



St. Clare Parish

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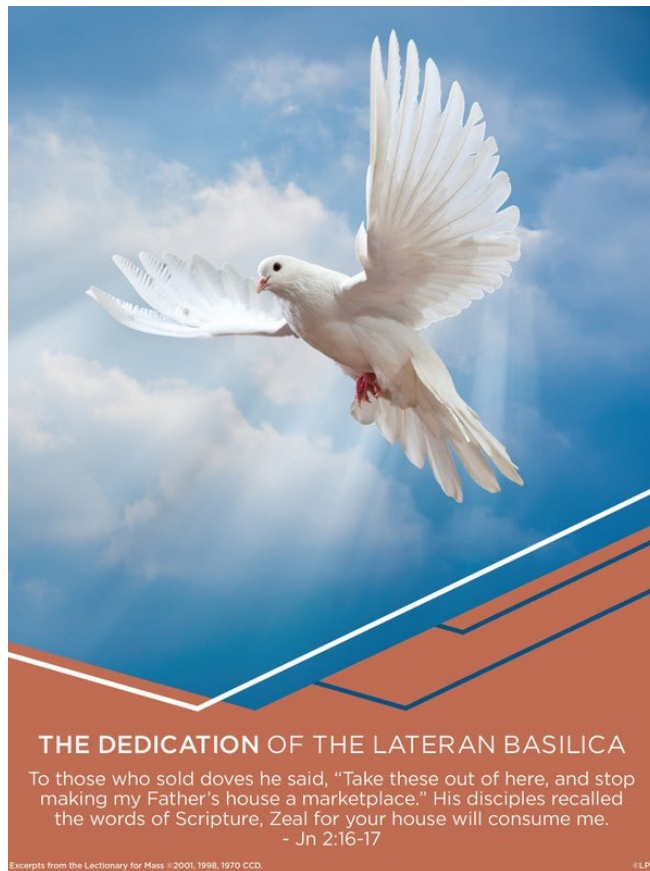
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov. 9, 2025

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us. But in today's Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purge the greed and selfishness from our hearts. Make them fit dwellings for your Holy Spirit. ©LPi

Week-at-a- Glance

Saturday, Nov. 8

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

5:00pm Youth Mass *Gordon Family* Church

Sunday, Nov. 9

8:30am Mass *+Al Reijonen* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Monday, Nov. 10

8:30am Daily Mass *+Kevin Gilroy* Church

Tuesday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day /Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, Nov. 12

8:30am Daily Mass *+Marlene Olsen* Church

Thursday, Nov. 13

8:30am Daily Mass *+Karen Lee Koreski* Church

Friday, Nov. 14

8:30am Daily Mass *+Lisa Cook* Church

Saturday, Nov. 15

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

A Veterans Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, please turn Your gaze to those men and women who in military service have sacrificed time, comfort, strength, ambition, health and prosperity for the peace and safety of family and friends and those others they've never known.

Please reward them for all their sacrifice and service. Bless them far beyond all their expectation.

Reward them richly for all they have given.

You know every veteran by name.

You know of their deeds, both material and spiritual.

Please draw each one closer to You and grant them peace beyond all understanding, peace of Christ to rule in their hearts, and joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand forevermore.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Next weekend, is our first Men's ACTS retreat. I am excited for it. I've been praying every day for the men that are signed up. I expect it to be a powerful weekend for them. I will be at the retreat the entire time, so Fr. Jim Galluzzo will be covering our Masses while I'm away. The men of the retreat return in time to join the parish at our regular 10:45am Sunday Mass. Please keep the retreat in your prayers this week. Thank you.

This weekend I am offering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after all our weekend Masses. This is one of the church's seven sacraments and it is geared toward healing. In the New Testament Letter of James he writes: Is there any one sick among you? He should summon the priests of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up (Jm 5:14-15). It's a powerful sacrament for healing, and not just healing of physical illness, but healing of body, mind and spirit.

If you are reading this bulletin before the weekend Masses, here's what's going to happen: After the Masses, I'll invite people who want the sacrament to stay in church. We'll do a prayer for healing, then people will come forward (similar to Communion) and each will be anointed on the forehead with the Oil of the Sick, which is special oil blessed by the bishop just for this sacrament. We'll finish with a prayer of thanksgiving. If you are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, I encourage you to take advantage of this sacrament.

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

Last Chance to Sign-up!

St. Clare Kindergarten Info Night

Wednesday, Nov. 12 6:30-8pm Kindergarten Rm.

RSVP at <https://forms.gle/jXaLbBk26CT7kFuo8>

ACTS Men's Retreat Nov. 13-16

For more details and to register, go to

www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats

or scan the QR code.



ACTS Men's Retreat Perpetual Prayer

Please join us on our 24-hour Prayer Vigil for the men on the ACTS Retreat from Nov. 13-16. Sign up for a time to pray at the east church door (school parking lot side) or online at www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/prayer-sign-ups

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

This weekend we celebrate a feast day dedicated to a church. I remember the good nuns at St. Brendan’s school teaching us that we were church by writing on the blackboard **ch-UR-ch** (highlighting UR in the middle to mean you are). But why does a feast day displace what would have been the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time? (Feast days are usually a specific date assigned to saints and do not displace the Sunday readings).



November 9th on the Church calendar is listed as the Dedication of St. John Lateran. Well to start off, St. Lateran is not a person but a church. As Catholics, it is our “mother church”. The name honors St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist and Lateran refers to the estate on which the church was built. It is in Rome, the oldest basilica there, and the official seat of the papacy for 1,000 years from the 4th century until the 14th century until the Vatican was built between 1506 and 1626. (The Vatican area was under the political control of the Papal States until it became a city in 1929.) The Basilica was built by the Roman Emperor Constantine on the land donated by the Lateran family in 313 AD. You may recall that Constantine was converted to Christianity by the prayers of his mother, St. Helen, and the miracle of a Christian vision before the battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312 AD. As a result, the feast day commemorates religious freedom granted to Christians.

Here are some thoughts on the idea that we are church from St. Caesarius of Arles (470-542). He is celebrated as the Saint of Roman Emperors.

My fellow Christians, today we celebrate the birthday of this church (the Lateran Basilica), an occasion for a celebration and rejoicing. We however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their mother, for they know that through her they were born in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessels of God’s wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first death brought death to us, but our second restored us to life. Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ....When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself...God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his home.

My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find the basilica immaturely clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sin. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: *I shall live in them, and I shall walk the corridors of their hearts.*

~ Deacon Bill

DECEMBER 2

GIVING TUESDAY

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



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Your participation matters — every gift counts!



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GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday 2025: Let's take care of the place that takes care of us!

Last year, **thanks to your generosity**, our first-ever **Giving Tuesday campaign** raised \$30,000, which funded flood repairs in the parish office and a new roof for the parish rental house.

This year, we continue that spirit of care for our Parish home. Between now and Tuesday, Dec. 2, we ask each and every Parish family to join together to take care of the place that cares for us.

All Giving Tuesday gifts will be directed to the Facilities Maintenance Fund, **helping sustain the spaces that serve our shared worship, our enriching ministries, and our vibrant community life.**

Each and every gift matters — **our goal is 100% parish participation**, each according to their own financial means. Giving Tuesday is our only Parish fundraising event besides Junque and Jewels.

You can **make your gift anytime between now and Dec. 2 online or by check** (just mail or drop at the parish office or the offertory basket, clearly marked)

Giving link: www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/giving-tuesday-campaign

"St. Clare Parish is the perfect spiritual community for me. I always feel at home here, because the people are so welcoming, kind, supportive, and positive. Our beautiful church and its grounds should demonstrate the unique spiritual personality of our Parish community. Therefore, maintaining them are extremely important. As the visible "face" of the entire community, they should always reflect the spiritual beauty of our beloved St. Clare Parish."

- Debbi Monahan, Parishioner since 2003

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

Scripture Readings 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov. 16, 2025

Reading 1 - Mal 3:19-20a

Psalms - PS 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

Reading 2 - 2 Thes 3:7-12

Gospel - Lk 21:5-19

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 11.2.25	\$11,985	\$12,472	(\$487)
Total October	\$48,109	\$49,887	(\$1,778)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$199,692	\$224,489	(\$24,797)

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

Outreach

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

2nd Collection - Nov. 15-16



Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Please find donation envelopes at the church doors or give online at www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/ Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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



Food Pantry Needs

- Cold Cereal • Canned Fruit
- Canned Green Beans & Corn
- Turkey Stuffing Mix • Cranberry Sauce
- Toilet Paper • Paper Towels

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.



Due to a huge need in our community, SVdP will be collecting food and delivering Thanksgiving dinner boxes to 20 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.

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food and financial assistance. Monetary contributions may be made online at osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/giving/funds/st-vincent-de-paul or drop a check made payable to St. Vincent de Paul in the collection basket at church.

Fr. Jim Galluzzo's Toiletry Project

Only 2 weeks 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

Giving Tree is 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 Walmart and 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 (link to be provided soon). 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 (list coming soon) can be dropped off at "drive thru" events on select Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings (dates announced soon.)

Keep an eye on the parish bulletin for more details as the weeks progress.

Thank you!

Theresa Duda and the 2025 Giving Tree Team

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

Modern Money-Changers

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing — so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer *x* sacrifice, I am rewarded with *y* feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it’s important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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