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May 3, 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.

A Warm Welcome To All Who Worship with Us

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Weekly Inspiration
5th Sunday of Easter
 May 3, 2026

How often do we contemplate the mercy of God, but fear it will run out? How often do we consider following the path of Christ and worry that it is too steep? But God has not overpromised. Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him. ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3

8:30am	Family Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass + <i>Richard Lochrie</i>	Church

Monday, May 4

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Wednesday, May 6

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Kris Vala</i>	Church
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Thursday, May 7

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Connie Roderick</i>	Church
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Friday, May 8

8:30am	Daily Mass <i>Pierce Tujo</i>	Church
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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

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

On Friday night, 29 of our middle school and high school parishioners received the sacrament of Confirmation. The ceremony was at Resurrection Church in Tualatin with Archbishop Sample. The students from St. Francis Church in Sherwood were also there.

I'm proud of our young people. They have been preparing since the Fall for this sacrament. They have attended Confirmation classes regularly, done service projects and attended the weekend retreat. Recently they wrote letters explaining why they are ready for Confirmation. It was inspiring to read their letters. They are sincerely trying to get closer to God and allow God to direct them.

We have a strong team of adults to help these students. Debbie Henkelman is in charge of Confirmation preparation, but she can't do it alone. She has many dedicated helpers. I appreciate their commitment to the students. We also have several people who are praying regularly for the students. And each student has a sponsor to help/guide them also.

Last weekend we had 39 First Holy Communions, this weekend Confirmation... lots going on this time of year. Besides student sacraments, there's plenty going on for adults too. Thank you to all the volunteers at the Rebuilding Together project last weekend. Well done, you transformed that house! Sisters in the Spirit had a good re-organizing meeting last week, Walking with Purpose is starting this week, Knights of Columbus are having their state convention this weekend, Brothers in the Spirit continues to be a good support for the men.... lots happening at this busy and growing church/school/preschool.

Thank you for being a part of our parish family. Let's keep praying for one another.

~ *Fr. Don*

A Message from Mary Angerman



*It was a joy to share
 the loving spirit
 of my husband, Paul Chase,
 with all of you who attended
 his funeral and reception.
 With heartfelt thanks, Mary*

Scripture Readings

6th Sunday of Easter
 May 10, 2026

Reading 1 - Acts 8:5-8,14-17 (55A)

Psalms - Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Reading 2 - 1 Pet 3:15-18

Gospel - John 14:15-21

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Congratulations on Your Confirmation!



Sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Charlie</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Edie</i>
<i>Edward</i>	<i>Ellis</i>	<i>Emiko</i>	<i>Emmett</i>	<i>Evelyne</i>	<i>Hannah</i>
<i>Jonathan</i>	<i>Kacie</i>	<i>Keira</i>	<i>Leo</i>	<i>Liam P.</i>	<i>Liam W.</i>
<i>Lilah</i>	<i>Molly</i>	<i>Norah</i>	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Ripley</i>	<i>Rose</i>
<i>Sam</i>	<i>Santiago</i>	<i>Shannon</i>	<i>Teddy</i>	<i>Timothy</i>	

“This and That “from Deacon Bill . . . The Spirit at Work in the Early Church

In Chapter 6 of Acts, the apostles heard the cry of the Hellenists, Greek-speaking Jewish Christians who had returned to Judea from the Diaspora (Jewish people living outside of Israel due to the various exiles). These Hellenist Jews felt that they were being overlooked in the Church’s social justice ministry. Then the community chose seven holy men and presented them to the apostles, who prayed and laid hands on them. They were not ordained as priests, but rather as people of service marking the beginning of the institution of the diaconate. Among them were *Stephen and Philip*, who are noted below for their specific missions in the early Church.

Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Spirit. He did not stick to the original job description of service; instead, he went out preaching the Gospel of Jesus and debating with fellow Hellenist Jews. This caused tension, and some Jews from Judea became upset. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. False witnesses were presented saying he was distorting the Jewish law and holy places.

Stephen’s long response recalled how God had shown both anger and mercy throughout history. He concluded by addressing the members of the Sanhedrin, *“You stiff-necked people uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always oppose the Holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors.”* (Acts 7:51). Needless to say, the members of the Sanhedrin and those present became angry. They drove him out of the city and began to stone him. The witnesses laid their cloaks at the feet of a Pharisee named Saul. Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God, fell to his knees and cried out *“Lord do not hold this sin against them.”* (Acts 7:60) Stephen died in a manner similar to Jesus and became the first Christian martyr.

After Stephen’s death, persecution of the Christians began in Judea and Samaria, and many leaders of the Church were scattered. In Chapter 8 of Acts, Philip, one of the deacons, went to Samaria where he preached the Good News and performed many miracles. When Peter and John heard that many people had been baptized, they also went to Samaria and laid hands on them. They received the Holy Spirit which is probably the first time we read about what we now recognize as the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Meanwhile, Philip heard the voice of an angel. As he listened to the voice, Philip encountered a court officer, a eunuch (in ancient times a male castrated in order serve as a trusted official in a royal court), who oversaw the treasury of the queen of Ethiopia. Philip approached the eunuch’s chariot to find the official reading a scripture passage from Isaiah. He was confused, so Philip explained the passage telling him about Jesus Christ. The official was so impressed that he inquired how he could become a Christian. Philip told the eunuch that he must be baptized, so they found some water and he was baptized. “When they came out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, but continued his way rejoicing. Philip then went to Azotus and continued proclaiming the Good News until he reached Caesarea.” (Acts 8; 39-40.

In Chapter 7 of Acts, we briefly encounter Saul, who was in no way a saint at that time. However, the Church is quickly spreading to new parts of the world and then comes more about Saul...*to be continued!*

~ *Deacon Bill*

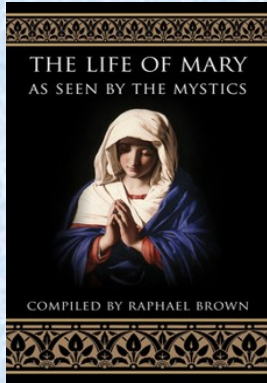
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Wednesday Morning Book Study

Begins May 6

9:00 - 10:30am Downstairs Parish Office

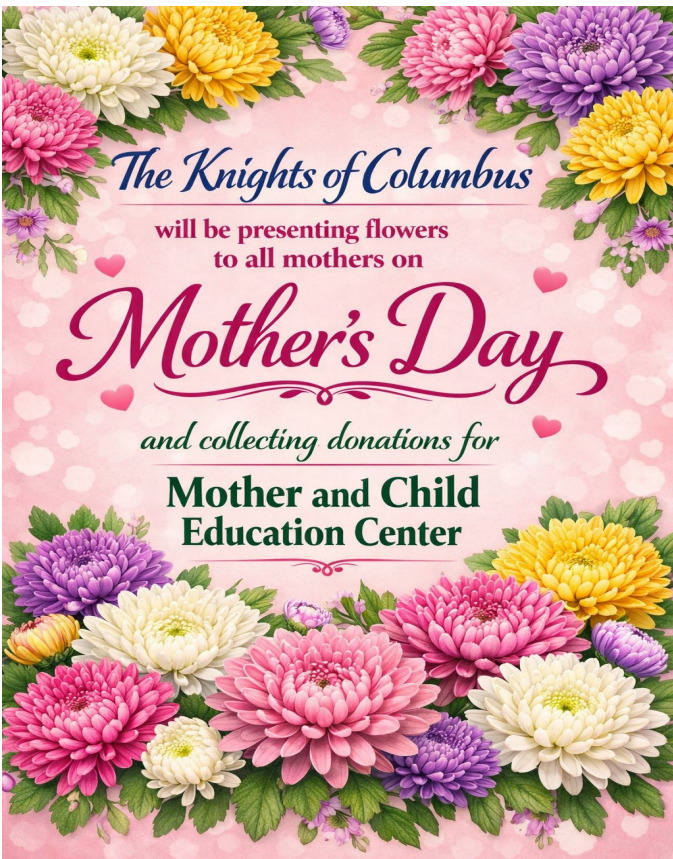


Come deepen your faith, connect with others, and be inspired by the beautiful story of Mary. All are welcome!

Interested in joining?

Please sign up at the Church's doors.

May 9 -10 after Masses



Women's Ministry



Wednesday, May 6

6-7:30pm Downstairs Parish Office

Join us in this Bible Study Ministry designed specifically for women who desire to:

- Grow in Faith in a supportive community
- Get to know other Catholic women
- Build a network of family support

Interested in attending? Please register at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/walking-with-purpose>

Need more information?

Contact Maria Boulton at 646.939.7522 or Kim Zea at 503.244.1037, ext 104

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.26.26	\$13,934	\$12,472	(\$1,462)
Total April	\$50,276		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$526,839	\$536,280	(\$9,441)

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



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Reflect and Respond to Today's Scripture

1st Reading

We hear how the Apostles selected men filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom to help serve the widows in the growing Jerusalem Church. Is there a family member or friend you could help this week?

2nd Reading

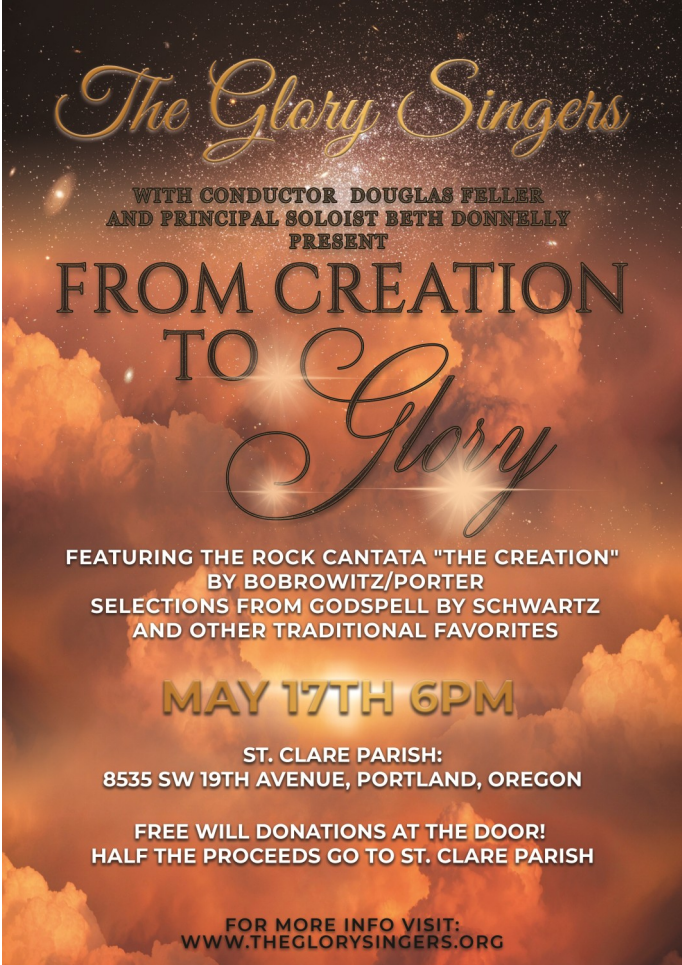
Peter speaks of the resurrected Jesus as a "living stone." How do you sense that Jesus is alive in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus is patient with Thomas and Philip when they are slow to understand him. Who or what challenges your patience?

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord, You have said,
"Do not let your hearts be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
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and my rest in the storm. Amen. ©LPi



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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:

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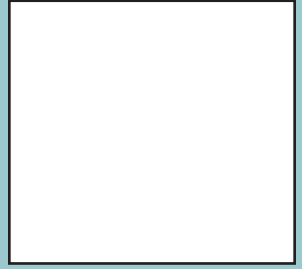
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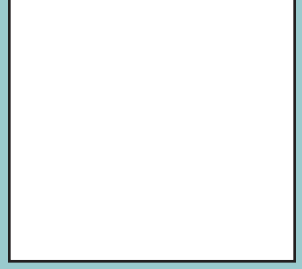
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