



# St. Clare Parish

Mar. 22, 2026

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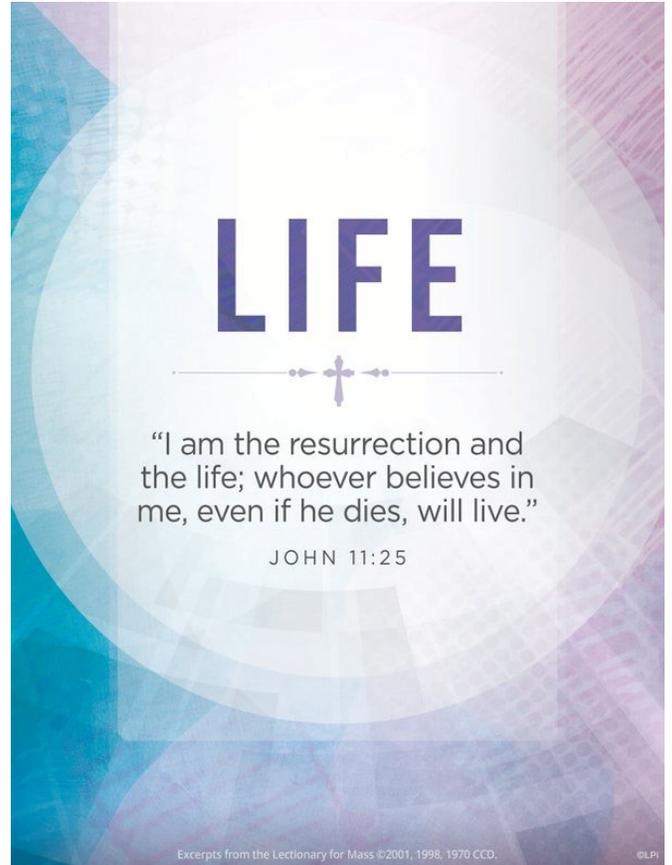
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### Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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.

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## 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: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Weekly Inspiration

### **5th Sunday of Lent**

March 22, 2026

“Lazarus, come out!” Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. “Come out!” God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out! ©LPi



## Week-at-a-Glance

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

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

### **Sunday, Mar. 22 5th Sunday of Lent**

|         |                            |        |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| 8:30am  | Mass <i>For the People</i> | Church |
| 10:45am | Mass + <i>James Shand</i>  | Church |

### **Monday, Mar. 23**

|        |                                  |        |
|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 8:30am | Daily Mass + <i>Peter Cullen</i> | Church |
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### **Wednesday, Mar. 25**

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| 8:30am | Daily Mass + <i>Stephen Loomis</i> | Church |
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### **Thursday, Mar. 26**

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|--------|------------|--------|
| 8:30am | Daily Mass | Church |
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### **Friday, Mar. 27**

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|--------|------------------------|-------------|
| 8:30am | Daily Mass             | Church      |
| 6:00pm | Lenten Soup Supper     | Parish Hall |
| 6:30pm | Lenten Penance Service | Church      |

### **Saturday, Mar. 28**

|        |                              |               |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 9:00am | Brothers in Spirit           | Parish Office |
| 4:00pm | Confession (until 4:30pm)    | Church        |
| 5:00pm | Vigil Mass + <i>Joan Tow</i> | Church        |

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Mar. 29**

|         |                            |        |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| 8:30am  | Mass <i>For the People</i> | Church |
| 10:45am | Mass + <i>Millie Dover</i> | Church |

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

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, then Easter is here a week later. I hope your Lent has been a good one, one that has helped you to get closer to God and follow God's life-giving teachings. The Sunday morning Masses on Palm Sunday will begin in the Parish Hall with the blessing of the palms, then we will all process to the church. Our Saturday evening Mass will start in the church, as usual.

Besides Palm Sunday, next weekend we'll commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our St. Clare Church building's dedication. The actual dedication ceremony was on Mar. 31, 1951 (Tuesday this year).

Here's a quick history of our St. Clare Church. The first church was dedicated in 1914, it was where our main parking lot is now. It was a two story building with the church on the top floor, school on the ground floor and social hall in the basement. As our congregation continued to grow the old church/school building became too small. In 1941 parishioners started a building fund for a new bigger church. By 1950 they had accumulated \$75,000 which was enough to begin construction of the church. Barrett & Logan were the architects and the builder was Ralph Horwitz. Ground breaking was March 26, 1950 and the construction continued so rapidly that the first Mass in the (not quite finished) church was midnight Christmas Mass 1950. The church was finished and dedicated on Mar. 31, 1951. The church cost \$140,000. The stained glass windows were gradually added over the next few years. The altar furnishings are all made of beautiful Oregon Myrtlewood. The pipe organ was installed in 1977.

We can be thankful to our parishioners of 75 years ago for providing us with such a beautiful church building. This building provides a holy and reverent place for us to worship God every week. It is an honor for me to be pastor in our historic church building and to serve our very vibrant congregation.

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

## Scripture Readings

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

March 29, 2026

At the Procession with Palms - Mt 21:1-11

Reading 1 - Is 50:4-7

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

Reading 2 - Phil 2:6-11

Gospel - Mt 26:14-27:66

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

## ***“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . Transept Windows***

This week we focus on the smaller windows that adorn the transepts (both side seating areas) of our church. They represent the four evangelists (gospel writers) Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These images have appeared in the Bible since the 2nd century.

*Ezekiel 1:1-14...the heavens were open, and I saw the vision of God... I saw... a great cloud... and out of the midst thereof the likeness of four living creatures... there was the face of a man... and a face of a lion...and the face of an ox...and the face of an eagle.*

*Revelations 4:7... and the first living creature is like a lion and the second like a calf, and the third has the face, as if it were, of a man, and the fourth is like an eagle flying... and they do not rest day and night, saying. “Holy, holy, holy the Lord God almighty, who was and who is, and who is to be.”*



**St. Matthew (man)** His gospel begins with Jesus’ family tree tracing his heritage back to Abraham. There are 14 generations from Abraham to David, 14 generations from David to the Babylonian exile, and 14 generations to the promised Messiah. This enables Jesus to be considered the son of Abraham and the son of David. Matthew wrote his gospel in the mid-80s for the early believers who became Christians, and it contains many passages connecting the Old Testament to Jesus’ ministry.

**St. Mark (lion)** His gospel begins with the story of John the Baptist coming out of the desert roaring like a lion. Mark’s mother owned the house in Jerusalem where the disciples first received the Eucharist in the Upper Room at the Last Supper. Chapter 14 details the arrest of Jesus and references a naked young man who ran off in fear. It is believed that he was Mark himself. Eventually, Mark traveled with Barnabas and Paul on the first missionary journey mentioned in Acts. He later became Peter’s secretary in Rome and wrote in the mid 80s.

**St. Luke (ox)** His gospel begins with the story of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. Zechariah was a priest in the temple in Jerusalem whose duties also involved sacrificing oxen. Luke’s gospel tells of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem which describes a manger surrounded by animals including an ox. He presents Jesus caring for the poor, the lowly, the outcast (women), the sinner, and the afflicted. Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles to document the growth of the early Church. Luke was a gentile, a Christian, and a physician who traveled with St. Paul and wrote in Greek in the 80s for the Gentiles.

**St. John (eagle)** His gospel is a product of a developed theological reflection, and as a result, sends our thoughts soaring like an eagle to heaven. John, his brother James, and Peter comprised the inner circle of Jesus’ apostles. He was also the youngest apostle, and it was John who was entrusted by Jesus to care for Mary after his death and resurrection. Tradition tells us that John moved to the city of Ephesus, wrote in the 90s, and led the Church there. His gospel includes many missing stories from the other gospels – the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the story of Lazarus which we heard at Mass today.

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## 5th Sunday of Lent

### Prayer for the Week

#### ***Blessing for New Life***

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.  
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.  
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.  
Where the ground feels dry,  
break through with life anew.  
Amen. ©LPi

### Questions of the Week

*Reflect and Respond to Scripture*

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

*We hear from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord's promise to raise His people from the dead. What gives you hope in this promise?*

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

*Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit dwells in those who believe in Jesus and that same Spirit will raise our mortal bodies from the dead. How should this impact the way we live our lives today?*

#### **Gospel Question ~**

*Despite her grief over the death of Lazarus, Martha believes that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, the Son of God. How has this season of Lent strengthened your faith in Jesus? ©LPi*

## Final Soup Supper

*Come and Join Us!*

Friday, March 27 6pm Parish Hall



followed in the Church at 6:30pm by the



Confession is an important part of Lent.

If you haven't been to Confession  
after one of our Masses,  
then come to this Penance Service  
and experience God's wonderful forgiveness.

## Outreach



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

#### **Donation Opportunity**

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul Portland opened a Thrift Store on SE Powell Blvd. about a year ago, but in the last few months has not brought in enough income to cover their costs and is needing more funding. The OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation was very active in starting the Thrift Store and to help out now is offering a matching dollar for dollar grant up to \$300,000.

Local SVDP conferences and donors are invited to contribute to this worthy challenge. If interested, please donate to <https://www.svdppdx.org/make-a-donation> before **Sunday, May 31**.

For questions or more information, please contact Mary at [marybunday@yahoo.com](mailto:marybunday@yahoo.com). Thank you for your continued tremendous generosity to the SVDP organization.

~ Mary Bunday, St. Clare SVDP President

### ***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

*Donations Accepted until Sunday, Mar. 29*

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, or submit names and donations online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/easter-garden-2026>

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

### Donations Needed

**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 [heabradly@gmail.com](mailto:heabradly@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!



### Palm Sunday Mass Schedule

**Saturday, Mar. 28 5pm Vigil**  
**Sunday, Mar. 29 8:30am & 10:45am**

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

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**Apr. 2 - Holy Thursday**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm**  
**Apr. 3 - Good Friday Service, 7pm**

**Apr. 4, Holy Saturday**  
**Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm**

**Apr. 20 - Easter Sunday**  
**Mass at 8:30am & 10:45am**

**Many thanks to all who contribute!**

### Offertory Report

The Offertory Report for Mar. 15 & 22  
will be included in the Mar. 29 bulletin.



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April Youth Group for Grades 6-12. Sign-up by Sunday, April 5.



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# KARAOKE



# GYM NIGHT

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5:00 Youth Mass  
6:00 Dinner  
6:30 Faith Sharing, Karaoke, Open Gym  
8:30 Parent Pick Up

**SATURDAY APRIL 11, 2026**

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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

### What Lazarus Wanted

"It must be so crazy, being God," one of my friends said in high school. "Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?"

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God's omnipotence. It's understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. "Oh God, thy sea is so great," goes the old fisherman's prayer. "And my boat is so small."

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. "This illness is not to end in death," he tells his companions. "But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn't know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — "Lord, let your will be done" — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

### Answer:

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair.





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