



St. Clare Parish

Mar. 8, 2026

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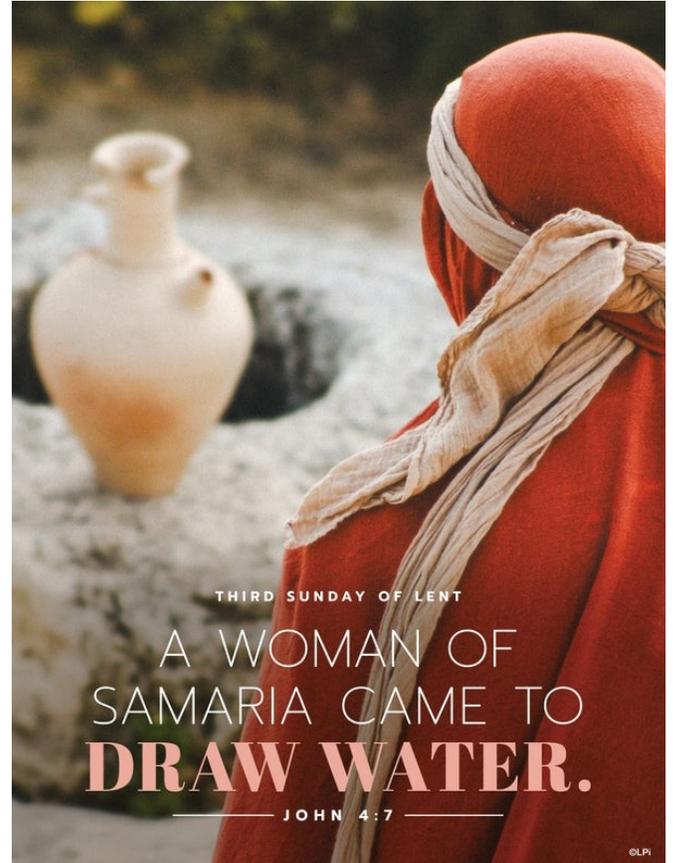
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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

Visit www.saintclarechurch.org 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.

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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: () _____

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

March 8, 2026

Jesus did not convert the Samaritan woman with miracles. He converted her with presence. He was not afraid of her sins or her failures. He listened to her. He sat with her. Let us learn from this: when we are present to others, we can show them the face of God. ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Mar. 7

9:00am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Zia Digregorio</i>	Church
	+ <i>Paolo Conti</i>	

Sunday, Mar. 8 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Family Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
9:30am	Pancake Breakfast (ends at 1pm)	Parish Hall
10:45am	Mass + <i>Tom Chambers</i>	Church

Monday, Mar. 9

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Kathleen Tobin Goeke</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Mar. 11

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Martin Lees</i>	Church
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Thursday, Mar. 12

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Bob Kocarnik</i>	Church
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Friday, Mar. 13

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Peter Cullen</i>	Church
6:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper	Parish Hall
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

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 + <i>James Miller</i>	Church
6:00pm	Youth Group	Parish Hall

Sunday, Mar. 15 4th Sunday of Lent

8:30am	Family Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass + <i>Walter O'Briant</i>	Church
	+ <i>Rachel Hossner</i>	

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

I'm planning to semi-retire in 1½ or 2½ years and move to Scappoose where my brother Dave is pastor of St. Wenceslaus Church. We'll be a couple of 70-something priests, partnering at that parish for many years. I look forward to working alongside my brother there.

Anticipating my move to Scappoose, I've been casually watching the real estate market there for a few months. A property came up that seemed too good to be true, and I was able to buy it! It's 3 acres, 5 minutes from the church, with water access to the Multnomah Channel. The water access is what makes this parcel unique, and so attractive to me. The property has an acre of meadow and 2 acres of wooded rolling hills. I plan to put a small (700 sq. ft.) doublewide manufactured home in the meadow.

I see God's hand in this property in many ways: There's VERY LITTLE property with water access near Scappoose, and the owner didn't price it as water property. I wasn't planning to get property this soon but it's in Multnomah County and they take 18-24 months to issue building permits, so now is the time to start that process. I'm a farm boy at heart and prefer living in the country. On top of all that, the day I bought it there was a rainbow over the property!

This property that God has provided for me exceeds my expectations. God is good! I will continue to live and serve here at St. Clare, but I am also starting to prepare for the next phase of my life when I semi-retire at Scappoose.

Please join me in praying for the 25 women who will be on our ACTS retreat this week starting on Thursday evening through Sunday morning.

~ *Fr. Don*

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

Reading 1 - 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalms - Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading 2 - Eph 5:8-14

Gospel - Jn 9:1-41

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . East Side Windows

Today let's get acquainted with the saints who are with us on the east side of our church.

[St. Bonaventure](#) was a Franciscan priest, bishop of Albano, and a Doctor of the Church. He was born in Italy in 1221; his birth name was Giovanni. He never met St. Francis, who died in 1226, but was cured of a childhood illness by prayer through the intercession of St. Francis. After hearing of the boy's recovery in 1225, St. Francis cried out, “O, Buona Ventura!” which means “O, good fortune!” Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order at the age of 20 and is credited as the second founder of the Franciscans after the order fell into disunity and dissension. Pope Gregory X made him Cardinal and Archbishop of Albano writing over 500 sermons. In 1274, he preached at the reconciliation Mass at the Council of Lyons where the delegates agreed on reunion between the Orthodox churches of the East. Bonaventure died shortly after that. He lived by his motto “Do common things well and be constantly faithful to small matters.” His feast day is July 15th. Significant symbols on his window: wide-brimmed hat = cardinal; pen and scroll = writer



[St. Louis IX](#) was King of France and a Third Order Franciscan (lay people and secular clergy who follow St. Francis's example). He was born in 1214, and when his father died in 1225, Louis took over the throne at just 11 years old. His mother, Blanche, a princess of Castile in Spain taught him to love prayer and to try to do the will of God. She helped him to rule the country until he could do it on his own. He married Margaret of Provence and they raised 11 children. During his reign as king, Louis presided over a religious and cultural renaissance. He built 3 monasteries and sponsored the construction of great Gothic cathedrals including *Sainte-Chapelle* which is in the courtyard of the royal place and contains a collection of relics of Christ. As a Christian knight, he led 2 disastrous crusades against the Muslims in Palestine in order to bring aid to the Christians living there. During his second crusade, Louis IX caught typhoid fever and died on August 25 (his feast day), 1270. Significant symbols on his window: crown = king; sword = knight; Fleur de Lys = France



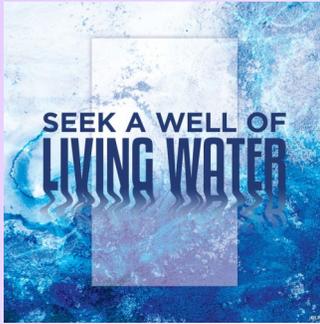
[St. Margaret of Cortona](#) was also a Third Order Franciscan. She was born in Tuscany, Italy in 1247. As a teenager, Margaret liked to go to parties and was wild and reckless. At age 17, after her mother died, her father who was a farmer remarried. Seduced by a young knight, Margaret became his mistress, and had a son. After his death, she had a religious awakening. They tried to return to her father's home, but his new wife wouldn't allow it. Margaret was without help or any money, but the Franciscans were able to find her a home. She devoted her life to penance, charity, and caring for the poor, who earlier in her life she had ignored and ridiculed. With the Franciscan influence in her life, her son became a friar. Margaret established a hospital for the sick, homeless, and impoverished. They were ministered to by a congregation of tertiary sisters whom she formed. Margaret died in 1297 and her feast day is February 22. Significant symbols on her window: spindle = housework; dog = faithfulness.



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Prayer for the Week

Blessing of Living Water



Lord, where there has been dryness in my life,
bless me with Your living water!

Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth,
bless me with Your living water!

Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life,
bless me with Your living water!

Drench the parched earth with Your promise,
bless me with Your living water!

Amen. ©LPi

Fridays in Lent

Come and Join Us!



Fridays, March 13, 20 & 27
6pm Parish Hall
followed in the Church at 6:30pm
by



March 13 & 20



March 27

Outreach



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Fruit especially Peaches • Pancake Mix
- Hot & Cold Cereal • Ketchup & Mustard

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.

Faith Formation

Women of St. Clare

Deepen your faith and build community.



Last Call! Only 2 Spaces Left !

St. Clare Women's ACTS Retreat

March 12 - 15

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For more details and to register, visit
www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats
or scan the QR code above.

Questions? Contact Kim Zea
at kim@saintclarechurch.org or x104.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 3.1.26	\$12,630	\$12,472	\$159
Total February	\$44,403		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$426,821	\$436,507	(\$9,686)

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



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Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioners

A bulletin series designed to build community by learning about our members

By Paul Sherbo - Pastoral Council Member



Mary McCormick

You could say our parishioner of 43 years, Mary McCormick, is the quintessential Catholic. She comes from an Irish family going back generations and went to first communion, first confession, Catholic elementary school, high school, and college, all in the UK. Mary's future husband John, an American, was studying architecture and city planning in England when they met at an Irish dance hall. Mary recalled the owners stood at the door, and anyone smelling of alcohol was not admitted! After a few more trips to the dance hall and some dinner dates, they were on their way to marriage.

Eventually they moved to SW Portland where a friend had told them to check out St. Clare. When asked about what attracted the couple to St. Clare and continues to appeal to Mary, she states that she feels it is a church with wonderful parishioners, who took to her and she to them. She feels the church is very progressive, and has had some wonderful priests. Mary states that an important part of experiencing St. Clare has been faithfully attending Mass, and like other parishioners I have interviewed, Mary says the Eucharist is essential and sustains her. I loved that thought "sustains us"; like we need a weekly dose of Jesus. It seems so true to me. This certainly shows up in Mary's presence at the 10:45am Mass every Sunday. "We also participated in all sorts of activities over the years, before John's passing, like retreats". Mary still goes to the women's group, and you can often spot her at coffee and donuts after Mass. She's always willing to speak with others, and has a sparkling personality with a wealth of cheer.

In discussing the current state of the Catholic Church, Mary feels that Pope Francis left an indelible mark on the church. "An absolute saint", she says, and also noted that Pope John the 23rd, who was behind Vatican II, "opened the doors and windows of the church" making it more accessible. "The transition to English made it so everyone could participate in the Mass". When I mentioned that I was very surprised when an American was elected Pope, Mary simply stated "No, it was time. We have had so many Italian popes, and the fact that we have now had popes from both the Americas is a good thing. It is a huge chunk of geography". Mary misses the *Catholic Sentinel* newspaper, but still takes monthly the Jesuit magazine called *America*. Speaking of Jesuits, we both admire Father Gary Smith, a pioneer in caring for the homeless in Portland, and Father Greg Boyle, who has been instrumental in the Los Angeles area in getting young men and women out of gangs and into productive lives. Their books are great reads and readily available on Amazon and other sites.

Mary does express concerns for the state of the church, however. "People are not going to church, especially young people. What are we leaving for our grandchildren? The young people have the love, they have the social responsibility. Many are doing wonderful things, often more than those sitting in the pews, but they are missing the Mass and the Sacraments". Still, Mary remains optimistic. "I have great faith they will come back".

When asked what we could improve at St. Clare, Mary says she hopes we can get more people back to church. Fr. Don is big on this, she says. "We are so lucky to have him, but people have to make the individual effort. We must pray, like the 5-finger prayer he talks about. It is so important. I still pray the rosary at night. I pray especially for our leaders, that the Holy Spirit would give them wisdom, intelligence, humility, and kindness. Nobody knows when the world will end, and I pray for peace in a tumultuous world. Meanwhile, we all have to do our part. We are the church and all of us must encourage church attendance". Mary also feels it is important to build community and get to know others who might be as close as someone who is sitting next to you at Mass. "We need to reach out. Also, if I am not able to go to church, I watch online. In the end, it is all about faith. I am not afraid of death. I will keep my faith until I die. We have to learn to let go and let God. I know God loves me, and we'll talk at the gates". Now there is some fine Irish wisdom we all can take to heart!

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