



St. Clare Parish

Nov. 16, 2025

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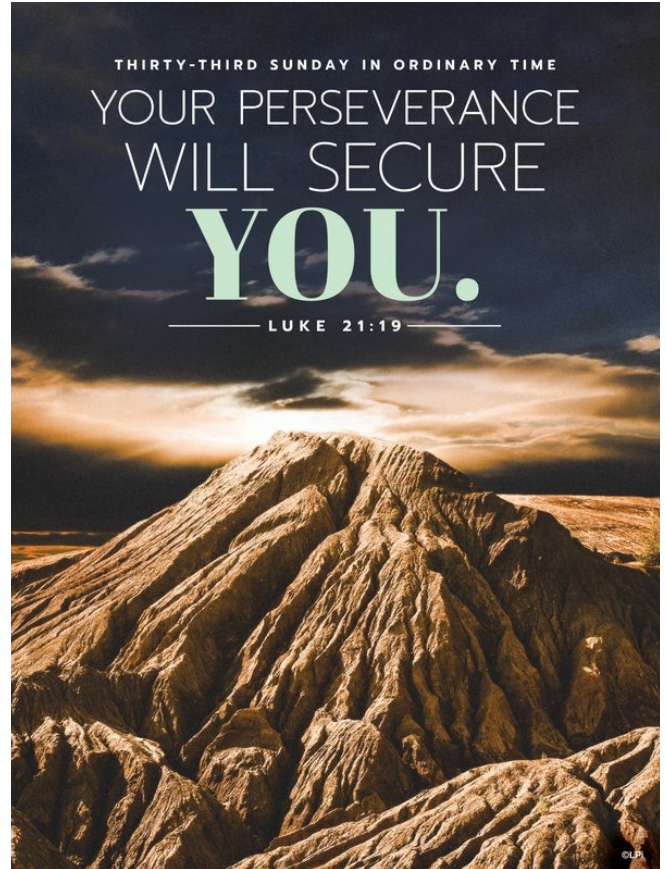
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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 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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| ☐ New Parishioner | ☐ Returning Catholic | ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
| ☐ New Phone Number | ☐ New Address | ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes |



Weekly Inspirations

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov. 16, 2025

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end? ©LPi



Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Nov. 15

9:30am Sisters in the Spirit Gathering Parish Office
4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Youth Mass +Luigi Conti & +Linda Conti Church

Sunday, Nov. 16

8:30am Mass +Barbara Sheridan Church
10:45am Mass For the People Church

Monday, Nov. 17

8:30am Daily Mass +Lisa Cook Church

Wednesday, Nov. 19

8:30am Daily Mass +George Metcalfe Church
9:00am Wed am Advent Book Group Parish Office

Thursday, Nov. 20

8:30am Daily Mass +Barbara Gruenfeldt Church
9:30am Thurs am Advent Book Group Parish Office
5:30pm Dinner Talk #2 Parish Office

Friday, Nov. 21

8:30am Daily Mass +James Shand Church

Saturday, Nov. 22

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Youth Mass +James Digregorio Church

Sunday, Nov. 23

8:30am Mass +Bruna Della Gasperina Church
10:45am Mass For the People Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Thank you for your prayers for our first parish ACTS retreat for men this weekend. 17 of our men are experiencing the retreat. I especially want to thank the men of Our Lady of the Lake and some other parishes that are helping to lead the retreat. They have been on the retreat before and have been very generous with their time and efforts to serve our St. Clare men this weekend. Two of our parishioners who joined me last fall on an ACTS retreat are also helping lead the retreat. In the spring, we'll have our women's ACTS retreat. We plan to continue this pattern in the future of having a fall men's retreat and spring women's retreat.

On another topic, we do Mass attendance counts twice a year for the diocese and I'm pleased to report that St. Clare Church is running about 80 people more each weekend than we were last year! That's a lot! Thank you for inviting your friends and neighbors to join us here. I love seeing more and more people enjoying this great church. On a normal weekend we have 525-550 people attending Mass here. Our weekday Masses have had a noticeable increase also. Please continue to bring family and friends here to experience the goodness of God and to give God glory for all God does for us.

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

Scripture Readings

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Nov. 23, 2025

Reading 1 - 2 Sam 5: 1-3

Psalms - Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Reading 2 - Col 1:12-20

Gospel - Lk 23:35-43

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 11.9.25	\$11,889	\$12,472	(\$583)
Total November	\$20,569	\$24,943	(\$4,375)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$211,977	\$236,961	(\$24,984)

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

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . .

There is always a great deal of emotion in anticipation of “this day” whether it be a wedding day, the first day of vacation, or graduation to name a few important days in the lives of many of us. In such cases, not only is the day enjoyed itself, but also it promises many more wonderful days because of this event. On the other hand, there are some days that strike fear and dread in our hearts, such as a day that we lose a loved one, the day when we are called into our main office at work and wind up losing our job. These days thrust us into sadness, and we struggle with little or no idea what the future will bring.

The Day of the Lord was always a day of anticipation for the Hebrew people. Originally it was perceived as a day of fulfillment. It was viewed as a day when all the promises made by God would come to completion, and the people of God would enjoy them forever. The prophets spoke of the splendor of this day. Jesus claimed that this long-awaited day was dawning as He announced the reign of the kingdom of God. But because of the sinfulness of the people the thought of “this day” became a period of purging and suffering before that fulfillment would come to pass.

Our readings today focus on the painful aspects of “this day”. Malachi tells us two dimensions of “this day”. For the sinful, it will be a day of fiery purification and for the righteous it will be a day of healing.

Luke tells his community to remain faithful regardless of the cost. The persecutions of Christians had started because of the emperor Nero blaming the burning of Rome on the Christians. The Jewish community would have already witnessed the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem a sign to the Jews that “this day” had dawned. Luke’s community would have been anxious about what was yet to come – what other signs.

But all in all, we are all still here. Our planet earth is still here. Jesus has not returned in His Glory to take us all at once to our final eternal reward as Paul’s community in Thessalonica had believed.

As we approach the end of the church year scripture reminds us that we are all going to die. It reminds us also of what is important in our lives.

During the month of November our church remembers those in our families and community who have moved on to eternal life. As we enter the church, we sign ourselves with holy water and the sign of the cross. This simple habit is meant to remind us that in baptism we have died with Christ so that we will be able to rise with Christ.

We are all going to die. It is something that we do not like to dwell on because “this day” death - causes most of us fear, anxiety and dread. We fear the unknown. We are anxious over eternal life – what our minds cannot comprehend. We dread - the loss of what we have here and now.

Today’s readings reflect the suffering side of our faith, a faith that claims that our God can bring life out of death. Today the challenge of acceptance of our faith and endurance of our faith is placed before us.

During this time when the nights have grown long and the weather has turned cold, hold fast to our fundamental belief that Jesus is with us in the Eucharist to help us get through all our fears and anxiety. As far as our own “this day” when we are called home by our God, let us reflect this week on these words we recite in our creed. Especially the final sentence: I believe – in the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. So that when our earthly journey is through and the Day of the Lord “this day” dawns for us, we can embrace it as a day of victory over our life’s trials, and we can embrace it as a day of fulfillment of all our hopes and beliefs.

~ Deacon Bill

DECEMBER 2

GIVING TUESDAY

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that takes care of us!**



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RESERVE FUND**

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GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is Coming Soon!

This annual effort supports the Parish Maintenance Reserve Fund, which allows us to care for and maintain our worship space, gathering areas and school buildings. Your generosity keeps our community vibrant, our buildings safe, and our ministries active! Please prayerfully consider your participation in this year's campaign — because when everyone in our Parish gives according to their means, amazing things happen.

You can make an early gift now by dropping a check in the offertory or in the mail (marked for Giving Tuesday) or give online at: www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/giving-tuesday-campaign

Every donation matters because every gift takes care of St. Clare: the place and the community that cares for us!

A reflection:

"St Clare Parish is more than a place we worship, it's become a place where our family has grown together. It's a place where our daughter is learning about God's love, witnessing kindness, and participating in several ministries such as the Children's Choir and St. Vincent de Paul. Each Sunday reminds us how grateful we are to be a part of the community centered around faith, that is teaching our daughter the importance of love, service, and hope."
- The Swanson Family

Faith Formation



Dinner Talk #2 - Thursday, Nov. 20

5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Topic: *Come, Holy Spirit:*

Do We Recognize His Presence Among Us?

Speaker: *Dr. David Villegas*

This presentation invites you to rediscover the Holy Spirit - the hidden flame of God's love - in Scripture, the Church, and your own life. Through ancient wisdom and living faith, see how the Spirit renews, strengthens, and guides us today.

David Villegas, St. Clare Parishioner, is currently on diaconal formation and completing his Masters of Theology at the Augustine Institute.

Interested in attending? Please register at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talk-2-nov-20-2025>.

For more details? Contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org

Questions to Reflect Upon Sunday, Nov. 16 Readings



1st Reading Question:

The prophet Malachi tells us that those who "fear" the Lord will be spared at God's coming judgment. What does it mean to "fear the Lord"?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?

Gospel Question:

Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. How do you support friends and co-workers who are fellow believers? ©LPi

Outreach



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

Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes

Due to a huge need in our community, SVdP will be collecting food and delivering Thanksgiving dinner boxes to 24 neighboring families on Sat., Nov. 22. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mary Bunday at marybunday@yahoo.com or 503.246.9265.

Food Pantry Needs for the Boxes

- Turkey Breasts -
(Contact Mary for delivery date/time.)
- Canned Green Beans & Corn
- Canned Fruit • Evaporated Milk

Donations may be placed in the food baskets at the church or on the front porch of the parish office.

Monetary contributions may be made online at osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/st-vincent-de-paul or place a check made payable to St. Vincent de Paul in the Sunday collection basket.

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food and financial assistance.

Oct. 24 - Oct. 25 SVDP Financial Report

Food was delivered to 170 families including Giving Tree families totaling 4880 lbs. of food.
31 households received rental assistance = \$18,176.83.
42 families received utilities assistance = \$18,629.80.
In all we were able to serve 317 people.
Our treasury balance to start the new year is \$38,600.

Thank you to all our hard working Vincentians who dedicate so much time to make this possible and to the to the wonderful generosity of the St Clare community.

~ Mary Bunday, Conference President



Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, Dec. 4
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.

Fr. Jim Galluzzo's Toiletry Project

Only 1 week until packaging!

It's time to bring your collections of small, unopened personal hygiene items to the baskets at the church or the front porch of the parish office no later than Friday, **Nov. 21**.



Volunteers are invited to help downstairs at the parish office with set-up on Saturday, **Nov. 22**, 10am-12pm, and assembling the gift bags on Sunday, **Nov. 23**, 9am-12pm. Interested? Please call Maureen at 503.752.8481.

Your support of this annual outreach project is much appreciated! ~ Fr. Jim

Beyond St. Clare



Not willing to let go of your marriage? There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling couples regain and renew the life and health of their marriage. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting or even broken marriages and bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend for couples struggling in their marriages by couples who have been there in the struggle. Come Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in Canby, Oregon.

For confidential information or to register, email StevenAndSuzanne@helpourmarriage.org, call 503.225.9191 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Advent

Illuminate Advent Book Study

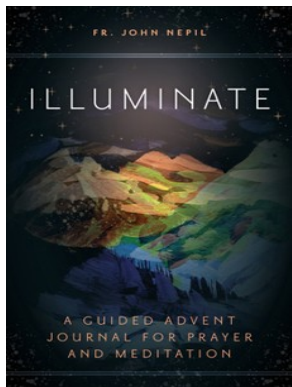
Wednesday Group:

Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, 9-10:30am

Thursday Group:

Nov. 20, Dec 4, 11, and 18, 9:30-11am

Parish Office Downstairs



Illuminate is a guided Advent journal including at-home daily meditations, questions for reflection, journaling space, prayers and beautiful original art to draw you into a deeper, richer experience of Advent. Come together on either Wednesdays or Thursdays for meaningful

discussion on the weekly themes. To join us, please register at: www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/sign-up-for-illuminate. For more details, contact kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Advent Festival

Sunday, Nov. 30

After both Masses Parish Hall



Please join us for wreath making and family crafts. We are currently in need of co-chairpersons for this event. School parents, it's a great opportunity for parish PIP hours! Interested? Contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Families, plan to attend our Annual Cocoa with Santa!

Saturday, Dec. 6



Come to the parish hall between 9:30am and 12pm to enjoy holiday cookies, hot cocoa, Christmas crafts, Christmas stories, and visit with Santa.

RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 30

Questions? Please email Sarah Gault at gault80@gmail.com.

St. Clare Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 6 4-7pm

Sunday, Dec. 7 9am-2pm

Join us for a festive weekend of shopping and community!



Browse over **30 local vendors** offering handmade gifts and holiday treasures — the perfect way to kick off your Christmas shopping.

Don't forget to stop by our **gift wrapping station**, so your presents are ready to go straight under the tree!

Stay tuned — **vendor details available soon!**

All Invited to An Advent Morning of Reflection & Retreat

In the Steps of Saint Joseph

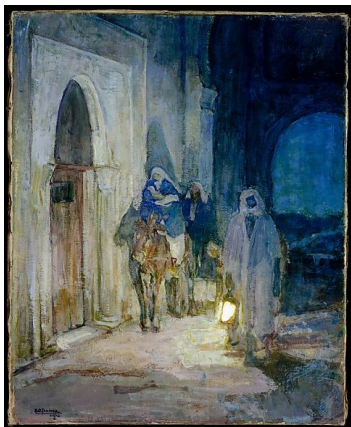
Saturday, Dec. 13

Hospitality at 8:30am Program at 9am Parish Hall

Presented by Tanya Rybarczyk Suggested Donation: \$10

What wisdom do we glean from Saint Joseph, who has not one spoken word in Scripture? How does Joseph's life speak to ours today? How does Joseph's relationship with our triune God inspire our own? How might following in his footsteps carry us into this Advent Season and beyond?

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