



St. Clare Parish

May 24, 2026

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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.

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Weekly Inspiration

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit “the Advocate.” The Latin for lawyer is “advocatus.” Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you’re in trouble, don’t forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you. @LPi



Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 24 Pentecost

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

Wednesday, May 27

8:30am Daily Mass	Church
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Thursday, May 28

8:30am Daily Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i>	Church
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Friday, May 29

8:30am Daily Mass + <i>Mary Ellen Crawley</i>	Church
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Saturday, May 30

9:00am Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass <i>Laurie Zupsic</i>	Church

Sunday, May 31 The Most Holy Trinity

8:30am Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am Mass + <i>Josephine Moore</i>	Church
11:45am Heritage Potluck	Parish Hall

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost commemorates Jesus pouring out his Holy Spirit on the believers 50 days after the resurrection. This Sunday is 50 days after Easter, so we celebrate Pentecost this weekend. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the spirit of Jesus living right inside us. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be disciples, to live the Gospel and to spread the Gospel to others. Without the Holy Spirit we are wimpy Christians. Jesus doesn’t need wimpy Christians, he needs disciples. Disciples are active, on-fire Christians who want to love God and spread that love to others.

Let’s all pray for a continued openness to the Holy Spirit.

In two weeks (June 7) we will celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. Our archdiocese will have a special Mass and procession and I encourage you to consider joining it. There will be special Mass at the Cathedral at 2pm. The Mass will include the consecration of the archdiocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Following the Mass there will be a Eucharistic Procession through the neighborhood starting at 3:30. Last year about 3,000 Catholics joined the procession, and I encourage you to come and make that number even more impressive! The Procession will finish about 4:30.

Happy Pentecost everyone. I pray that you are filled with the Holy Spirit.

~ Fr. Don

Scripture Readings

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

Reading 1 - Ex 34:4b-6,8-9

Psalms - Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Reading 2 - 2 Cor 13:11-13

Gospel - Jn: 3:16-18

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . The Holy Spirit at Work in Our Lives

Welcome to Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Pentecost originally began as a feast which celebrated God giving the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. After Jesus' Ascension to heaven, he fulfilled his promise of sending the Holy Spirit to His disciples. On that day, Peter, the fisherman, proclaimed the Good News to a large gathering of Jews in Jerusalem for the Pentecost celebration. All who were present heard this news in their own language and as a result, about 3,000 people were baptized. Pentecost became known as the birthday of the Church and, thereafter, became the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit.



The Holy Spirit is often considered the most difficult entity of the Holy Trinity to understand. God the Father, creator and author of all goodness, and Jesus, the son and savior, are easier to relate to through human experiences. The Holy Spirit is often described through natural objects or forces. The Holy Spirit is compared to the invisible wind that “blows where it will,” and sometimes violently, as a “rushing, mighty wind.” Other metaphorical references compare it to tongues of flame, or to a dove descending from heaven, and so on.

Here is what we need to know about the Holy - it is God present with us today. It is the Spirit that helps us understand God's purpose for us.

Life can sometimes feel confusing, difficult, even daunting. Often it may seem to us that life doesn't make sense. We have good days when we think that everything is going to work out beautifully, and then, suddenly, out of the blue, our world is turned upside down. We turn to God in prayer, “Lord, what is it you are trying to say to me?” Suddenly, the meaning sometimes becomes crystal clear as if God Himself had whispered it into our ear. This is the working of the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit that gives us the power to accomplish what God has called us to achieve, and it is the Holy Spirit that helps us become all God has created us to be in this life. This might be a good week to reflect on the gifts of the Holy Spirit and see how they relate to our lives.

- **Wisdom** enables us to see life from God's perspective and to recognize the real value of persons, events, and things.
- **Understanding** deepens our knowledge of faith.
- **Counsel (right judgment)** helps us give and receive good advice.
- **Fortitude** enables us to stand up for our beliefs, do what is right in the face of difficulties, and endure suffering with faith.
- **Knowledge** helps us recognize what God asks of us and guide us as to how we might respond.
- **Wonder and Awe (fear of the Lord)** is not about being afraid, but experiencing wonder and awe at the greatness of God and our dependence on Him.
- **Piety (reverence)** helps us love and worship God faithfully.

Through these gifts, we experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is God helping us to make sense of our lives and understanding God's purpose for us. All of this is what we mean when we say, “I believe in the Holy Spirit.”

Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

~ Deacon Bill



**Pastoral Letter on the Spiritual Foundation
of our Mission Renewal in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
to the Priests, Deacons, Religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May 11, 2026

Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

With gratitude, I write to the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Portland. In prayer, it has become clear that the Lord is calling us to open our hearts more fully to His work among us. I have often spoken of Mission Renewal in western Oregon—a call to read the signs of the times and respond with faith and courage to Christ’s command to “go and make disciples.” This effort is focused on three areas: the renewal and unity of our priests, the strengthening of Catholic education and faith formation, and the renewal of our parishes in evangelization and care for the poor.

This mission is not ours alone; it is the Lord’s. When we rely solely on our own efforts, we risk hindering His work. He asks us instead to trust Him and surrender to His will.

Therefore, I invite all of us to root this Mission Renewal deeply in prayer, entrusting it to God’s grace. I am confident the Holy Spirit is at work among us, and I ask you to join me in prayer and sacrifice for a new springtime of faith in western Oregon.

To that end, I invite all of us to take part in the following spiritual initiatives:

Phase I: Pray the Sacred Heart Novena (May 30 to June 7)

I will consecrate the Archdiocese of Portland and our efforts of Mission Renewal to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To prepare for this consecration, Sacred Heart Novena cards will be distributed so that the faithful may pray the novena at Mass and personally during these days. I also encourage a renewed devotion to the Sacred Heart, especially the First Friday devotion, offered for the intention of Mission Renewal.

Phase II: Act of Consecration, Corpus Christi Mass and Procession (June 7)

On Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 2:00 PM, during the Mass for Corpus Christi at our Cathedral Church, I will consecrate the Archdiocese of Portland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before our annual Eucharistic procession. In this act, we entrust our Mission Renewal to the loving Heart of Christ. I ask you to join me if you are able.

Phase III: Building Blocks of Spiritual Foundation in the Archdiocese of Portland after the Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 7

Mission Renewal Prayer & Petition at Mass

A prayer card will be made available to all parishes, schools, and Catholic institutions in the archdiocese. I ask that you pray this daily and include, in your parish intentions at Mass, a prayer for the efforts of Mission Renewal.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Several years ago, I reintroduced the traditional practice of praying the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer. I am again directing that this be prayed after the conclusion of every Mass celebrated in the archdiocese. There will, of course, be exceptions from time to time due to the solemnity or nature of the celebration. This prayer remains an important spiritual support as we seek the Lord's work of renewal among us. The Enemy, Satan, seeks to divide, disrupt, and interfere in our cooperation with God. Having everyone united, praying against the Enemy on a daily and weekly basis is having an effect and will be crucial in our efforts of Mission Renewal.

Personal Devotions and Spiritual Practices

I encourage each of the faithful to make a personal commitment to support this renewal through regular prayer and sacrifice. This may include Eucharistic Holy Hours, works of mercy for the poor and suffering, praying the Rosary, seeking the intercession of Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, or fasting and other forms of penance offered for the intention of Mission Renewal.

Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Perform one or more of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy for the benefit of the poor and suffering. This is in keeping with Pope Leo's letter *Dilexi te*, which reminds us of the Church's preferential option for the poor. Any service rendered to the poor and suffering can be done, for example, on a weekly or monthly basis as one chooses. I ask that this work be offered in support of Mission Renewal. In all of this, I encourage everyone to pray daily for the renewal of our Archdiocese.

I am deeply grateful for your generosity and your willingness to join in this effort. When we pray and sacrifice together as one Church, we open the door for the Lord to act in powerful ways. If we entrust this work to Him with faith, we will surely see the fruits of His grace.

Please know of my prayers for each of you. May the Lord bless you abundantly and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus guide and renew our Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon

Outreach



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, June 7
9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit and beverages served up after both Masses by the John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Community Life



St. Clare HERITAGE POTLUCK

Sunday, May 31
following the 10:45am Parish Hall

Bring a favorite dish reflecting your family's culture or traditions and enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship, and community.

Everyone is invited!

Please sign up at the church doors or the link : <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/heritagepotluck>

Fore more information, please contact Debbie Henkelman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org

Beyond St. Clare



2nd Annual Marian Festival

at the Grotto in the Chapel of Mary
Saturday, May 30 9:30am

9:30am Welcome and Music

9:45am Multicultural Servite Rosary

10:45am Reflection of "Mary Mother of All"
by Fr. Felipe Mariscal Chavez, OSM
followed by Crowning of Mary

12:00pm Mass

Free Event ~ Everyone is welcome!
Bring flowers as an offering for Mary.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, June 11
Parish Hall 2:15-6:30pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org
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If you need assistance with registering,
call 800.RED.CROSS
or contact Maria DaSilva,
St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator,

at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com.

Administration



**PASTORAL COUNCIL
NEEDS YOUR HELP**

St. Clare Pastoral Council is inviting you to prayerfully consider joining this Council that supports Fr. Don and helps guide the vision and pastoral needs of our parish.

Nominate yourself or another parishioner by May 31 using the nomination forms at the church entrances. Members of the council will be available to answer any questions you may have.

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

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 5.17.26	\$13,589	\$12,472	\$1,117
Total May	\$23,931		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$567,556	\$573,695	(\$6,139)

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



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