



St. Clare Parish

May 17, 2026

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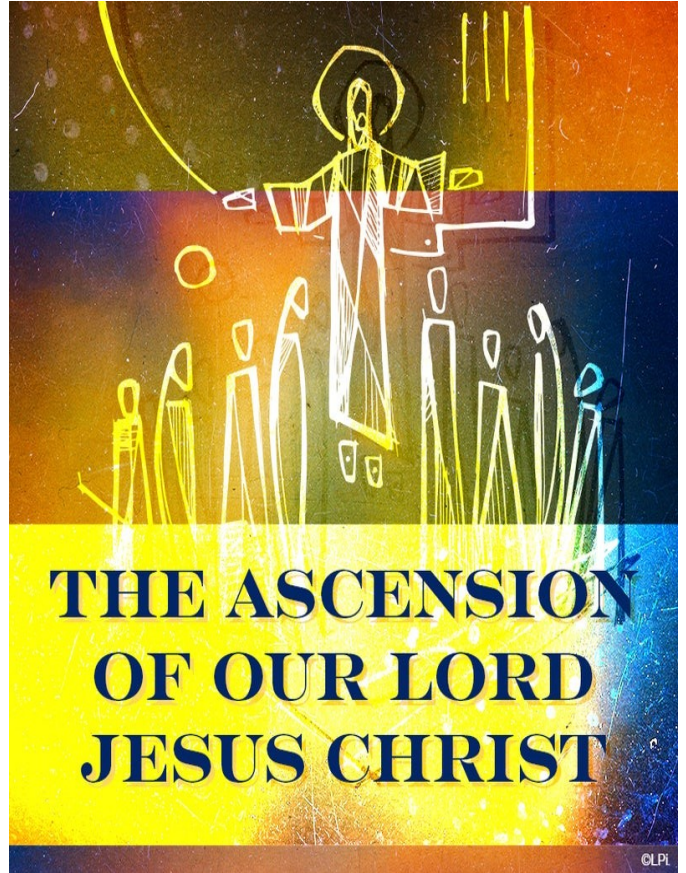
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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.

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.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
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Weekly Inspiration
The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

“Go,” Jesus said, “and make disciples of all nations.”
 How do we begin such an enormous task? Discipleship is not a lifestyle, but an identity. We begin by simply being disciples, by showing our discipleship in all that we do and all that we are. @ LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, May 16

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| 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 The Ascension of the Lord

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

Monday, May 18

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| 8:30am | Daily Mass + <i>Cathy Worrell</i> | Church |
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Wednesday, May 20

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| 8:30am | Daily Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i> | Church |
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Thursday, May 21

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| 8:30am | Daily Mass + <i>James Shand</i> | Church |
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Friday, May 22

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| 8:30am | Daily Mass + <i>Paul Chase</i> | Church |
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Saturday, May 23

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| 9:00am | Brothers in Spirit | Parish Office |
| 4:00pm | Confession (until 4:30pm) | Church |
| 5:00pm | Vigil Mass + <i>Laura Digregorio</i> + <i>Anna Maria Conti</i> | Church |

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

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| 8:30am | Mass <i>For the People</i> | Church |
| 10:45am | Mass <i>Debra Jean Thompson</i> | Church |

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day/Parish Office Closed

NO Daily Mass

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. We remember Jesus' Ascension, rising to heaven 40 days after the resurrection. I can't help but think about St. Clare Church and how we are ascending. We aren't ascending up to heaven, but our congregation and ministries are certainly on the rise.

Here's some things happening at St. Clare recently: Our Easter Mass attendance was up over 10% above last year, this year approximately 1,350 people attended our Easter Sunday Masses (last year was about 1,200). You did a good job of inviting your family and friends to join us! Also, we welcomed about 20 people into our Catholic faith.

Several new ministries have developed this year: We started the ACTS weekend retreats with great success. We did our pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the Fall, that was an inspirational time for the participants. We recently started Walking with Purpose (a women's Bible study), and we have revamped Sisters in the Spirit and it is going well. Brothers in the Spirit started last fall and has been a very supportive and encouraging weekly gathering for the men. We have a new dads' group and have added another moms' group as well. Our St. Clare Campout has expanded from 75 campsites to 90 campsites this year. We recently had 39 children receiving their 1st Holy Communion, and 29 older students receive Confirmation. Our school is looking at the highest enrollment in 20 years, our Preschool is full as usual.

St. Clare Church/School/Preschool is booming. That's because of you! Thank you for stepping up to lead or participate in these ministries. Thank you for your financial support to allow us to do this important work. Thank you for your on-going prayers for our church. It's a joy to serve with all of you here at St. Clare.

~ *Fr. Don*

Note: Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the color of the Holy Spirit is red, so try to remember to wear red to Mass next weekend.

Scripture Readings

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Reading 1 - Acts 2:1-11

Psalms - Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Reading 2 - 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel - Jn: 20:19-23

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Last weekend, we heard the Gospel passage about Christ saying he would not leave us orphans and that he would come to us and give us the Advocate, the Spirit of truth to be with us always. This week, the St. Clare Pastoral Council is inviting you to prayerfully discern if that same Spirit is calling you to join us in our work that supports St. Clare Parish's shepherd, Fr. Don.

The Pastoral Council meets monthly to advise and collaborate with Fr. Don about the greater pastoral needs and vision of the parish. This has included the establishment of our parish's Mission and Vision. The Pastoral Council asks big-picture questions, such as: How can St. Clare Parish best help to build the Kingdom of God? How are we helping our members to come closer to Jesus? How are we reaching out to our neighborhood? and our world to bring the Good News?

We are currently needing two new Council members.

Could this be you?

This is a hopeful time to join the work of the Pastoral Council as we look forward to supporting Fr. Don in pastoral matters that affect the entire life of the parish.

What to do?

You may nominate yourself or another candidate using the paper nomination forms available at the church exits after the Masses this weekend.

Members of the Pastoral Council will be available to answer any questions you might have after the Masses and also on May 23 & 24. Nominations will be accepted through May 31.

For more information, please contact **Paul Sherbo** at thesherbos@gmail.com or **Paddy O'Brien** at sheilahpaddy@gmail.com.

“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . Called to Be Christ’s Witnesses

Saying goodbye is never easy. But the promise of a return makes it more palatable.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus said goodbye to his disciples before returning to the Father. For more than three years they had been a family. They had eaten, prayed and faced adversity together including the trauma of Christ’s death on the cross. After his resurrection, they spent forty days together. Now he was leaving them to return to his Father.

Upon leaving, Jesus made two promises to his disciples. First, they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit; second, they would become Christ’s witnesses “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Let’s start with “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” (Act 1:8).

The disciples were ordinary people, yet God transformed the world through them. How was that possible? It all began with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is Christ’s presence within us, and the key to Christian living. The early disciples were transformed, through the power of the Spirit. They were brilliant and effective messengers because God’s Holy Spirit had entered their lives. What power you and I could have if we yielded ourselves completely to that Spirit!

But what would they do with that power? That brings us to Christ’s second promise: “You will be my witnesses.” (Acts 1:8). One reason the Spirit gave them power was so that they could tell others about Christ’s love and grace. But where would they witness? “...in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)



God certainly has a sense of humor, or perhaps he wanted the disciples to understand that none of their accomplishments would come through their own strength. Some might think of Jerusalem as their home court where witnessing would be easier, but it was not. The disciples were all Galileans who spoke with a different accent and often viewed with suspicion because of their religious beliefs. They were looked down upon by the residents of Jerusalem Their region was home to people whom many Jews considered pagans. Who knows what heretical thoughts others believed that had influenced the disciples minds? The apostles would not have an easy time finding acceptance for their message in Jerusalem, or Judea as a whole. And let us not forget that Jesus had just been crucified in Jerusalem. There was still much fear of the religious authorities.

Samaria, would be no easier because deep divisions existed. Samaritans were Jews who had intermarried with Gentiles. They believed that God dwelt on a mountain rather than in the temple in Jerusalem. As for the rest of the world, the disciples came from a small, occupied land in Samaria. How could they credibly carry Christ’s message to Athens, Rome and the great intellectual and social centers of the world?

Upon Christ’s departure, another promise came from two men dressed in white who suddenly stood beside them: “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

This final promise took the sting out of Jesus’ leaving for those who were left behind. They were encouraged then to focus on the power of the Holy Spirit – as we are now when receiving Baptism and Confirmation. With that Spirit living in us, we are asked to go out into the world and witness by our words and actions the love of Christ which we experience in our lives. ~ Deacon Bill

Reflect and Respond to Today's Scripture

1st Reading

Just before his ascension, Jesus teaches his disciples that they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to assist them in giving witness of Jesus throughout the world. Where do you sense the Holy Spirit active in your life?

2nd Reading

Paul offers a prayer of petition for believers to receive a Spirit of wisdom, revelation, and enlightenment. What might you petition from the Lord this week?

Gospel Reading

One of the final messages the resurrected Jesus tells his disciples is that "all power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Where do you see Jesus' power at work on earth today?

Blessing for Witness

Dear Lord,

Fill us with zeal as we reflect on the message of the Ascension: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Act boldly in me! Bring to my mind those who need Your message of goodness and grace. Inspire my words and direct my actions as I witness to You. Amen.

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Outreach



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Rice –White & Jasmine • Cold Cereal
- Peanut Butter • Jams & Jellies
- Deodorant • Shampoo • Toothpaste
- Diapers (all sizes bigger than 12 lb)

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.

Fr. Jim's Toiletry Project

Summer travels are coming soon! Please continue to collect and bring small, personal hygiene items to the baskets at the church or the front porch of the parish office. They will help our packaging team fill hundreds of gift bags in mid-November for our neighbors in need during the holidays. Your support of this annual outreach project is always much appreciated!
~ Fr. Jim

Beyond St. Clare

Join Us for the Oregon March for Life

Saturday, May 30
2:30pm Oregon State Capitol in Salem



All parishioners, families, and friends are invited to participate in this peaceful and prayerful gathering. Archbishop Sample will be the keynote speaker for this inspiring event.

Learn more at the Oregon March for Life website;

ortl.org/march

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

| | Actual Offertory | Average Offertory Goal | Amount Over (Under) Goal |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| W/E 5.10.26 | \$9,776 | \$12,472 | (\$2,696) |
| Total May | \$23,931 | | |
| Fiscal Year 25/26 | \$563,712 | \$561,224 | (\$2,489) |

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



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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
to your family's culture or traditions.

Please let us know what delicious creation you will be bringing
by signing up at the church doors or the link below:

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/heritagepotluck>

Come and share in the tapestry of our community's culinary heritage!
Questions? Contact Debbie Henkelman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org

It is time to get ready for:

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When to Bring Your Donations to the Gym:

- **Saturday, June 13 - 12:00pm to 6:00pm**
- **Sunday, June 14 - 9:00am to 6:00pm**
- **Monday, June 15 - 8:00am to 7:00pm**

Donations We can Use:

- **Toys, Games & Puzzles**
- **Clothes for Children & Adults**
- **Dishes, Kitchenware & Small Appliances**
- **Books, DVDs, CD & Media**
- **Small Furniture, Lamps & Home Décor**
- **Electronics, Tools, & Hobby Supplies**
- **Jewelry & Collectibles**
- **Sporting Goods & Garden Equipment**

Volunteers Needed Sign up:

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Or Use the QR code:



But We Cannot Accept:

- **Anything Broken, Stained, Torn, Recalled or Not Working**
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- **Liquids, Chemicals, Pesticides, Flammables or Hazardous Waste**
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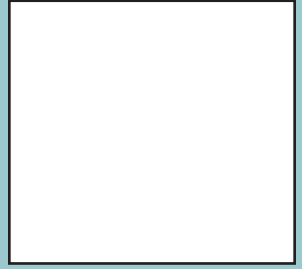
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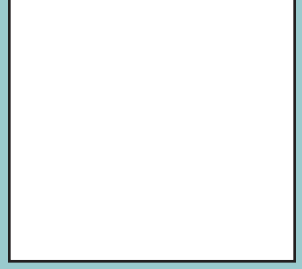
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