ST. CLARE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026 | ALL SAINTS' DAY

WELCOME TO ALL!

Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we're happy to have you here.

St. Clare is a Catholic community guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday | 5:00pm, Vigil
Sunday | 8:30am, 10:45am

For livestream weekend Mass, visit
www.saintclarechurch.org

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday | 8:30am
Wednesday | 8:30am
Thursday | 8:30am, School Mass
Friday | 8:30am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

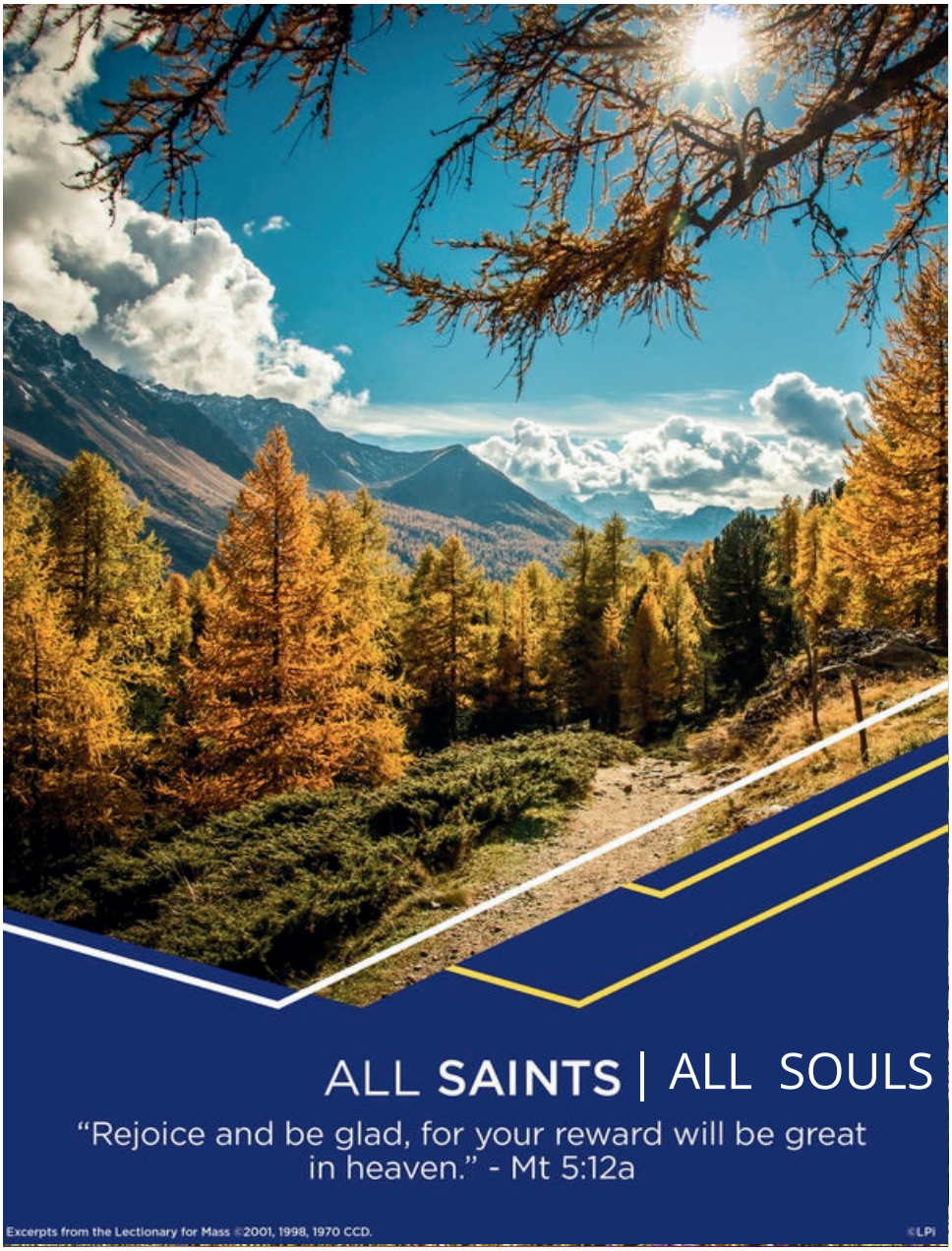
8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 4-4:30pm or
by appointment, contact Fr. Don

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monthly on the 1st Saturday from 2-4pm
Benediction at 3:45pm



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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Got a broken heart? Rejoice! An empty bank account? Rejoice! Are you undervalued, overlooked? Rejoice! In the Beatitudes, Jesus offers more than just sweet sayings. He offers a challenge, one we can only meet if he is at our side: rejoice! @LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

Happy All Saints Day! This weekend we celebrate all the great saints up in Heaven. And, as we trust in Jesus' saving grace, we will join them one day. That's some serious good news!

Today we honor the great saints like the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis and St. Clare, and Mother Teresa. We also honor the saints that aren't officially recognized but that we believe are in Heaven. Unofficial saints could be your holy grandmother or your father or anyone else that has died that lived a virtuous life with our Lord here on Earth. I believe my mother, who died four years ago, is in Heaven. I pray to Mom, asking for her prayers for me, just like I pray to the great saints. Mom is one of my "great saints".

Who are some of the "great saints" that have helped to form you? Do you ask for their prayers from Heaven? Do you strive to imitate their holy life? I think we all have been blessed with some holy people that have been a part of our lives, holy people that have died and gone to Heaven.

As Catholics we believe in the Communion of Saints, we believe we can still communicate with those who have died and are in Heaven. We can ask for their prayers and trust that they are praying for us. I like that.

Happy All Saints Day everyone!

~ Fr. Don



STAY UPDATED

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.

Name: Phone:

Email:

Address:

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

Week-at-a-Glance

SATURDAY, OCTOBRE 31 - Anointing of the Sick		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Mass *+Ted Leonard*	Church
5:45 pm	Anointing of the Sick	Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1|All Saints' Day | Anointing of the Sick		
8:30 am	All Saints Day Mass	Church
9:15 am	Anointing of the Sick	Church
10:45 am	Mass For the People	Church
11:30 am	Anointing of the Sick	Church
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | All Souls'Day		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *+ John Tujo*	Church
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3		
6:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
1:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *+ Henry Fitzgibbon*	Church
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
9:00 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parish Office
9:30 am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
11:00 am	Fr. Jim Toiletry Drive	Parish Office
2:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Mass *+Patrick Bailey*	Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | K of C Pancake Breakfast		
8:00 am	Fr. Jim Toiletry Drive	Parish Office
8:30 am	Family Mass	Church
10:45 am	Mass *+Michael J. Carney*	Church



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday, November 7, 2-4 pm.

Come and spend a few minutes with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45 pm.

SACRAMENTS

More information available at ***saintclarechurch.org/sacraments***

BAPTISM

Please contact **Deacon Bill McNamara** for more information.

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Adults please contact **Kim Zea**.
For Teens and Children please contact **Debbie Henkelman**.

MARRIAGE

Please contact **Fr. Don** to learn more about the six-month preparation required for getting married at St. Clare Church.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1st Reading

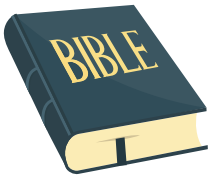
John sees a vision of a new Israel consisting of every race and nation who has suffered for their faith in Jesus. Would you say you have suffered for the Faith?

2nd Reading

John speaks of the "children of God" as those who have a deep abiding hope in one day being like Jesus. What do you imagine "to be like Jesus" looks like?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the disciples that God uses the poor in spirit, the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, etc., to help him build the kingdom of heaven on earth. How is God using you to build the kingdom of heaven?



NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16 (154A)
- Psalms: Psalm 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 or 4:13-14
- Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

For daily readings, please visit ***www.usccb.org****.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls' Day | November 2, 2026

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."
Wisdom3:1



In loving and prayerful remembrance of our departed parishioners and loved ones.

May they rest in the peace of Christ

Ana Maria Hulse **+**
Anna DeGiulio Kesterson
Anne Holloway **+**
Anne Milligan **+**
Barbara Sheridan **+**
Betty Mae Mansfield
Bob Kremer
Carol Cipollo
Carol Lundgren
Carolyn Lee
Charles Robert Bailey
Claude Emile Keller
Deborah Munch **+**
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Duke Uphus
Ebby Goggins
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Holland McTyeire Smith II
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John Saxman **+**
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Nick Bernert
Paul Chase **+**
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Peter Cullen **+**
Phyllis Parent **+**
Richard Beam
Robert Kocarnik **+**
Rose Marie Lafferty **+**
Sara Lorraine Basaraba **+**
Serene "Seng" Salas **+**
Stephen Loomis
Steve Mason
Thomas R. Chambers **+**
Tom Bernert

The cross **(+)** indicated that the person's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Clare Catholic Church.

This and That from Deacon Bill

ALL SAINTS DAY, ALL SOULS DAY, AND HALLOWEEN?

This weekend Catholics celebrate Halloween on Saturday, and All Saint's Day on Sunday. The Halloween we observe today evolved from an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain--first celebrated in Ireland, then in Scotland and the UK. The Samhain feast marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the new Celtic year. The belief was that on October 31st the veil between the living and the deceased grew very thin, allowing spirits to return from the dead. Communities lit huge bonfires, wore costumes made of animal skin, and laid out offerings of food to confuse or appease wandering spirits.

How did the Catholic Church respond to this pagan observance?

The Church already had a feast day for All Saints, started in 609 A.D. when Pope Benedict IV dedicated the Pantheon, formerly a Roman temple, as a Catholic church honoring Mary and the martyrs. In the Eighth century, Pope Gregory III moved the date of observance to November 1st. His successor, Pope Gregory IV declared in 835 A.D. that All Saints Day was to be celebrated by the entire Catholic Church.

Halloween customs that families still enjoy today come from Irish and Scottish immigrants that were brought to America in the 19th century, including costumes and trick-or-treating, which are derived from the practice of mumming, guising, and leaving out food for spirits.

On All Saint's Day, Catholics gather to pray to and acknowledge souls who are in heaven. These prayers encompass our families, and friends who have through God's mercy ascended to Heaven.

The Church also gives us All Soul's Day, November 2nd, established in 993 by St. Odilo of Cluny, a French abbot. This celebration reminds us to pray for the souls of the faithfully departed undergoing purification in Purgatory. The feast became universal for Catholics in the 14th century.

On November 1st we pray to the souls in Heaven in hope that they will pray for us; on November 2nd we pray for the souls in purgatory to help them attain their glorious reward.



On a personal note, I was once invited to teach Religious Education to Middle School children by a nun I knew, Sister Eileen. It was challenging. Classes were right after school, the children had often enjoyed sugary snacks, and were definitely done learning for the day. I lasted a good ten years, and often wonder if I was able to teach them anything they held on to.

I hope so.

One child asked if there was a St. Tex. I wasn't sure why the boy had settled on that particular name, but I explained that there absolutely could be a St. Tex if he was a person who loved God and loved his neighbors in this world.

Over the years, I have been praying the rosary for people I remember from my life, and for people I've never met, praying that a Heavenly reward awaits them. Upon the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Days, faith behooves us to think about those who have passed on, those in Heaven, and those awaiting redemption in Purgatory.

Oh, by the way, years after the boy in my class asked about a St Tex, I happened to be in a New York City pizza parlor when I noticed a group of high school-age kids. One of the kids came up to me and said, "Hey, Mr. Bill, I'm praying to St. Tex, and hope to meet him someday in Heaven."

I guess I did make an impression on some of those kids I taught Religious Education to all those years ago. I've been praying for them--always through the intercession of--you guessed it, St. Tex!

~ Deacon Bill

OUTREACH

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Tomate Sauce
- Hot Cereal
- Canned fruit (especially peaches)
- Paper towels
- Diced Tomates
- Canned Vegetables



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

FR. JIM GALLUZZO'S TOILETRY PROJECT

Only 1 week until packaging!

Help us collect travel-size toiletries for Christmas gift bags for the homeless.

Donations can be placed in the baskets at the church or on the front porch of the parish office **no later than Friday, Nov.6**

Volunteers are invited to help downstairs at the parish office:
Saturday, Nov. 7 | 11:00am - 1:00pm,
and to assemble the gift bags on
Sunday, Nov. 8, | 8:00am - 12:00pm

Fr. Jim and Maureen Schwerdteger

For information please contact Maureen at 503.752.8481 or Fr. Jim at: diversityasgift@comcast.net

Thank you for your generosity!



ADMINISTRATION

OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 10.25.26	$10,249	$13,458	($3,209)
Total October	$43,308		
Fisal Year 26/27*	$187,350	$228,784	**($41,434)**

**FY 25/26 Offertory Goal: $13,458 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.*

Donating online is easy! Scan the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you for your support!

ST. CLARE SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN Information Night

Wednesday, November 4
6:30-8:00p.m. Kindergarten Classroom

Parents of new and prospective families are warmly invited to learn about St. Clare School and our vibrant community.

The evening will include a presentation and a panel featuring our Principal, Chris Harris, our Kindergarten Teacher, Krystal Huynh, and current parents. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the many academic, social, and spiritual opportunities we offer. After the presentation, parents will be able to tour the school building.

Please sign up to attend at:
https://forms.gle/2JEVFMMHJgSJZDgr5

Questions? Contact Emily Bridge
ebridge@stclarepdx.org



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For questions contact Katie at:
ktsangster@gmail.com

SPIRITUALITY & FAITH FORMATION

For questions about Adult Spirituality or Faith Formation contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org

For questions about Youth Faith Formation contact Debbie Henkleman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

OCIA (formerly RCIA) is for adults and children who are interested in becoming Catholic, completing their sacraments, or learning more about the Catholic faith. Registration is required.

LAST CHANCE

CHRISTMAS
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VENDORS WANTED

DECEMBER 12-13, 2026
ONE TABLE $45/ TWO TABLES $85
REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 1

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St. Clare Parish
Children's/Youth Ministry

https://osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/christmas-bazaar

Dinner Talk

This year's dinner talks will focus on
I Trust in Jesus



6pm-7:30pm
Parish Hall

Nov 12 - Lift your Heart

David Villegas
Guest Speaker

This is the first in our series that combines theological substance, personal witness, humor, and step-by-step sequences to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Register here:
https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talks-nov2026

Pancake Breakfast

by
the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, November 8
9:30am-1:30pm Parish Hall

On the Menu

Plain & Blueberry Pancakes
Sausage & Eggs
Fruit & Applesauce
Milk, Chocolate Milk,
Orange Juice, Coffee, or Tea

Donations accepted to support the Knights' outreach programs.

Questions? Contact Don Mey at dmey1951@gmail.com

We're officially on Instagram!
Follow us:
@stclarecatholicchurch

Advent Fair Helpers Needed

Do you love the Advent season and want to help with our annual Advent Fair?
We need a coordinator, greenery donations, and helpers

December 6 from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

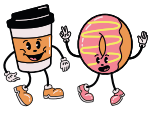
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Coffee and Donuts Leader Needed

Coffee and Donuts is looking for someone to take the lead on this ministry.

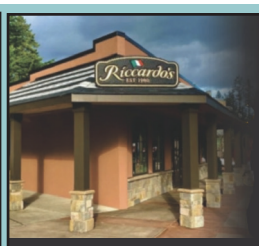
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Contact Kim Zea to learn more about the sweetest ministry in town.

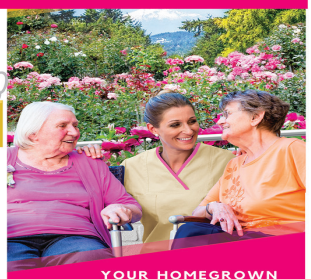
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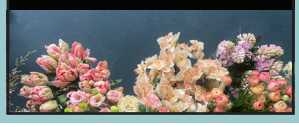
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