



St. Clare Parish

May 25, 2025

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm

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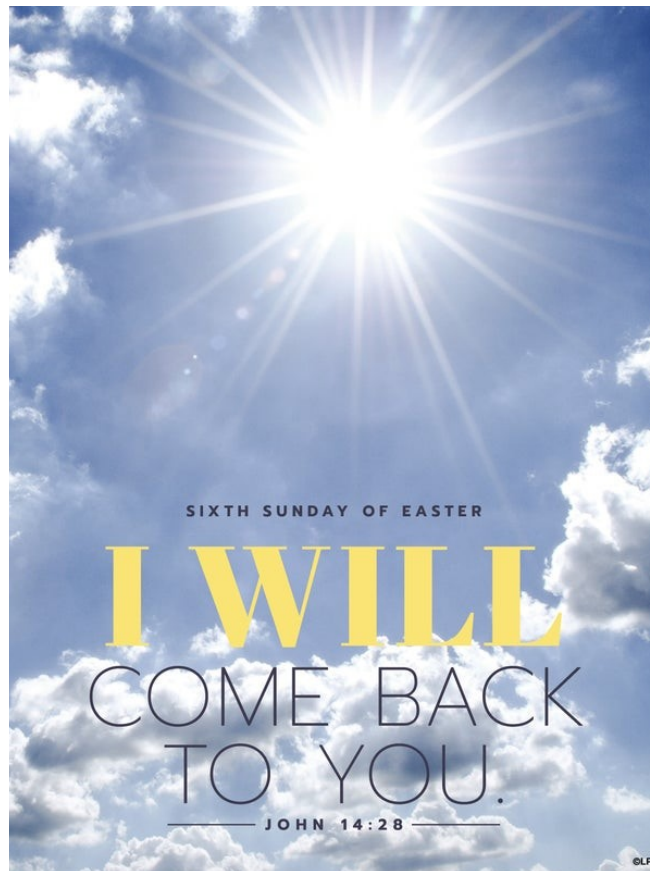
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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 Deacon Bill McNamara.

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |



Weekly Inspiration

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

"Father, they are your gift to me." This is what Christ says of his disciples. It is what he says of us. "I wish that where I am, they also may be with me." Do we have the courage to be where Christ is? Can we be the gift? ©LPi

Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, May 24

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Mass +*Laura Digregorio*
+*Anna Maria Conti* Church

Sunday, May 25

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass +*Robert Jerome* Church

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day/Parish Office Closed

8:30am Daily Mass *Charlie Tujo* Church

6:00pm Special Eucharistic Adoration (See p. 3) Church

7:00pm Benediction Church

Wednesday, May 28

8:30am Daily Mass *Sandy Snider* Church

Thursday, May 29

8:30am Daily Mass +*Mary Ellen Crawley* Church

Friday, May 30

8:30am Daily Mass *Charlie Tujo* Church

Saturday, May 31

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church

5:00pm Mass *Henry Rethmeier* Church

Sunday, June 1

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass +*Stephen Loomis* Church

Fr. Don's Musings

Last weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation here with Archbishop Sample. Twenty of our middle school and high school students received the sacrament. It was a great day. I was pleased to have Archbishop Sample here and show him the great community we have here at St. Clare. He was last here about a year and a half ago when he celebrated Mass with our school student body and visited all classes in both the school and preschool. I respect Archbishop Sample a lot and I believe he is truly trying to do God's will here in western Oregon.

This weekend, we have Memorial Day, the unofficial start of summer. We remember all those brave people who have served our nation well especially those that have given their lives in service of our country. And we remember all our family members and loved ones who have gone before us. May they be in Heaven in God's perfect love forever.

We "sorta" begin summer this weekend although school is still going on for another three and a half weeks. Summer is my favorite season of the year, I love heat and swimming in the river and working in my garden. And in July things slow down for a few weeks at the church which gives the staff a chance to catch their breath a bit.

Our 8th grade class is in Washington D.C. this weekend. Years ago, we used to do the D.C. trips and we felt it was time to resurrect that tradition. There is so much learning that can happen for the students as they tour the center of government for our nation. They left on Thursday and will be back this Wednesday. I am praying that they have a great trip.

Let's keep praying for one another. ~ *Fr. Don*

Fr. Don is leading a 10-day Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi from Sept. 29 - Oct. 8, 2025



Be Sure to Register by May 26 to Reserve your Spot!

Last call for anyone considering joining us on the Pilgrimage to Italy this fall. A Papal Audience is included - just imagine seeing our new pontiff, Pope Leo XIV! Only 6 seats are left on this exciting, once in a lifetime Pilgrimage. Sign up TODAY.

For trip itinerary, pricing, a list of what's included, and to register, please visit <https://www.the-catholic-journey.com/1025stclare>.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Come and Pray with us
for the Increase of vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious life.

Vocation Monstrance blessed by Saint Pope John Paul II
is visiting our Archdiocese of Portland

SAVE THE DATE

May 11- June 24

**St. Clare Parish Church
May 26 from 6-8 pm**

www.serraportland.org



On Nov. 24, 2004, Pope John Paul II blessed 6 monstrances for people to use to pray for an increase in vocations. The 6 monstrances were then sent to the 6 continents of the world. One of these monstrances designated for use in North America, was presented the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is currently visiting the Archdiocese of Portland and will be onsite at St. Clare Church on Monday, May 26 from 6-8pm with benediction at 7:45pm. Please come and join us for this special once in a lifetime Eucharistic Adoration.



PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The St. Clare Council is inviting you to prayerfully discern if the Holy 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 includes the fulfillment 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 become closer to Jesus? How are we reaching out to our neighborhood and our world to bring them 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 and drop off boxes available at the church doors through Monday, June 2. Members of the Pastoral Council will be available to answer any questions you might have after the Masses on May 31-June 1. Nominations are due no later than Tuesday, June 3.

For more information, questions or to submit absentee nominations, please email Debbie Hollingsworth at debjholl@gmail.com. Thank you!

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . A Homily by St. Leo the Great, Pope

The Days between the Resurrection and the Ascension

Beloved, the days which passed between the Lord’s Resurrection and his Ascension were by no means uneventful, during them great sacramental mysteries were confirmed, great truths revealed. In those days the fear of death with all of its horrors was taken away, and the immortality of both the body and soul affirmed. It was then that the Lord breathed on all the apostles and filled them with the Holy Spirit; after giving the keys of the kingdom to blessed Peter, whom he had chosen and set above the others, he entrusted him with the care of his flock.

During these days the Lord joined two of his disciples as companions on the road, and by chiding them for their timidity and hesitant fears he swept away all of the clouds of our uncertainty. Their lukewarm hearts were fired up by the light of faith and began to burn within them as the Lord opened the Scriptures. And as they shared a meal with him, their eyes were opened in the breaking of the bread, opened far more happily to the sight of their own glorified humanity than were the eyes of our first parents to the shame of their sin.

Throughout the whole period of the Resurrection to the Ascension, God’s providence was at work to instill this one lesson into the hearts of the disciples: Christ, who was truly born, truly suffered and truly died, should be recognized as truly risen from the dead. The blessed apostles together with all the others had been intimidated by the catastrophe of the cross, and their faith in the resurrection had been uncertain; but now they were strengthened by the evident truth that their Lord had ascended into heaven, far from feeling any sadness, they were filled with joy.

Indeed that blessed company had a great and inexpressible cause for joy when it saw man’s nature rising above the dignity of the whole heavenly creation, above the ranks of angels, above the exalted status of archangels. Nor would there be a limit to the upward course until humanity was admitted to a seat on the right hand of him to whose nature it was wedded in the person of the Son.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you will also be.” John 14: 1-3

During this Easter season we have heard the written word passed down through the generations which reveals to us God’s promise for eternal life. Alleluia!

~ Deacon Bill

Memorial Day Mass

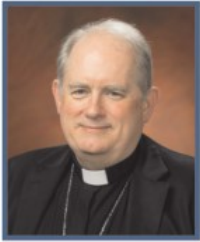
Monday, May 26



10 AM

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Archbishop Alexander K. Sample
Celebrant



10 AM

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Bishop Peter L. Smith
Celebrant



Scripture Readings

The Ascension of the Lord

June 1, 2025

Reading 1 - Acts 1:1-11

Psalms - PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 - Eph 1:17-23

Gospel - Lk 24:46-53

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 5.18.25	\$11,117	\$11,577	(\$461)
W/E 5.11.25	\$11,017	\$11,577	(\$561)
May 1-18	\$32,907	\$29,769	\$3,138
Fiscal Year 24/25	\$548,680	\$532,542	\$16,138

***FY 24/25 Offertory Goal: \$11,577 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

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Outreach



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, June 1

9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast
served up after both Masses by the
John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.



Plain & Blueberry Pancakes

Sausage & Eggs

Fruit & Applesauce

Choice of Milk, Chocolate Milk,

Orange Juice, Coffee, or Tea

Donations will be accepted
to support the Knight's outreach programs.

Questions? Contact Don Mey
at dmev1951@gmail.com or 434.429.9881.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, June 5

Parish Hall 2:15-7pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org
(Sponsor Code is St.ClarePortland)

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.



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Hygiene Products especially
Hand Soap, Dish Soap,
Dishwasher Detergent & Laundry Detergent

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.

ST. CLARE SCHOOL SUPPORT-A-STUDENT WEEKEND May 31 – June 1, 2025

St. Clare School invites parishioners to participate in changing the life of a student by supporting our annual campaign for our endowment tuition assistance. Each year, St. Clare School provides tuition support to nearly 26 students, with assistance averaging over \$91,000.

Give Today: Place a check in the donation envelopes provided at Mass.

Give Online: Visit our school website at www.stclarepdx.org and select "Make a Gift Now" and Support-A-Student at the top.

Give By Mail: Send a check to St. Clare School,
Attn: Development Office
1807 SW Freeman St., Portland, OR 97219



Gifts are generously matched by the Joseph E. Weston Foundation. Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation to this campaign today, ensuring that all who want a Catholic education have the opportunity!

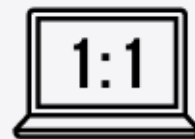
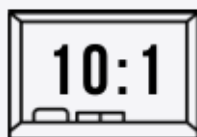


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- 1** CLASS PER GRADE
- 28** MAXIMUM STUDENTS PER CLASS
- 110** YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
- 168** FAMILIES FROM 16 ZIP CODES
- 230** TOTAL STUDENTS
- \$90K** FINANCIAL AID AWARDED ANNUALLY
- \$3M** ENDOWMENT FUND

Student-Teacher Ratio



Student-Device Ratio

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AVERAGE FACULTY TENURE AT ST. CLARE



FACULTY WITH MASTERS DEGREES



ACCEPTANCE RATE TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



FAMILIES ACTIVE AT ST. CLARE CHURCH



St. Clare **HERITAGE POTLUCK**

PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Following the 10:45am Mass in the Parish Hall

Food – Fun – Fellowship

All Invited!

Let's celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with a 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 on the board at one of the church doors.

Come and share in the rich tapestry of our community's culinary heritage!

Questions? Contact Debbie Henkelman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org.

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It's Time to Get Ready for:

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Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale



When to Bring Your Donations to the Gym:

- Saturday, June 21 – 12 Noon to 6:00 PM
- Sunday, June 22 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Monday, June 23 – 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Donations We Can Use:

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

Volunteer

Opportunities

available June 20 - 30.

Sign up NOW to help:

[stclarepdx.ivolunteer.co
m/jj_2025](https://stclarepdx.ivolunteer.com/jj_2025)

or scan the QR code



But We Cannot Accept:

- ⊗ Anything Broken, Stained, Torn, Recalled or Hazardous Waste
- ⊗ Stuffed Animals, Mattresses, Box Springs, Sofa Beds or Bed Frames
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