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NOVEMBER 15TH, 2026 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



God invites us to take part in the mission of the Gospel. His investment is his Body and Blood, offered for our salvation. What return will it generate? Only we can decide what to do with this great gift. @LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

Thank you to all the folks that are helping with our outreach to the needy in our area. I appreciate your efforts.

*Many of you brought in toiletry items for Fr. Jim Galluzzo's toiletry packets for the homeless. He had a good team of volunteers packing them up last weekend. When I visited them they already had 2,000 packets ready and were making lots more. Impressive!

*This Friday we have our monthly volunteers going to St. Andre' Bessette Soup Kitchen to serve a nice hot meal to about 70 hungry folks in Old Town. They will also be delivering a car load of warm winter coats for the homeless. We've been staffing that ministry once a month for over 20 years.

*John Kowalcyzk and a team have been helping St. Francis Church in SE Portland get ready to start serving a hot meal to their hungry neighbors on Sunday evenings. The first meal will be on Thanksgiving weekend. They have done a lot of work to get the basement cleaned up and ready to serve food again since it has been several years since that soup kitchen has operated.

*We will be delivering Thanksgiving food boxes again this year to families in our SW neighborhood. See the bulletin for ways you can help with that outreach: donating food, packing boxes, delivering food...

*Many of you donate food, money and time to our St. Vincent de Paul council which operates all year around to feed the hungry and offer rent and utility assistance.

Next Sunday's gospel reminds us that what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Jesus. Thank you to everyone that is helping with our many outreach ministries here at St. Clare.

God bless you all!

-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, NOVEMBER 14		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
4:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
5:00 pm	Youth Mass +*Susan Winskunas*	Church
6:00 pm	Youth Gathering	Parish Hall
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15		
8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass +*Cathy Martin*	Church
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16		
8:30 am	Daily Mass + *Charleen Gutmann*	Church
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17		
6:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18		
8:30 am	*Daily Mass*	Church
1:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19		
8:30 am	Daily Mass + *Henry Fitzgibbon*	Church
12:00	OCIA Meeting	Parish Office
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass + *Amadeu Digregorio*	Church
6:00 pm	After Mass Social	Parish Hall
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22		
8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass + *Jennifer Sullivan*	Church

AFTER 5 PM MASS SOCIAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 6:00PM | PARISH HALL



Every third weekend, Saturday Vigil Mass attendees are invited to come, visit with friends and enjoy a light snack and beverage. Please plan to join us for a Saturday evening version of Sunday morning Coffee and Donuts. See you there!

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

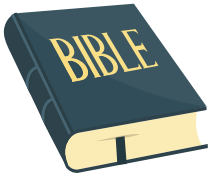
Proverbs explains how a kind, wise, and loving wife is an invaluable treasure to a husband. What qualities do you think make for a healthy and life-giving marriage?

2nd Reading

Paul urges the Thessalonians to remain focused on the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Is there something that needs your urgent attention this week?

Gospel Reading

In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus teaches the importance of investing in the gifts God has given each of us. What would others say are your God-given gifts?



NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

NOV. 22, 2026 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 (160A)
- Psalms: Psalm 23: 1-2, 2-3, 5-6
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
- Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

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

OUTREACH

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Hot Cereal & Oatmeal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Vegetable Oil
- Applesauce



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 1

Giving Tuesday brings our parish, school, and preschool communities together around the shared purpose of caring for the facilities that make our ministries possible.

Donations from the campaign will go to the **Parish Facilities Fund**, which helps maintain all of the buildings on our campus.

Watch for more information in the weeks ahead!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 3, 2026
Parish Hall 2:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org
If you need assistance call 1.800.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

A Big Thanks You!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and generous donors,

3,177 toiletry gift bags were assembled

and distributed to nine organizations serving people experiencing homelessness and others in need!

Thank you for sharing God's love through your generosity and service!

Fr Jim Galluzzo



Help Fill Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Help Local Needy Families!
Food Donations can be dropped off
Nov. 1-20 nonperishable
Nov. 21-22 perishable



Nonperishable Food School can provide	Perishable Items Parish can provide
• Fruit Cocktail • Canned Corn • Canned Green beans • Cranberry Sauce • Mashed Potato Packets • Gravy Packets	• Turkey Breasts • Onions • Baby Carrots • Pumpkin Pie • Dinner Rolls
School families bring to classroom **Preschool families bring to Office**	**Parishioners drop off at Parish Garage** **Nov 21st 4:30pm, Nov 22nd 8:00am & 10:00am**

If Your Family Would Like to Help Deliver Food Boxes Nov. 24 between 10:00 - 11:30am, email LeAnn to sign up. leannjohnspencer@gmail.com

ADVENT SOJOURN

A SPIRITUAL STUDY

Watch the trailer:

Prepare your heart before the season begins, then move through Advent with Scripture, reflection prompts, and journaling.
You are invited into a spiritual pilgrimage toward Bethlehem.

All Are Welcome!

Join us after the 10:45 Mass in the Music Room

OR

Study independently with Formed, which St. Clare Church provides to you for free

NOV 22 FIRST SESSION

Session 2: Nov. 29
Session 3: Dec. 6
Session 4: Dec. 13
Session 5: Dec. 20

Questions? Contact Jodie Tatafu at Jodie@saintclarechurch.org

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dec. 12 (3PM - 7PM) & 13 (9AM-2PM)

Get your Christmas shopping done while supporting our St. Clare Youth Group.
We will have raffle tickets and prizes, free admission, and over 40 vendors to shop at! Some of the vendors are our very own St. Clare youth.

ADVENT FESTIVAL

Dec. 6

Join us for this annual event as we make Advent wreaths and do Christmas crafts together. All ages are welcome!

Greenery Donations Needed

Do you have evergreen or broadleaf plants in your yard? We would love for you to donate some branches for our upcoming Advent Festival!
To arrange a drop-off, please get in touch with Jodie Tatafu at Jodie@saintclarechurch.org

Advent - Will You Be Ready?



Scan this code to listen to Jeff Cavins' podcast on how to prepare for the season of Advent. Let's transform our lives! We await not a day of gifts; but the coming of Christ.



https://share.fireside.fm/episode/m7G8OqB6+YRQKWF3e

ST. CLARE SCHOOL

Annual Appeal Letter Update

As we look ahead to another exciting year at St. Clare School, we are moving the mailing of our Annual Appeal Letter from November to **January**

We have decided to separate the school's Annual Appeal from the parish Giving Tuesday campaign. This change helps create a clearer focus for both efforts and better support the needs of our scholl and parish community

Please watch for the school's Annual Appeal Letter arriving in the **last week of January.**

Thank you for your continued support of St. Clare School!

St. Clare Moms' Group Volunteers



Share your time, spread kindness, and help us prepare sack lunches for **BLANCHET HOUSE!**

Wednesday, November 18	**6:30 p.m. Fire Room (Parish Office)**

We also need volunteers to deliver the lunches at Blanchet House **on Thursday, Nov 19 8:00-10:30 a.m.** Volunteer time may count toward parish service hours.

For information please contact: Sarah Newman or Melissa Nash

ADMINISTRATION

OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 11.8.26	$12,429	$13,458	($1,028)
Total November	$19,465		
Fisal Year 26/27*	$211,695	$255,699	**($44,004)**

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

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

FAITH FORMATION

Sacrament of Confirmation

7th - 12th Grade

Parents and students are invited to an informational meeting

December 6
12 PM - 1 PM
in the Church



Classes will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays, January - April

To register:

OR

Visit the Sacraments page on our website.

Not sure yet? That's okay! Come learn more and take your time to decide
.
For additional information contact Debbie Henkleman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org.

CARE MINISTRY

Homebound Visits & Holy Communion



Are you or someone you know homebound and wishing to receive a visit and Holy Communion?

Our CARE ministers are availble to help.

Contact Deacon Bill at 503-244-1037 ext. 108 or dcnbill@saintclarechurch.org

Please provide the person's name, address, and phone number.

This and That from Deacon Bill

SHARING YOUR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS

Have you ever watched America's Got Talent, or any of the "Got Talent" series that are so popular on TV? Featured on these shows are a variety of contestants. On any given evening, the audience could be treated to a display of martial arts skills, magic acts, grandmothers singing, break dancing brothers, or a pogo stick jumper. Simon Cowell's popular *American Idol* was all about aspiring vocalists.

Occasionally audiences have been pleasantly surprised by one of the performers. On a Britain's Got Talent episode on April 11th 2009, a dowdy middle-aged women walked nervously on stage. Many in the audience began to giggle and whisper negative remarks. The camera showed the judges snickering as if to say "Where did they get this one?" When Susan Boyle opened her mouth and began to sing "I Dreamed a Dream" from the musical *Les Misérables,* her magnificent voice shocked audience and judges alike.

Boyle went on to become a professional recording artist, and released three top-selling albums. Although Boyle's talent sets her apart from most of the contestants on these kinds of shows, there is something to learn from all of the participants. All had the intestinal fortitude to get up and perform, and display their talent, however mediocre or amateurish, to the best of their ability.

This I believe is the lesson before us today.

As the liturgical year winds down, the sacred texts draw our attention to the inevitable winding down of our lives on God's Earth. We are reminded that there will be a final reckoning. Each of us has been given unique gifts and abilities that we must put to the best possible use. Discovering our talents can be a delightful adventure; helping others discover their talents is equally rewarding.

The challenge lies in translating the revelation of our talents into serious, practical service to God, and to others. This can be a risky enterprise. Coming forward with our talent opens the door to criticism, scrutiny, and in some cases even ridicule. Nevertheless, even if our efforts will never be acknowledged as eloquently as those of the worthy wife in this Sunday's reading from Proverbs (31:10-31), our faith in Jesus calls forth our generosity and perseverance no matter how such offerings might be received.

God's gifts must be shared wherever our path of faith finds us, in any given moment. Action in the name of the Father and the Son cannot be left on the shelf until we retire, or find a more convenient moment in our busy lives. These



gifts have a finite shelf life. The precious fragility of life should spark in us a sense of immediacy, and a willingness to share our gifts and ourselves now. We are called to praise and foster the talents we see in others, and use our God-given talents wisely and well in the time at hand.

The gospel parable we heard today concludes with the paradox that continues to characterize the faithful followers of Jesus. Those who are responsive to God's grace and use their gifts to the best of their ability will be rewarded with even greater responsibility. They are asked to do more!

In the process, these faithful and generous servants grow into more accurate reflections of the God in whose image they have been created. Those who refuse to make the best use of the gifts God has given them, for whatever reason (fear, laziness, procrastination), will find themselves in a difficult place when God's final reckoning is upon them. Those left to "grind their teeth" have refused to give and to grow and will reap the consequences of their fearful, selfish, or lazy choices.

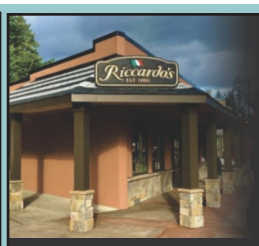
Catholic faith calls us to learn the parable's lesson, and take it to heart, now, not at some undetermined time in the future. Those who hear and heed this message to use their talents in service to God in this life will welcome the day of reckoning.

As we have heard the Gospel today, "Come, share your master's joy."

--Deacon Bill

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