



St. Clare Parish

Nov. 30, 2025

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

Church

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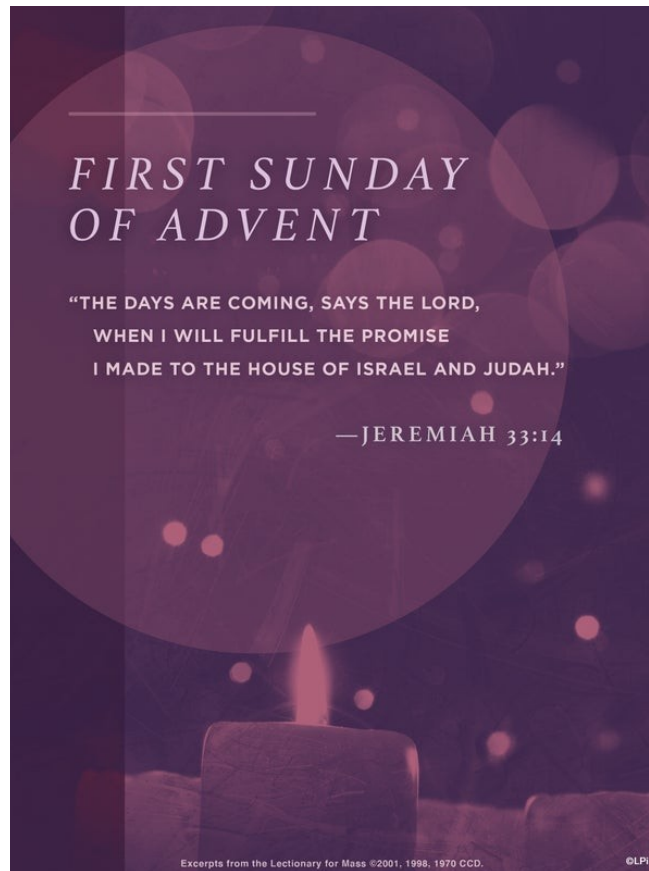
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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 Inspirations

1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 30, 2025

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake! ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

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
9:30am Advent Festival (after both Masses) Parish Hall

Monday, Dec. 1

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday, Dec. 3

8:30am Daily Mass *+John Tujo* Church

Thursday, Dec. 4

8:30am Daily Mass *+Barbara Gruenfeldt* Church

Friday, Dec. 5

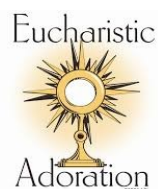
8:30am Daily Mass *+Ted Swagerty* Church

Saturday, Dec. 6

9:30am Cocoa with Santa (ends at 12pm) Parish Hall
2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
4:00pm Confession (until 4:30pm) Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass *Korzinewski Family* Church
4:00pm Christmas Bazaar (ends at 7pm) Parish Hall

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church
9:00am Christmas Bazaar (ends at 2pm)
10:45am Mass *+John McCormick* Church



Saturday, Dec. 6 2-4pm
Come and spend a few minutes
with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving holiday. I'm big on gratitude and I am thrilled that we have a major national holiday that focuses on giving thanks. The pilgrims did it 400 years ago, and it is still important today.

I want to remind you of one of my gratitude practices that works well. I start each day with gratitude: before I get out of bed in the morning I thank God for two or three things, it might be a good night's rest, might be a secure house to sleep in, might be something good that I anticipate in the coming day. And when I go to bed, the first thing I do in bed is think through my day and identify the highlight of the day and then I thank God for that blessing. This practice allows me to start the day with gratitude and finish it the same way. Gratitude bookends for the day that God has given me. I encourage you to try it.

This weekend we shift gears into a new liturgical year and the season of Advent. Advent reminds us to keep the core of Christmas in focus: the birth of Jesus. There are so many other good things that go along with the holiday but as Christians we want to always keep in mind the core of the holiday. Christmas reminds us that God chose to come among us as one of us to help and ultimately to save us. God did this out of love for us, God's love is boundless.

Happy Advent everyone! ~ Fr. Don

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

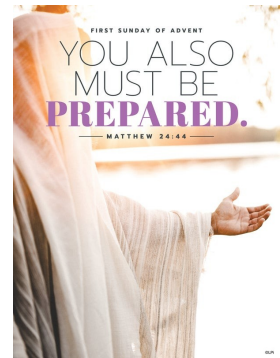
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen (taken from www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/advent-prayers)

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome to another Advent! As we enter this season, we are reminded to focus, dwell and prepare for the three-fold coming of Christ. We prepare to celebrate Christmas Day, when Jesus Christ became human to suffer and die for us so we can join him some day in heaven. We await the time when Jesus will come again to raise all the living and dead to eternal life. Finally, the in between time (St. Bernard thoughts below) when we make an all-out effort to know, love and serve God better in our lives.



From a sermon by Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot (1090 -1153):

We know there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among women and men: he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look upon him who was pierced. The immediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within our own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming, our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last he will appear as our life; in the middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord himself says: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.* There is another passage of Scripture which reads: *He who fears God will do good,* but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: *I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.*

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread (The Eucharist), or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son and the Father will come to you. The great prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: *As we have been born the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man.* Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all.

~ Deacon Bill



November 30, 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 pntduda@gmail.com



1st Donation Drop-Off Event, THIS Sunday, Nov. 30
Parish Office Garage, 9:30am-12:30pm



- * Soap - Bath, Dish & Laundry
- * Dishwasher Detergent
- * Shampoo
- * Toilet Paper
- * Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- * Christmas Candy & Nuts
- * Checks payable to St. Clare Church.
Write "Giving Tree" on the memo line.

- * Turkeys (under 16 lbs) and hams
- * To donate, please click [HERE](#).
- * For questions, contact Theresa Duda at pntduda@gmail.com by Friday, Dec. 12.
- * Bring to one of our drop-off donation events or to the parish office during business hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-12:30pm; 2-4:30pm.

Important Donation Reminders

Giving Tree items from the above list should be brought to one of our donation events on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings. If needed, the non-perishable items may also be left at the front porch of the parish office on Monday-Friday from 8:30am-6:30pm. Please do not leave turkeys or hams unattended.

Giving Tree monetary donations, used to purchase Fred Meyer gift cards, may be placed in the offertory collection basket at church or made online at: <https://osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/giving-tree>

Thank you for supporting our Giving Tree families during this Advent season!

Volunteers & Turkey/Ham Donors

Please sign up where indicated in this newsletter or by using this link: https://stclarepdx.ivolunteer.com/gt_2025 or QR



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

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.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, Dec. 8

Masses at 8:30am, 12pm and 7pm

Friday, Dec. 12 7pm



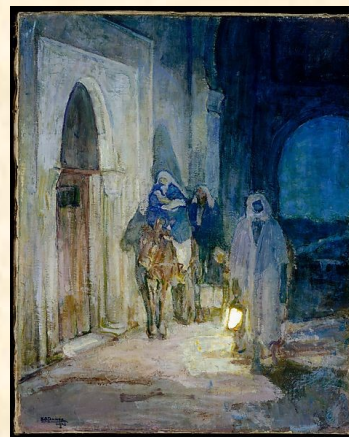
In the Steps of Saint Joseph: An Advent Morning of Reflection & Retreat *Presented by Tanya Rybarczyk*

Saturday, Dec. 13

Hospitality 8:30am Program 9am-12pm

Parish Hall

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](http://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/morning-reflection-on-st-joseph)



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

Scripture Readings 2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 7, 2025

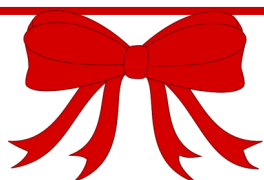
Reading 1 - Is 2:1-5

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



St. Clare Church Christmas Bazaar Vendor List

December 6th 4-7pm

December 7th 9am-2pm

1812 SW Spring Garden St.
In the Parish Hall

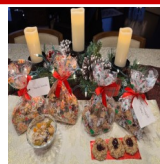


David Pickett

- 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

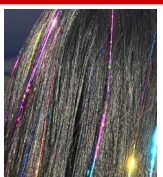
- Recycled Jewelry
- Vintage jewelry & ornaments

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 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)
- www.myjbloom.com/5092
order



Steven Amato

- Wood boxes & frames



Mary Schuld

- Headbands
- bows



Carolyn Lee

- Dog cookies
- decor

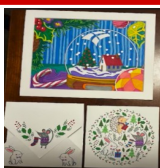
LeAnn Spencer

- 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

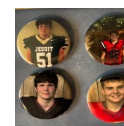
Melissa Nash

- 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 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 THIS Week -
let's finish strong as one parish family!**

We've talked for several weeks about what it means to care for the place that cares for us. Now Giving Tuesday is almost here! Your gift to the Parish Maintenance Reserve Fund helps preserve the spaces where we pray, learn, and serve together.

This weekend, two long-time parishioners share their stories of what St. Clare has meant to their families and why they choose to give.

Please join – and help us reach 100% participation! You can give today, online at the link below or on Tuesday using the QR code in this bulletin.

Reflections from parish members:

"The St. Clare Parish is a community like no other - a vibrant hub of faith and fellowship. It's been a positive guide that has helped our family connect, grow, and find lifelong friends through worship, service, activities, music, and more. Simply put, this community brings us together, enriches our lives, and has served as a cornerstone for our family."

- The Prissel Family

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 11.23.25	\$9,581	\$12,472	(\$2,891)
Total November	\$41,729		
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$223,141	\$261,904	(\$28,764)

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

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 marriad8984@gmail.com.

Retirement Fund for Religious

2nd Collection ~ Dec. 6-7



Next weekend's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have spent their lives in service - many receiving little to no pay. Now, their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication, and daily living needs. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity. Please give in gratitude for their lifelong commitment.

For more details, please visit retiredreligious.org/.

Donation envelopes may be found at the church doors or give online at <https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/retired-religious>

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