



# St. Clare Parish

Mar. 3, 2024

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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](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 Children** Contact [sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org](mailto: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

### **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Mar. 3, 2024

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin. ©LPi

## Week-at-a-Glance

### **Saturday, Mar. 2**

**9:00am** Sisters in the Spirit Gathering Parish Office  
(new start time)

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church

5:00pm Mass +*Paolo Conti* & +*Zia Digregorio* Church

### **Sunday, Mar. 3 3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Family Mass +*Anthony Cichoke* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

### **Monday, Mar. 4**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Wednesday, Mar. 6**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

9:00am Lenten Book Study Parish Office

### **Thursday, Mar. 7**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

### **Friday, Mar. 8**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

6:00pm Soup Supper Parish Hall

6:30pm Stations of the Cross Church

### **Saturday, Mar. 9**

11:00am Funeral for Mary Noonan Church

Reception following Parish Hall

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church

5:00pm Youth Mass *Jimmy* Church

### **Sunday, Mar. 10 4th Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass +*Philip Gerhart* Church

## Scripture Readings

### **4th Sunday of Lent**

Mar. 10, 2024

Reading 1 - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms - Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Reading 2 - Eph 2:4-10

Gospel - Jn 3:14-21

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

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

I am continuing my Lenten series on Prayer this Sunday. In the last two weeks, I've talked about informal prayers and formal prayers. This week I will focus on praying with the Bible.

The Bible is a special way that God speaks to us. It is the place that God gives us direction through the printed word. The Bible is a very helpful instrument for our prayer.

In the Old Testament there are 150 psalms, these are prayers that were used for hundreds of years before Jesus' time. They are still good today. We always pray one of the psalms at Mass between the first and second readings.

In the New Testament, I especially like to read the Gospels, and pray about what Jesus said. Our prayer can be quiet meditation about Jesus' teachings and actions. We pray that we can incorporate Jesus' teachings in our lives; some of his teachings are very comforting, some are very challenging.

All of the Bible is God's word to us. This is the easiest way to listen to God, by reading God's inspired word to us in prayer. I read the Bible every day, it helps me to be more like Jesus. I encourage you to read it regularly also.

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



The Funeral Mass for Mary Noonan, long time parishioner, will be held Saturday, Mar. 9 at 11am with a reception following in the parish hall. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.

## **Lent 2024 Reminders**

### Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross

#### **Friday Evenings in Lent**

Soup Suppers 6pm Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Church

### Confession & Penance Service Schedule

- after all our weekend Masses
- at our regular time of 4-4:30pm on Saturdays
- during the communal Lenten Penance Service on Friday evening, Mar. 22 at 7pm
- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week, 9-9:30am

## Lenten Resources

### ***From Deacon Bill...***

*So how is your Lent going this year?*

*If it is just the humdrum regular Lent, then here are some suggestions to perk it up and make it the best Lent ever.*

On your phone or PC, download *The Amen App* and listen to the daily readings usually lasting 5-6 minutes and *The Ascension App* to hear Sunday homilies by Fr. Mike Schmitt.

Loyola Press, A Jesuit Ministry, offers 2 other apps: *3-Minute Retreats* and *Reimagining the Examen*. Both are short, so you can enjoy one in the morning and one in the evening.

Sign up for our free St. Clare Church subscription at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). Once signed in, view an excellent daily reflection in 5 minutes or less, access many videos for the kids or choose from a ton of Catholic movies, and more.

I also recommend two great programs on Formed:

*Presence*: 30-minute episodes bringing the Eucharist alive, so we don't just look at it as a what, but also as a WHO (Jesus – body, blood, soul, and divinity).

*Forgiven*: a must-see program with three 30-minute videos to prepare us for a great experience as we go to Confession this Lent.

*Life is hectic so pick and choose what works for you. It will definitely be worth it!*

~ Deacon Bill

## 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**

### **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**

**Planning is underway and your help is needed!**

#### **Donations:**

Bags of individually wrapped candy or healthy alternatives, small toys that fit in eggs, and small prizes. Donate now by placing 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.

#### **Volunteers:** Interested in helping?

Contact Heather Castrillon  
at [heabradly@gmail.com](mailto:heabradly@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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## ***Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . More Stories from Genesis, Chapters 1-6***

Last week two distinct stories were presented in the Bible about creation. In the second story, God forms man out of the clay of the ground and then prepares a splendid garden, called Eden, which is to be cultivated by the man. “The Lord God gave man this order: ‘You are free to eat from any of the trees in the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat; when you eat from it you shall die’” (Gn 2:16-17, the Adamic covenant). God loves the man and woman and wants them, like us, to belong to him.

In Chapter 3, the serpent appears. Adam and Eve eat the fruit after they hear the lie of the serpent. God then comes to find them, but they are hiding. He says in a loving way, “Who told you that you were naked?” (Gn 3:11). We all know the rest of the story. It’s the blame game. The covenant is broken, and sin enters the world. God offers total love to our first parents with the goodness of Eden, but they could not stay focused on him alone.

Next in Chapter 4, we hear the story of Cain and Abel, the children of Adam and Eve. Sin continues in the world, but God is looking for the love he shares with humankind. Abel brings the first and best firstling of his flock as an offering to God; Cain just brings an ordinary offering of fruit. God looks with favor on Abel since he put God first; he looks down on Cain because his offering is a second thought. As a result, out of anger and jealousy, Cain kills Abel. God’s punishment is too harsh for Cain, so he becomes a wanderer and leaves God’s presence. However, our loving God places a mark on Cain, so that if anyone kills him they would be avenged sevenfold.

Chapters 5 and 6 introduce us to genealogies. *Ancestry.com* did not exist then, but in the Old Testament of the Bible, they are very important to the Hebrew people especially in the second part of Genesis from Chapters 12-50. Also, it might be noted that two of the gospels make it a point to document Jesus’ ancestors to David and Abraham in Matthew and to Adam in Luke. (Recall these are the covenants in the Old Testament).

Sin is now running rampant and God is really getting fed up. “...The Lord regretted making human beings on the earth and his heart was grieved. So the Lord said: I will wipe out from the earth the human beings whom I have created...” (Gn 6:6-7), but God relents because Noah finds favor with him. We all know the story of the ark where Noah and his family, all eight of them, and all animals, one female and one male, survive the flood. After the waters recede, sinful humanity is eradicated. God makes a covenant with Noah that he will never destroy mankind by a flood again. Our reminder of God’s promise is the rainbow in the sky. Why is this story important to us? It prefigures baptism. The Jewish people have a ritual washing for the forgiveness of sins which John the Baptist performs in the beginning of the gospels. Even to this day, every autumn, the Jewish religion offers the Day of Atonement, called Yom Kippur, which involves throwing breadcrumbs into water to wash away their mistakes of the previous year.

Finally in the primitive stories passed down orally in the bible, we learn about the Tower of Babel. A group of Israelites decides to build a city in the land of Shinar and erects “a tower with its top in the sky and so make a name for ourselves...” (Gn 11:4) After all God does for them, they continue to focus on themselves and not him, so God confuses their speech and scatters them all over the earth. It is no wonder that we still have so much babbling going on in our own world today!

~ Deacon Bill

## Outreach

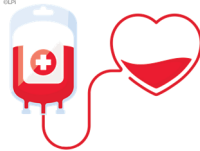
### Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

2nd Collection ~ Mar. 9-10

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about CRS and the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Donation envelopes may be found at the church doors. You may also donate online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/>.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Mar. 14 Parish Hall 2:15-7pm



Please register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
(Sponsor Code is St.ClarePortland)

If you need assistance with registering, call 800.RED.CROSS or contact Maria DaSilva, St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator, at 503.260.3633 or [marriad8984@gmail.com](mailto:marriad8984@gmail.com).



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

#### Pantry Needs

- Dish & Laundry Detergents
- Paper Towels

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 contributed!**

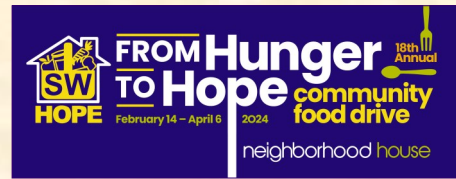
### Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 2.25.24	\$11,730	\$10,779	\$951
Total Feb. (1-25)	\$45,398	\$43,116	\$2,282
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$410,588	\$377,265	<b>\$33,323</b>

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

## Beyond St. Clare

*All are Invited!*



### Neighborhood House Empty Bowls Event

Saturday, Mar. 16 11am-2pm

At our New Location at 8959 SW Barbur Blvd.

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