes about 1 3/4 hours.

On Easter morning, we have our usual 8:30am and 10:45am Masses celebrating resurrection followed by the very popular Easter Egg Hunt after the 8:30 Mass. I pray that this Holy Week is a special time for you as you focus on these critical events in Jesus' life and their implications for us. God bless you all! ~ Fr. Don

#### St. Clare Easter Egg Hunt!

Following the 8:30am Easter Mass on the School Playground

For Toddlers-12 Year Olds and Parents

Candy & Monetary Donations due 3.24 to the baskets at church or parish office.

Volunteers still needed...contact Heather at <a href="https://needed.nee



#### Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper

Mar. 28, 2024

Reading 1 - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
Psalms - Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
Reading 2 - 1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel - Jn 13:1-15

#### **Good Friday Service**

Mar. 29, 2024

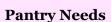
Reading 1 - Is 52:13-53:12 Psalms - Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Reading 2 - Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel - Jn 18:1-19; 42

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mar. 31, 2024

Reading 1 - Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalms - Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Reading 2 - 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Gospel - Jun 20:1-9

#### <u>The St. Clare Conference</u> <u>Society of St. Vincent de Paul</u>



- Hot & Cold Cereals
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Pancake Mix & Syrup
  - Spaghetti Sauce & Dry Pasta

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.\*

#### Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report					
	Actual Average Offertory Offertory Goal		Amount Over (Under) Goal		
W/W 3.17.24	\$12,147	\$10,779	\$1,368		
Total Mar (1-17)	\$29,925	\$32,337	(\$2,412)		
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$442,546	\$409,602	\$32,944		

\*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 <a href="https://www.saintclarechurch.org">www.saintclarechurch.org</a>. Thank you!

#### Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Apr. 7 9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast served up after both Masses by the John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.



Plain & Blueberry Pancakes

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Questions? Contact Don Mey at <a href="mailto:dmey1951@gmail.com">dmey1951@gmail.com</a> or 434.429.9881.

#### **Youth Ministry**

#### Saturday Night Living S'Mores and More

Saturday, Apr. 13 5-8:30pm

#### **SNL for April**

starts with our Youth-Led Liturgy.
Following Mass, we will gather
in the school cafeteria for dinner and reflection
along with S'Mores and More.

#### **Evening Activities and Dinner Menu:**

#### Youth-Led Liturgy Campout Dinner

Hot Dogs (Roasted by the Fire)

Mac 'n Cheese

Corn on the Cob

Flames in the Fire Bonfire S'Mores and More

#### RSVP by Easter Sunday, Mar. 31

Visit the Youth Ministry website and click on *Details for April*.

As this is an onsite event, use the

Online Registration Form in lieu of Permission Form.

## 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

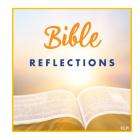
Stay for a DJ and dance party after the live auction until 11:00 pm

Questions? Email: auction@stclarepdx.org

#### Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . The Final Books of the Pentateuch

Today we look at the final three books of the Pentateuch or Torah which is its Jewish name.

The book of **Leviticus** contains the balance of the laws from the final chapters of Exodus which God gives to Moses on the 40 days he spends on Mount Sinai. These laws are meant to help the Israelites improve human relations and bring their God to other nations through their actions. The central theme is one that



is often repeated throughout the book, "You shall be holy, because I, the Lord, am holy." There are 251 laws listed in the book. It should be noted that in the time of Jesus' life on earth all children were required to learn these laws. (Just like Catholic kids from the 1940s to the early 1960s were taught the instructions of the Catholic Church from the Baltimore Catechism.)

The book of **Numbers** continues the story of Exodus when the Israelites journey in the desert for 40 years. It includes additional legal ordinances along with their adventures to make it a combination of law and history. The various events described indicate the action of God who punishes the selfishness of his people by adding to their time wandering in the desert while preparing them with discipline to be his witnesses to the nations. Numbers takes its name from the census of the Israelites at the beginning and again at the end of the book.

In Exodus, some stories portray God's response to the complaints of the people, but in Numbers the rest of the story is told. Here are some examples. In Exodus, people are starving, so God sends them manna. Then they become tired of the bread from heaven and demand meat which God gives them. But in Numbers, Moses gets to the point where he cannot not take anymore of their grumbling. He speaks angrily to God, "If this is the way you will deal with me, then do me a favor of killing me at once, so I no longer face this distress" (Nm 11:15). God provides the Israelites with quail, but before they can enjoy it, God sends a plague that kills the greediest people for their demanding behavior. In Exodus, they also protest the lack of water, so God instructs Moses to strike the rock with his staff at Massah and Meribah and water flows out. In Numbers, however, Moses strikes the rock twice with his staff (not showing sufficient faith in God?), and as a result, he is punished by not being allowed to lead the people into the promised land. "He (Moses) laid his hands on him (Joshua, his trainee) and gave him his commission as the Lord had directed through Moses." (Nm 27:23)

**Deuteronomy** is the final book of the Pentateuch and basically repeats and compiles many of the laws given to Moses on Mount Sinai and provides a more detailed explanation of the laws. The historical part of the book recaps and expands on some of the important events of the desert experience. It is written as an oratorical presentation from Moses.

In these books, we hear the law as Jesus gives to us today, "... love the Lord your God with your whole heart and with all your soul and with your strength." (Dt 6:4) "Love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." (Lv 19:18b)

251 plus laws to two. Thank you Jesus! ~ Deacon Bill



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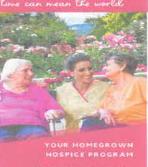
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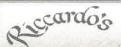
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