



St. Clare Parish

Nov. 23, 2025

A Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit
to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning

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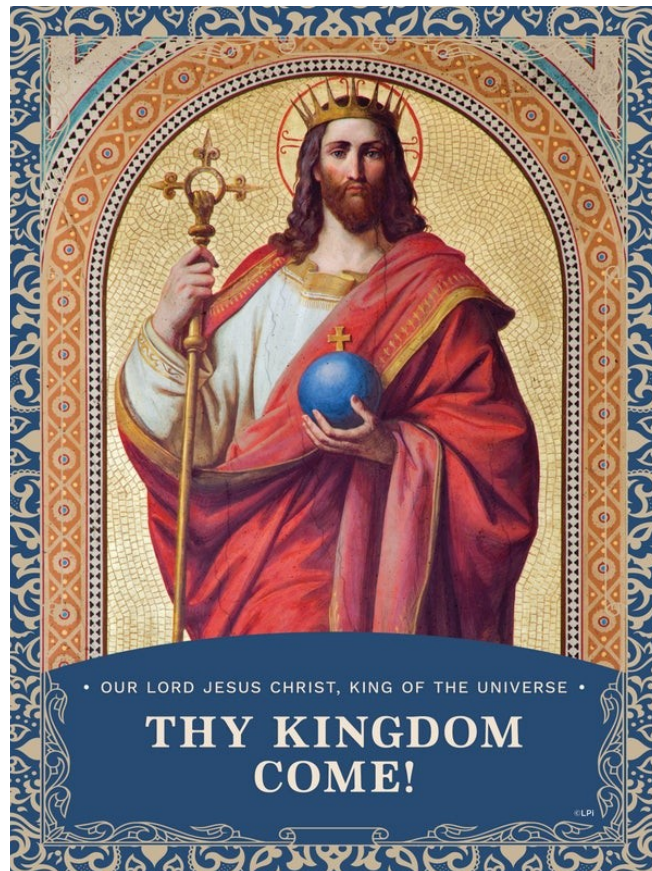
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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: _____

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Phone Number

- ☐ Returning Catholic
- ☐ New Address

- ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
- ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes



Weekly Inspirations
The Solemnity of
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Nov. 23, 2025

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king? ©LPi

Week-at-a- Glance

Saturday, Nov. 22

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

Sunday, Nov. 23

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

Monday, Nov. 24

8:30am Daily Mass *John Clark Bailey* Church

Wednesday, Nov. 26

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, Nov. 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass Church

Friday, Nov. 28/Parish Office Closed

NO Daily Mass

Saturday, Nov. 29

4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass *McNamara Family* Church

1st Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30

8:30am Mass +*Robert Forlenza* Church
10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Scripture Readings
1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 30, 2025

Reading 1 - Is 2:1-5

Psalms - Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2 - Rom 13:11-14

Gospel - Mt 24:37-44

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

We had a great Men's ACTS Retreat last weekend! For those of you that attended our 10:45 Mass last Sunday, you got to see all the men and their enthusiasm. It was a memorable weekend in many ways. ACTS retreats are known to be simple, reverent and Catholic, and that's what we experienced at the Mt. Angel retreat center. We prayed together, shared stories of our lives and celebrated the sacraments. Powerful time together. We'll have a women's retreat in the spring.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King as we finish the church year. Do you let Jesus be king of your life? Or do you make him a slave? (Jesus, I need this...Jesus, I want that...) Jesus loves us and wants to help us, but he is also the king, and I hope we all treat him as our king and Lord.

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. You know I'm big on gratitude. This holiday is all about gratitude. Let's go our of our way this week to acknowledge to God the things we are grateful for.

Next week, we enter the new church year and the season of Advent. Wow, how can Christmas be coming already? Well, here it comes! We have several special Advent activities listed in this bulletin, I hope they help you to have a not-just-busy, but a HOLY Advent season.

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



Prayer for Thanksgiving

Dear Lord,

We raise our thanks to You, the giver of every good gift.
Thank You for the ways You have blessed, guarded,
and guided us this past year and always.
Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart.
Amen. ©LPi

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Thanksgiving

Most of us know the story. It was the autumn of 1621. After a rich harvest, the men, women, and children who had survived the first year in the New World gathered for a feast to offer thanks. One of the pilgrims wrote at the time: “By the goodness of God, we are so far from want.”



Checking Google, I found that the menu for that first Thanksgiving had some surprises. It was not necessarily turkey and pumpkin pie. Historians think they probably ate fowl and venison. They didn’t have much sugar, so sweets and desserts were probably not on the menu. Whatever it may have involved, that meal left us with an enduring tradition: gathering around a table and giving thanks for surviving in an uncertain and difficult new place.

But a few years ago, a Unitarian preacher Peter Fleck suggested we look at this differently. *Maybe, the pilgrims weren’t thankful because they had survived. But maybe they had survived, because they were thankful.*

They lived their lives in wonder and hope grateful for everything: the hard winds and deep snows, the frightening evenings and hopeful mornings, the long journey that had taken them to a new place. They knew how to express gratitude. Gratitude doesn’t always come easily. We all know that generosity – the giving of a gift – means thinking more about others than about ourselves. It represents an act of love. But so does being thankful. To give thanks is to extend ourselves. It is to remember where the gift came from. It is to go out of our way to acknowledge that – like the one cured leper in the gospel, who changed the direction he was headed, and walked back to Jesus. There is love in that. A love for the gift – and for the one who gave it.

On Thursday, we will be gathering around the table and feasting on that big turkey and trimmings. But I know it won’t be that way for everyone. There will be those around the country gathering individually where volunteers serve a Thanksgiving meal. And there will be those at home or a care facility celebrating alone hoping for a phone call.

But Thanksgiving isn’t about giving thanks for having a lot. It’s about giving thanks for just having. The prayers whispered over our meal no matter how big or small are just as precious to God as the ones said over the turkey and stuffing.

And all of us, no matter where we find ourselves praying, will be bound together by one simple word: grace. The grace of gratitude. The grace of thanking God for whatever gift He gives. And in the giving, and in the receiving, and in the thanking, there is something that transcends time and place. There is love. Love for what we have, and love for what we have been given. And most importantly, love for the God who gives it. Because no matter how hard the winds, or how unforgiving the storm, at least on this day we all remember that God is with us.

The pilgrims knew that. And so did the Samaritan. He lived a life of disfigurement and shame. But he trusted, and he listened, and he was healed -- changed forever, made new. He could have gone on his way. But he didn’t. He couldn’t. He had to thank The One who made his miracle possible. Twenty centuries later, that anonymous figure left us a legacy, and a lesson: a beautiful example of what it means to have an “attitude of gratitude.”

We all need this “attitude of gratitude” to nurture – not just today, but everyday. It can open our hearts – and change our lives if only we let it. It can give us a whole new way at looking at life. Or, as Reverend Fleck so beautifully put it: *Maybe the pilgrims weren’t thankful because they survived. But maybe they survived, because they were thankful.*

Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Deacon Bill



November 23, 2025

Important Dates Giving Tree 2025

Drop-off Donation Sunday Mornings

Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & Dec. 14
9:30am-12:30pm
Parish Office Garage

Drop-off Donation Tuesday Evenings

Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16
7-9pm
Parish Office Garage

Donation Sorting

Monday, Dec. 15 7-9pm
Tuesday, Dec. 16 7-9pm
Wednesday, Dec. 17 7-9pm

- Downstairs at the Parish Office
- Volunteers, ages 12 and older only
- Sign up is mandatory. Click [HERE](#).

Delivery Day

Saturday, Dec. 20

- Parish Office Parking Lot
- Car loaders needed 8:45am-12pm
- Delivery helpers needed 9am-12pm
- Sign up is mandatory. Click [HERE](#).

Questions?

- Please contact Theresa Duda at ptnduda@gmail.com



Giving Tree 2025 begins Sunday, Nov. 30! Almost Here!

Dear Parishioners of St. Clare,

Each year, our community sponsors The Giving Tree, a holiday outreach ministry to low income families in SW Portland. This year, as in the past, we will work with our St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Conference to provide food, toiletries and gift cards from Fred Meyer to our neighbors in need.

In 2024, we helped over 100 families. With the rise in food prices as well as uncertainty about federal and state nutrition assistance, we expect the need to be greater.

Monetary donations can be made through the parish website at

<https://osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/giving-tree>.

Cash and checks may also be mailed or dropped at the parish office or the offertory basket, clearly marked. Those funds will be used to buy gift cards, and to purchase other needed items.

In addition, cash or checks as well as other donations listed below can be dropped off at "drive thru" events on the Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings listed in the sidebar.

Newsletters will appear in each upcoming bulletin with more details as the weeks progress.

Thank you!

Theresa Duda and the 2025 Giving Tree Team



- * Bath, Dish & Laundry Soaps * Dishwasher Detergent * Shampoo
- * Toilet Paper * Toothbrushes & Toothpaste * Christmas Candy & Nuts
- * Turkeys and Hams - details coming Nov. 30.

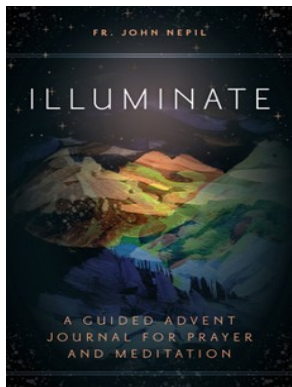
Special Note: If you are a St. Clare parishioner in need of assistance this Christmas season, we would like to help. Please contact the parish office at 503-244-1037. All information will be kept confidential.

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.

Cocoa with Santa is Coming!

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.

Santa's Helpers are needed! Sign-up [HERE](#).

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

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.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Advent Retreat Online

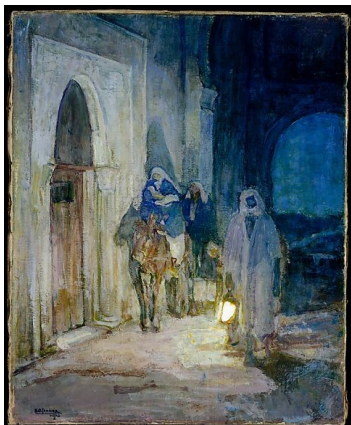
Saturday, Dec. 6

9:30am-12pm via Zoom

Honoring the Sacredness of our Soul
presented by Fr. Jim Galluzzo

Please register by sending an email to Fr. Jim
at diversityasgift@comcast.net.

Fee: \$30



In the Steps of Saint Joseph: An Advent Morning of Reflection & Retreat

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?

To register: www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/morning-reflection-on-st-joseph



St. Clare Church Christmas Bazaar Vendor List

December 6th 4-7pm

December 7th 9am-2pm

1812 SW Spring Garden St.
In the Parish Hall

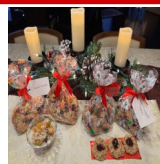


David Pickett

- Christmas cards
- Greeting cards
- Small wood crafts

Avery Montgomery

- Cookies
- Hair ties
- Crafts



Rosa Behrens

- Peruvian art
- Ornaments
- Nativity boxes

Mary Eastman

- Bags & ornaments
- Fabric banded towels
- Christmas earrings



Linda Wiser

- Ornaments
- Tea Towels & Totes
- Jewelry

Beth Dahlgaard

- Blankets
- Purses
- Handmade toys



Eliana Testa

- Wrap, twist and dry
- <https://wraptwistdry.com/>



Amy Silvia

- Quick Breads
- Sm Holiday paintings



Raquel Garces

- Cakes
- Desserts



Instagram [@flournlove](https://www.instagram.com/flournlove)

Maria Morrison & Family

- Loom potholders
- Wine bags
- Microwave bowl cozies
- Beaded key chains

Marylyn Pratt

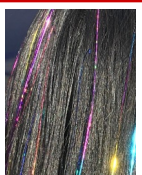
- Recycled Jewelry
- Vintage jewelry & ornaments

Nora & Amaia

- Soap
- Homemade goods

DyAnne Wood

- Fairy Hair & Jewelry
- WWW.fairyhairst sparkleportland.com



Conner Ford

- Jewelry, rosaries
- Chex Mix

Hannah Henkelman

- Wooden holiday signs
- Bookmarks
- Misc kid items



Robin Burgess

- Knit & Décor items
- Mittens & Baked goods



Theresa Jimenez

- Handmade jam



Jenn Gathuru

- Hot chocolate cones
- Decorated sugar cookies

Join us and shop for handmade Christmas Gifts!

Payment options include cash or check, some use Venmo / Zelle





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Lee Richmond

- Earrings
- Necklaces
- Bracelets



Shannon Seeber

- Personalized Stainless Steel Jewelry (preorder website)
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order



Steven Amato

- Wood boxes & frames



Mary Schuld

- Headbands
- bows



Carolyn Lee

- Dog cookies
- decor

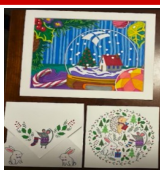
LeAnn Spencer

- Fudge
- Decorations



Christina Reilly

- Food
- paintings and cards



Kristen Huff

- Simmer potpourri



Colin Morrison

- Croc charm holders

Lillian Kidwell

- Candelabras & decor



Grace Poudayel

- Earrings,
- magnets
- ornaments

Keira Wallace

- Decorated drinking glasses
- Beaded charms



Paris Deja Saint-Marc

- Stickers, bracelets & Paintings

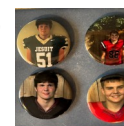
Melissa Nash

- Bracelets
- Sewing goods



Amos Leahy & Annie McFerron

- Buttons-bring a printed photo & have a made-to-order button to support your athlete



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DECEMBER 13, 2025

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

PARTY HIGHLIGHTS:

Youth Liturgy
Dinner
Gingerbread House Decorating
Community and Growing in Faith

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Festive Attire
Christmas Accessories
Ugly Sweaters Welcome!

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

To sign-up,
scan the QR code above
or click [HERE](#).

SIGNUP ONLINE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2025



DECEMBER 2

GIVING TUESDAY

**Let's take care of the place
that takes care of us!**



**SUPPORT OUR PARISH MAINTENANCE
RESERVE FUND**

Your participation matters — every gift counts!



GIVE BY CHECK, ONLINE OR QR CODE TODAY!

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is Almost Here!

As we enter Thanksgiving week, we are especially grateful for the gift of our parish community. St. Clare Parish is strengthened by your generosity, your presence, and your participation in parish life.

Giving Tuesday supports the Parish Maintenance Reserve Fund, helping us care for the buildings and grounds that serve our ministries every day. Every gift — large or small — is an expression of gratitude for all we've received from being a part of this special faith community.

A reflection from a longtime parish member:

"The parish and parish grounds are like my second home - a place I look forward to going to, and am most comfortable at. When the community sees the great efforts in the upkeep of our church, office, and school, they get a picture of how important this place is to all of us."

-LeAnn Spencer

You can make your gift today, throughout the week, or on Giving Tuesday, December 2!

www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/giving-tuesday-campaign

**Many thanks to all who contribute
to our weekly offertory!**

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 11.16.25	\$11,597	\$12,472	(\$892)
Total November	\$32,148	\$37,415	(\$5,267)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$223,557	\$249,433	(\$25,876)

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



**Scan the QR code
to donate to St. Clare Church.
Thank you for your support.**

Outreach



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Peanut Butter • Canned Chili
- Tuna Fish • Tuna & Hamburger Helper
- Pancake Mix • Pancake Syrup

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.



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.

Beyond St. Clare



***Is it time for you and your spouse to work
on your marriage together?***

Four Stages of Marriage - Romance, Disillusionment, Misery, and Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th stage. Don't give up without learning about awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i).

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, 2026 in Canby, Oregon.

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