



# St. Clare Parish

Mar. 15, 2026

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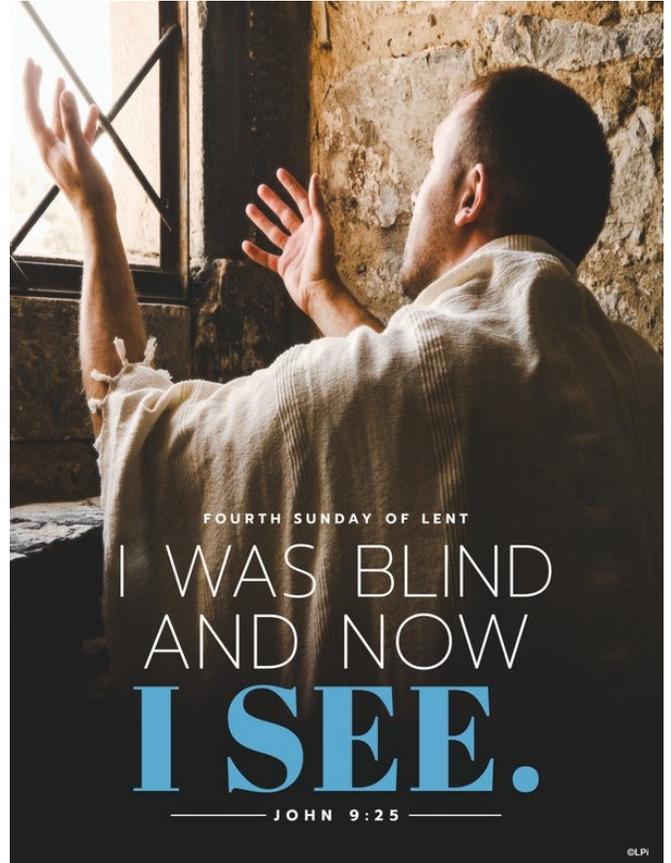
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### Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5pm  
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am  
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am  
Holy Days - 8:30am, 12pm & 7pm

Visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](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 Kim Zea.

**Baptism for Infants:** Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

**Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Teens:** Contact Kim Zea; **for Teens & Children:** Contact Debbie Henkelman.

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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.

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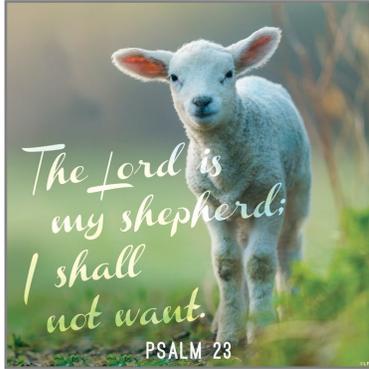


## Weekly Inspiration

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

March 15, 2026

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight? ©LPi



## Week-at-a-Glance

### **Saturday, Mar. 14**

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
4:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall
5:00pm	Youth Mass +James Miller	Church
6:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall

### **Sunday, Mar. 15 4th Sunday of Lent**

8:30am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45am	Mass +Walter O'Briant +Rachel Hossner	Church

### **Monday, Mar. 16**

8:30am	Daily Mass +Mary Ann Rosset	Church
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### **Wednesday, Mar. 18**

8:30am	Daily Mass +Colette Athans	Church
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### **Thursday, Mar. 19**

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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### **Friday, Mar. 20**

8:30am	Daily Mass +Larry Swanson	Church
6:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

### **Saturday, Mar. 21**

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

### **Sunday, Mar. 22**

8:30am	Family Mass For the People	Church
10:45am	Mass +James Shand	Church

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

Our women's ACTS retreat is this weekend. Great stuff! We've got 25 of our women on the retreat at Mt. Angel. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The retreat is led by lay people and is simple, Catholic and reverent. I am on the retreat but I'm not the leader, I give a presentation on the Sacraments and of course I celebrate Mass each day and am available for Confessions, but the leading/coordinating of the retreat is all done by lay people.

We did the men's ACTS retreat in November and it was a big success. The men grew in their Catholic faith and enjoyed connecting with one another. The women are doing the same this weekend. Thank you for your prayer support for the retreat. The prayer support is a critical part of it. Prayer is powerful stuff, it helps the women to be open and responsive to God's action on the retreat.

On another topic, this week we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We are blessed with amazing saints to inspire us by their holy lives. St. Patrick lived 285-461, and as a teenager kidnapped and sold as a slave in Ireland. He eventually escaped and returned home to England, but then became a priest and asked to be sent back to serve the people of Ireland. He dedicated the rest of his adult life to helping the Irish people know, love, and serve God. Happy St. Patrick's Day, everyone!

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

*Note: Our Lenten Penance Service will be held on Friday, Mar. 27 at 6:30pm following Soup Supper at 6pm. Confession is an important part of Lent. If you haven't been to Confession after one of our Masses, then come to the Friday Penance Service and experience God's wonderful forgiveness.*



## After 5pm Mass Social

Saturday, March 21 Parish Hall 6pm

Every 3rd Saturday, 5pm 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!

## ***“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . West Side Windows***

Last week we got to know our east side saints, so this week let’s turn our attention to the west side saints.

[St. Paschal Baylon](#) was born on Pentecost Sunday (that’s how he got his name) in Aragon Spain in 1540. His family was poor and pious; he was required to tend their sheep. Then his father rented him out to shepherd other people’s sheep. When the sheep trod on other’s vines, Pascal paid for the damage out of his own meager resources. At age 24, he became a Franciscan brother and served as cook, gardener, porter, and an official beggar. All of his spare moments were spent before the Blessed Sacrament. In time, many people sought his wise counsel. St. Paschal devoted as many days as he could worshiping before the tabernacle and as a result the Church named him patron of Eucharistic congresses and conferences. He died in 1592 and his feast day is May 17. Significant symbols on window: Host = Holy Eucharist; Rosary = prayer.



[St. Elizabeth of Hungary](#) was born in 1207. Her father, Alexander, was king, so she was a princess. In 1211 at the age of 4, Elizabeth was brought to Wartburg, the Thuringian castle and betrothed to Louis, age 11, heir to the Central European duchy of Thuringia. They grew up together, were best friends, eventually married in 1221, and had a son and 2 daughters. Elizabeth also cared for the poor. One day when she was taking food to them, a member of the court stopped her. When opening her cloak to show that she was carrying bread, the bread turned into roses as Louis had died of the plague in route to the crusades in 1227. His wife was beyond grief at his loss, but Elizabeth joined the Third Order of Franciscans, continued her work with the poor, and opened a hospital in the city of Marburg. Elizabeth died in 1231 at age 24, only 4 years after her beloved Louis. Her feast day is November 17. Significant Symbols on her window: Crown = princess; Bread = care of the poor.



[St. Francis Solano](#) is one of those most obscure saints. (I could not find anything about him in *the Lives of the Saints* even though he was canonized in 1726.) From Franciscan Media and Sheila’s original book, I discovered that he was a Franciscan priest and missionary to South America. Francis was born into a noble family in Aragon Spain in 1540 and was taught by the Jesuits. At age 20, he followed a call to the priesthood, but instead of joining the Jesuits, he became a Franciscan and was ordained a priest in 1567. After ministering a few years in Spain, Francis was taken ill. Around 1580, he was selected to journey to Peru which also brought him to Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay where he ministered to the local people by learning their different languages. Francis loved to sing and play the lute and violin which the native people enjoyed. He died in 1610 and his feast day is on July 14. Significant symbols on his window: Violin = music; South American people = missionary.



All the saints including St. Clare who surround us in church are true pictures of what saints are all about. They may all be Franciscan and from different vocations and status in life, but they followed God’s call to follow his plan. It’s that simple for all of us.

Most of the above information is taken from [St. Clare Windows](#), 2013, by Sheila Cullen and used with permission. ~ Deacon Bill

## 4th Sunday of Lent

### ***Blessing to See***

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.  
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes  
can outshine outward show.  
That quiet witness can overcome  
violence and darkness.  
That Your Light can break like the dawn.  
Amen. ©LPi

### **Questions of the Week**

*Reflect and Respond to Scripture*

#### **1st Reading Question ~**

Samuel does not expect the Lord to anoint the young David as Israel's next king. When have you been surprised by God doing something unexpected in your life?

#### **2nd Reading Question ~**

Paul expects the believers in Ephesus to live as children of light and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. What could you do this week that is pleasing to the Lord?

#### **Gospel Question ~**

Jesus' healing of the blind man causes confusion and even anger to those who do not see him as the Christ. Have you seen or felt God's presence in this season of Lent? ©LPi

## Fridays in Lent

*Come and Join Us!*

Fridays, March 20 & 27 6pm Parish Hall



followed in the Church at 6:30pm by



March 20



March 27

## Outreach



### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Our blood drive on Feb. 26  
was very successful  
thanks to our donors and volunteers.

**26 units were collected  
surpassing our goal of 20!**

Be sure to mark your calendars  
for our next blood drive on Thursday, June 11.

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



#### **Food Pantry Needs**

- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables

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.\**

### ***Spring Cleaning?***

## **Junque & Jewels**

### **Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale**

If you're planning spring cleaning this month,  
please remember to save  
those usable discards  
for our annual parish rummage sale.

Especially wanted are dishes & kitchenware,  
clothes & linens,  
small appliances (working, of course),  
small furniture:  
tables, chairs, bookshelves & dressers,  
books & media,  
toys, games, & sporting goods,  
décor & gardening supplies.

**Sale Dates: June 19, 20, & 21**

**Donations Accepted: June 13 to 16**

Watch for volunteer opportunities after Easter!

## *Easter Garden 2026*

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 **Sunday, Mar. 29**. Names and donations may be submitted online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/easter-garden-2026>

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Easter Egg Hunt  
planning is underway  
and your help is requested!***

**Donations Accepted  
NOW until Wednesday, Apr. 1**

Bags of individually wrapped candy, small toys to fit in eggs, and plastic Easter eggs. Goodies may be dropped in the baskets at church or the parish office front porch on Mondays-Fridays, 8am-6:30pm.

Monetary contributions are also welcomed to help purchase egg hunt supplies. Checks may be made payable to St. Clare Church and placed in the Sunday collection baskets or brought to the parish office.

**Volunteers Needed:** Interested in helping? Contact Heather Castrillon at [heabrady@gmail.com](mailto:heabrady@gmail.com). School parents may earn in-parish tuition/PIP hours for volunteering.

**Plan to Attend:** Easter Sunday morning, Apr. 5 after the 8:30am Mass on the school playground. Toddlers - 12 year olds and their parents are invited!



### **Scripture Readings 5th Sunday of Lent**

March 22, 2026

Reading 1 - Eze 37:12-14

Psalms - Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Reading 2 - Rom 8:8-11

Gospel - Jn 11:1-45

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

### **Many thanks to all who contribute!**

#### **Offertory Report**

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
<b>W/E 3.8.26</b>	\$11,141	\$12,472	\$1,331)
<b>Total March</b>	\$20,723		
<b>Fiscal Year 25/26</b>	\$437,037	\$448,979	<b>(\$11,942)</b>

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



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