



# St. Clare Parish

May 10, 2026

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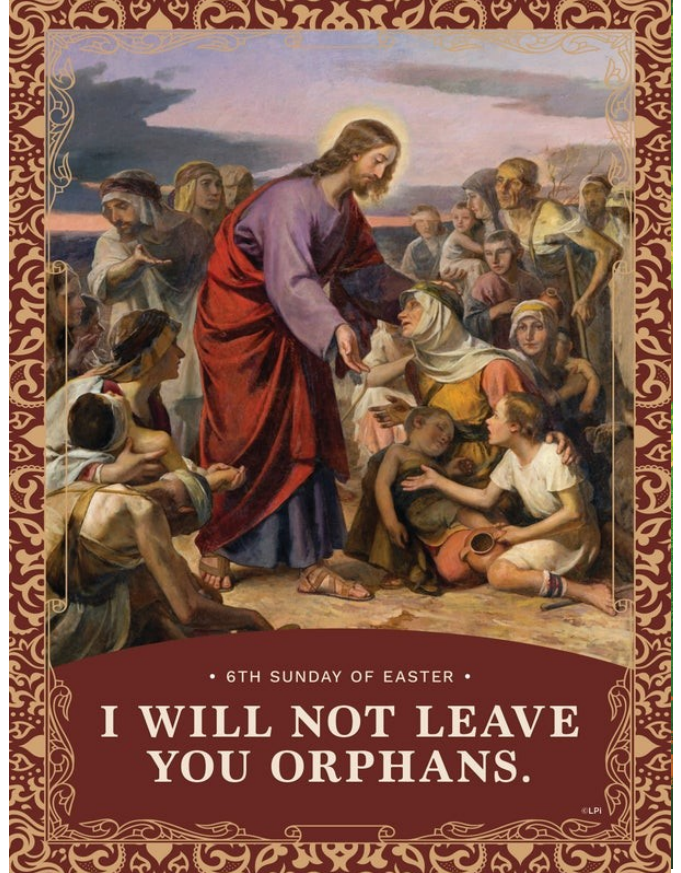
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### Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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.

### 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.

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## Weekly Inspiration **6th Sunday of Easter**

May 10, 2026

When we want to see Christ's face, we must look to the Sacraments. "The world will no longer see me," Christ tells his disciples, "but you will see me." This ability to see Jesus is a gift of the Holy Spirit, one made again and again — even today. @LPi

## Week-at-a-Glance

### **Saturday, May 9**

9:00am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Youth Mass + <i>Ted Leonard</i>	Church
6:00am	Youth Group	Parish Hall/Gym

### **Sunday, May 10 Happy Mother's Day!**

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass + <i>Denny Codd</i>	Church

### **Monday, May 11**

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i>	Church
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### **Wednesday, May 13**

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Rosalie Torluccio</i>	Church
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### **Thursday, May 14**

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Jim Brandt</i>	Church
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### **Friday, May 15**

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Mary Ann Reynolds</i>	Church
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### **Saturday, May 16**

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

### **Sunday, May 17**

8:30am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass + <i>Paul Chase</i>	Church

## *After 5pm Mass Social*

Saturday, May 16 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!

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

Happy Mother's Day! This is a great day to honor all the dedication, love and sacrifice of our mothers. St. Clare Church has lots of strong families and moms make up a big part of that strength. THANK YOU mothers!

My mom passed away 4 years ago at 93 years old. She was a great mom. Charleen Helmbrecht was born in Buffalo, NY just two weeks after the Great Depression hit. She had a sister one year older than her, and as I look at childhood pictures of them, they look like twins. They were a strong Catholic family, mom attended Catholic schools and then went to college at the University of Rochester Eastman School of Music. There she met my dad. They completed their studies in '52, were married by Mom's cousin who was a priest, and their honeymoon was driving cross-country back to Oregon where Dad would become a music teacher at Hillsboro High School. Over the next five years mom gave birth to five children, finishing up with my twin and me. (I like to think she saved the best for last!).

Mom and Dad were an adventurous couple. In '61 my parents and the 3 older children (ages 5-7) flew to South America and back in our single engine airplane. In '63 the whole family moved to Germany for a year while Dad was attending studies there. Besides traveling they always raised a huge garden and Mom canned and froze lots of fruit and veggies to feed her hungry family through the winter months. Mom and Dad had a loving marriage for 69 years before her passing.

I was blessed with a really good mom. A lot of us have been blessed with our amazing moms. Today we celebrate our moms. We thank them for all their love and care for us and we pray for them whether they are still with us here on earth or up in Heaven with God. May God bless our moms!

Happy Mother's Day everyone!

~Fr. Don



## Reflect and Respond to Today's Scripture

### 1st Reading

We hear how even the Samaritans came to believe in Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. When have you been surprised by God?

### 2nd Reading

Peter taught his community to learn how to explain their faith to others, even if they are hostile. Do you feel confident defending the faith?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus assures his disciples that God gives us the Holy Spirit to serve as our Advocate. What might you pray for this week from the Holy Spirit?

### Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.

For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.

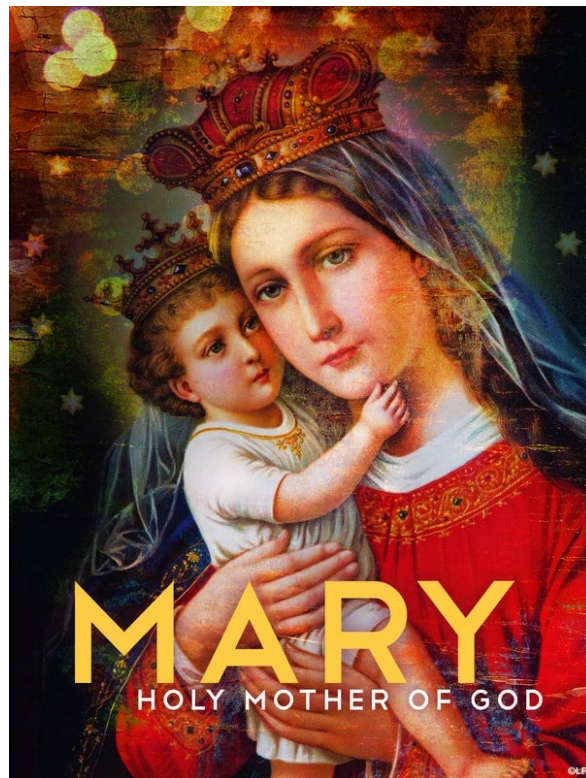
For those who have lost children:  
hold them in their sorrow.

For those who have hoped for children:  
surround them with Your love.

For those who have lost a mother:  
may they know Your comfort.

For those carrying difficulty on this day:  
bring them consolation.

Bless all women this day. Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen. ©LPi



**Happy Mother's Day,  
Blessed Mother!**

May your faith, humility and love inspire us to trust in God and care for one another with tender hearts. Amen

## Outreach



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

#### Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Ravioli & Spaghetti • Cold Cereal
- Dried Spaghetti & Pasta • Toothpaste
- Canned Fruit (especially pears & mixed fruit)



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 Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 5.3.26	\$16,505	\$12,472	(\$4,034)
Total April	\$50,276		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$554,219	\$548,752	(\$5,467)

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



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## ***“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . An Icon of Faith: The Story of St. Paul***

Reading and writing about the people mentioned in the Acts of The Apostles would not be complete if Saul was omitted. Also known as Paul, he was one of the most effective evangelists of early Christianity. In the Book of Acts, Paul is referred to by two names: Saul when addressing the Jewish people he was trying to convert, and Paul when speaking to Gentiles. It is also worth noting that this was not the same as the conversion name given by Jesus to Peter, but rather names Saul/Paul used depending on his audience.

Paul’s journey truly began with his involvement in the stoning of St. Stephen. As a result of this event, persecution of the Church broke out in Jerusalem. This forced many of the Jewish believers in Christianity to leave not only out of fear, but also to spread the Good News to other regions.

Meanwhile, Saul set out on a mission to Damascus to capture Christians. On the way, *“a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him ‘Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me?’” (Acts 9:3-4)*. He was led to Damascus by the men he was traveling with. At the same time, God spoke to Ananias, a disciple in Damascus, and asked him to minister to Saul. Ananias was very afraid since he knew about Saul, but he stepped out in faith and obeyed God.

Then Ananias found Saul, laid hands upon him, and baptized him. Immediately, Saul began proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah to the Jews in Damascus. Soon after, the Jews plotted to kill him, but he escaped by being lowered in a basket through an opening in the wall. Returning to Jerusalem, Saul again preached boldly, but once more faced threats on his life. When he arrived in Jerusalem, the apostles were afraid of him until Barnabas (also known as Matthias) shared Saul’s story, and they accepted him. Even then, opposition followed, and eventually, the brothers, *“took him down to Caesarea and sent him on the way to Tarsus.” (Acts 9: 30)*.

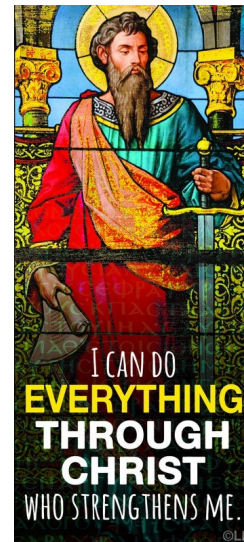
Barnabas and Paul set out on their first missionary work in earnest. First stop was Antioch where a thriving Christian community formed and believers were first called, “Christians”. From there, Paul and Barnabas traveled to Cyprus, Iconium, and Lystra having greater success converting the Gentiles instead of the Jews.

News of these events along with Peter’s experience of baptizing Cornelius, a Gentile centurion and his family, led to the first council of the Church, the Council of Jerusalem (between 48-50 AD) ). There, it was determined that Gentile converts did not need to follow all Jewish laws and rituals.

Paul made two additional missionary journeys. He wrote seven letters attributed solely to him to communities to which he ministered. An additional seven letters were believed to have been written by his disciples to other communities and individuals, three to both Timothy and Titus.

He finally, traveled to Rome where he was tortured and eventually martyred for his faith. In 2 Corinthians, Paul wrote, *“Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one, three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked...” (2 Cor 11: 24-25)*. Truly, Paul stands as an icon of faith.

Let us also remember the other apostles who also traveled to the end of the world carrying the Good News of the Gospel at that time. Unfortunately, few records of their journeys exist, but tradition holds that all were martyred except John. ~ Deacon Bill





# St. Clare HERITAGE POTLUCK

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

Following the 10:45am Mass in the Parish Hall

**Food – Fun – Fellowship**

*All Invited!*

Let's celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with the Heritage Potluck!

Plan to prepare your favorite dish that speaks  
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Come and share in the tapestry of our community's culinary heritage!  
Questions? Contact Debbie Henkelman at [debbie@saintclarechurch.org](mailto:debbie@saintclarechurch.org)

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept a responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

### The Christ You See

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. *Jeez*, I thought. *That would be...really unfortunate.*

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have zero interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they've seen? He puts himself first. He's suspicious of other people. He's not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He's been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here's the problem: they haven't seen Christ at all. They've only seen Christians.

It's easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

One of my coworkers said that Catholics believe we kill Christ again when we celebrate the Mass, since it is his sacrifice. I know that is not right, but how do we explain it?

#### Answer:

We do indeed believe that the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and we believe that the sacrifice is made present again on the altar—not to repeat it, but to join ourselves to it. We are joined to the saving work of Christ, not just simply remembering it.

The closest thing we might have in our culture is when a couple saves some wedding cake in the freezer, and on their first anniversary, they may watch their wedding video and eat the cake, all to recapture the moment. The Jews celebrate a Seder meal, not to remember the Passover, but to participate in it through the ritual foods, questions, and readings. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Mass as the “Holy Sacrifice, because it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ” (#1330). To think that we must sacrifice Christ over and over again would negate what he did on Calvary. To celebrate and renew it each day allows us to participate in it. That is the “source and summit” of Christian life (#1324).



## Scripture Readings ~ The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 17, 2026

Reading 1 - Acts 1:1-11 Psalms - Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Reading 2 - Eph 1:17-23 Gospel - Mt 28:16-20

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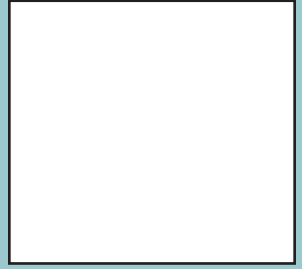
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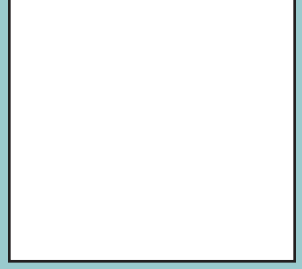


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