



St. Clare Parish

Oct. 26, 2025

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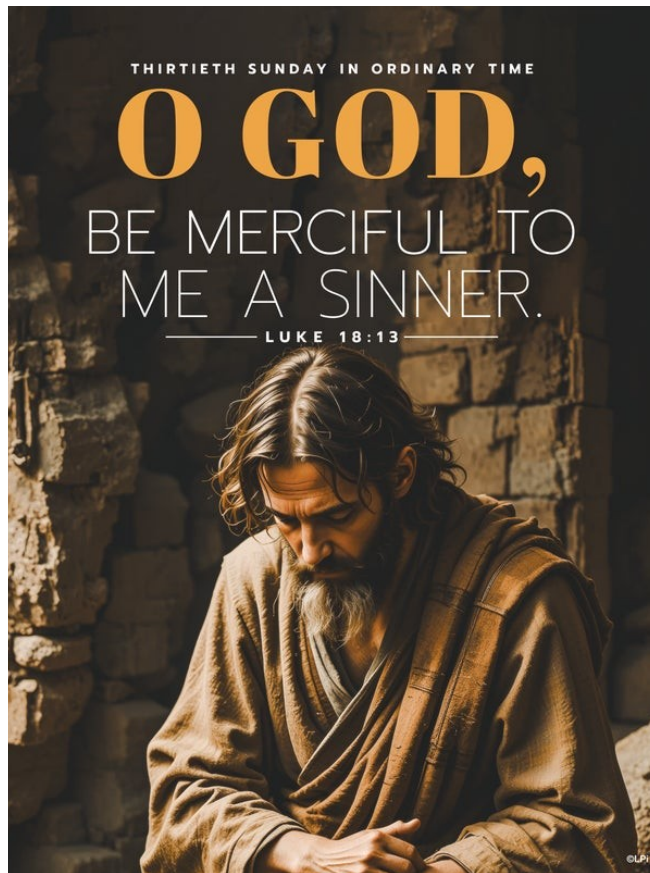
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Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 26, 2025

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God. ©LPi



Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Oct. 25

4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Diodata Digregorio</i>	Church

Sunday, Oct. 26

8:30am	Mass + <i>Paulette Sonnen</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church

Monday, Oct. 27

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	Church
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Wednesday, Oct. 29

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Lisa Cook</i>	Church
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Thursday, Oct. 30

8:30am	Daily Mass + <i>Elizabeth Strauss</i>	Church
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Friday, Oct. 31

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Saturday, Nov. 1 All Saints Day

8:30am	All Saints Day Mass	Church
9:30am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass <i>Bigler Family</i>	Church

Sunday, Nov. 2 All Souls Day/K of C Pancake Breakfast

8:30am	Family Mass + <i>John Tujo</i>	Church
10:45am	Mass <i>For the People</i>	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Deacon Bill shared an interesting article with me this week, it's all about numbers of Catholics around the world. These numbers are from 2023. The total world population is listed at just under 8 billion people, and 18% of those are Catholic, that's a slight increase over the previous year. We gained 16 million Catholics last year. Africa is where the most action is with 8 million new Catholics. We had 5.5 million new Catholics in the Americas.

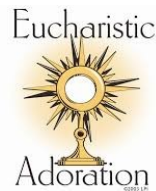
Currently, 5,400 bishops and 407,000 priests are serving around the world. The overall priest number is holding pretty steady with large increases in Africa and decreases in most other places (the Americas had 800 less priests). The number of permanent deacons has increased to 51,000.

Worldwide we have 103,000 Catholic primary schools educating 36 million students and 52,000 secondary schools with 21 million students. There are 11,000 day care centers (St. Clare has the largest Catholic parish-based day care/preschool in Oregon).

5,200 Catholic hospitals, 500 leper colonies(!), and countless social service agencies are providing counseling, financial or food assistance, legal help . . .

We are all part of the HUGE Catholic Church that Jesus started 2,000 years ago. St. Clare Church, School, and Preschool continues living the Gospel right here in SW Portland. Thank you for your part in making our church a vibrant church!

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



Saturday, Nov. 1 2-4pm

Come and spend a few minutes with the Lord in prayer.

Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Scripture Readings

All Souls' Day

Nov. 2, 2025

Reading 1 - Wis 3:1-9

Psalms - PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading 2 - Rom 6:3-9

Gospel - Jn 6:37-40

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . Thoughts on Sunday’s Gospel, Luke 18:9-14

The Word of God is alive - a Word that is spoken to us here and now just as it was spoken to those who would listen to God talking to them many years ago.

So what message is God giving us today?

The book of Sirach is telling us that God listens and responds to prayers. Paul writing his letter from house arrest in Rome to Timothy is summing up his ministry as he awaits his call home to heaven. He is passing on the faith which he received, and one can say even writing his own epitaph.

But wait a minute – did you hear the beginning of the gospel today? “Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.” So, who in our community is Jesus addressing today with this parable? Surely not I?

The Pharisee was a religious leader and tax collectors were hated and despised. The tax collector, however, knew who he was – a sinner. Yet in our gospel it is the tax collector who leaves the place of prayer “satisfied”? The Pharisee was not a bad person - he kind of missed the mark about what prayer is all about.

Holding others in contempt is the real kicker in this parable. Delusions of grandeur are bad enough. It’s the thinking that others merit or deserve one’s contempt that really annoys Jesus to tell this parable. We cannot be right with God if we go around mentally comparing ourselves with others in ways that make them come up short. We are called to love. We are all made in the image and likeness of God.

We have all sinned. Looking honestly at ourselves makes us humble.

But to practice humility is not about beating ourselves up about our shortcomings. God knows most of us have plenty about which to be ashamed. Mark Twain once said, “Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.”

Humility is, ultimately, honesty. To be humble means to neither exaggerate nor minimize, but to accept what is. This is where the prayer part of this reading comes in which relates back to our first reading.

Real spirituality, real prayer, focuses us and helps us see clearly what it is not, but what it actually is. Richard Rohr in his book, *Everything Belongs*, writes, “Prayer is not one of ten thousand things. It is that by which we see ten thousand things.”

We often fear seeing and knowing things, people, and relationships as they really are. Seeing things as they are can change us.

That’s the risk of prayer. When we really pray, we stop telling God how good or bad we are. We start listening to what God is telling us.

Real prayer, humble and honest prayer changes what we desire. By praying, we relate to God and then God relates to us through the choices of our lives. And what are the choices that God calls us to – God calls us simply to Love – Love God and Love our neighbor.

Prayer encourages us to make tough choices love entails. It gives us the grace to do what God asks of us.

So, pray often, pray without ceasing, open our ears to hear - be silent and listen to God’s response, and to stop comparing and start choosing to love.

Where will all this take us? Hopefully, when we are called home by our God. Our epithet like Paul’s will say we spread the faith by the love that we shared.

~ Deacon Bill

Men of St. Clare, YOU are invited to our first ACTS Retreat!



St. Clare Men's Retreat

Thursday - Sunday, Nov. 13-16

Register NOW at www.saintclarechurch.org/acts-retreats

ACTS stands for **A**doration, **C**ommunity, **T**heology and **S**ervice. Join us to revitalize your faith life, and spend time with our Lord and your brothers in Christ. Come and experience three days of joy, prayer, authenticity, and brotherhood. We are expecting this retreat to fill-up quickly, so don't delay. Sign up TODAY!

When: Thursday evening, November 13 - Sunday, November 16.

Where: Fr. Bernard Center in Mt. Angel, Oregon

Depart: 5:00pm November 13 from St. Clare. Transportation will be provided.

Return: Sunday, November 16 to St. Clare for 10:45am Mass and Luncheon.

Transportation back to St. Clare provided. Families are invited and encouraged to attend the Mass and Luncheon.

Relationships require commitment. For this reason, ACTS retreatants are required to attend from Thursday evening starting at St. Clare through the Sunday's closing Luncheon. Our team is committed to providing a weekend filled with joy, prayer and community.

Finances should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, financial arrangements can be made by contacting Kim Zea, Pastoral Associate, at 503-244-1037 ext. 104 or kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Cancellations: In order for us to give you a full refund, we will need a cancellation notice by October 16. If you need to cancel after October 16 and we are able to fill your spot with someone on our waitlist, then you will receive a refund. If your spot is left vacant, we will be unable to refund your payment.

Questions and Cancellation Notices: Contact Kim Zea at kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Non-St. Clare Parishioners

Non-St. Clare Parishioners may register for our ACTS retreats 2 weeks before the event. Please click on the Register for November Men's Retreat button on or after October 30. If there are available slots, we look forward to you joining us.

Outreach



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Nov. 2
9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast served up after both Masses by the John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.



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

Also at the breakfast, Fr. Jim Galluzzo will be selling books he has written and candles he has made to raise funds to purchase supplies for the Toiletry Drive.

Come, eat and shop! Thank you!

Questions? Contact Don Mey at dmey1951@gmail.com or 434.429.9881.

Fr. Jim Galluzzo's Toiletry Project

Only 4 weeks until packaging!

Small, personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, dental supplies, hand sanitizer and Kleenex are needed. Please bring them to the baskets at church or front porch of the parish office. They will help us to fill hundreds of gift bags in mid-November for our neighbors in need. Your support of this annual outreach project is much appreciated!

~ Fr. Jim



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Hot & Cold Cereal • Canned Mixed Fruit
- Peanut Butter • Jams & Jellies • Cooking Oil
- Dishwasher Pods • Dishwashing Liquid

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.

Community Life



Attention Crafters!

St. Clare Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 6 4-7pm

Sunday, Dec. 7 9am-2pm

Reserve a Table TODAY!

\$35 for 6ft. or \$25 for 3ft.

Visit www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/christmas-bazaar or scan the QR Code:



Questions? Contact Debbie Henkleman at debbie@saintclarechurch.org

Faith Formation

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Where is the Spirit Leading You?

Come to the Feast!

Strengthen your Faith and Build Fellowship.

Join us for a light dinner, listen to our guest speaker, and share your journey with others.

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

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Printed forms may be found at the church doors.

All orders are due by Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Questions? Please contact Katie Ericksen at

ktsangster@gmail.com.

St. Clare Kindergarten Information Night 2025

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



St. Clare School will be hosting a Kindergarten Information Night for parents. The event will be geared toward new families looking to learn about our school and community, but all are welcome to attend. If you have a child starting kindergarten in the next few years and are researching elementary school options, this is a wonderful event to attend! The Kindergarten Information Night will include a brief presentation and a panel featuring Chris Harris (Principal), Krystal Huynh (Kindergarten Teacher), and a few current parents. Prospective parents will have the opportunity to ask panelists questions and get a feel for the many academic, social, and spiritual opportunities we have available for our students. After the presentation, parents will be able to tour the building. Please sign up to attend at

Kindergarten Info Night RSVP Link:

<https://forms.gle/jXaLbBk26CT7kFuo8>

We hope to see you on November 12!

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



Care Ministry

A Funny Request from Deacon Bill . . .

Our Care Ministry team is in the need of jokes, good clean and possibly Catholic jokes. The team currently visits six senior care facilities and a few individual households.



We pray, socialize, and most importantly bring the Eucharist to those who cannot come to church. We always like to end our visits with a good joke. Laughter is the best medicine. However, I am running out of jokes to pass along to team members and the residents. If you have heard a good joke, please write it up and email it to me at denbill@saintclarechurch.org.

~ Thanks, Deacon Bill

Prayer Opportunity

New Group Starting for the Seven Sisters Apostolate



Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. A group of St. Clare women is being formed to pray for Fr. Don one hour each week, preferably in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Two women have signed up; five more needed. Please prayerfully consider joining this worthy cause. For more details, please visit sevensistersapostolate.org or contact Janice Romano at jromanopdx@gmail.com or Jennifer at SevenSistersPortland@gmail.com.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 10.19.25	\$12,651	\$12,472	\$179
Total October	\$31,510	\$37,415	(\$5,905)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$172,054	\$199,546	(\$27,493)

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

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

Tunnel Vision

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.


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