



St. Clare Parish

Oct. 5, 2025

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to proclaim Christ's love in worship, service and life-long learning

Church

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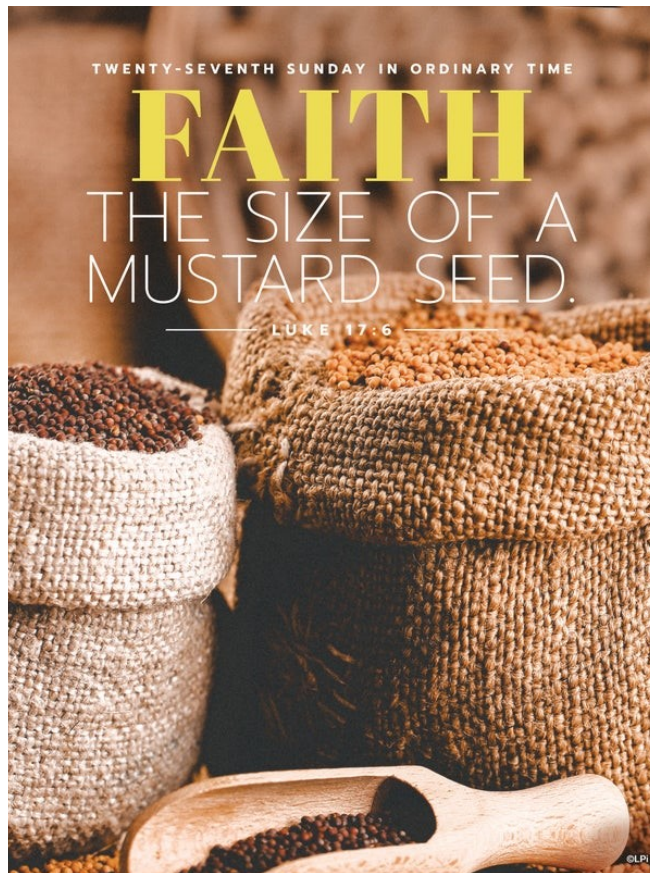
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

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.

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Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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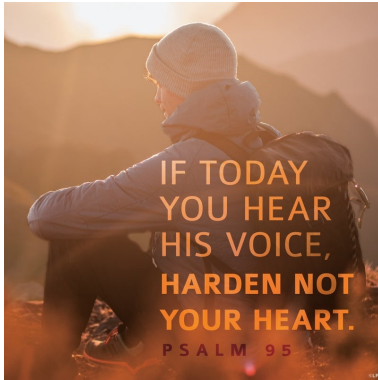


Weekly Inspirations

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 5, 2025

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work? ©LPi



Week-at-a Glance

Saturday, Oct. 4 Happy St. Francis Feast Day!

12:30pm	Pet Blessing (until 1pm)	Outside East Church Door
2:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
5:00pm	Vigil Mass +Cathy Worrell	Church

Sunday, Oct. 5 K of C Pancake Breakfast Parish Hall

8:30am	Mass +Susan Fachini	Church
9:30am	Welcome Gathering	School Music Room
10:45am	Mass	Church

Monday, Oct. 6

8:30am	Daily Mass +Lisa Cook	Church
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Wednesday, Oct. 8

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Thursday, Oct. 9

8:30am	Daily Mass +Barbara Gruenfeldt	Church
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Friday, Oct. 10

8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
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Saturday, Oct. 11

9:00am	K-5 Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
4:00pm	Confession (until 4:30pm)	Church
4:00pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	School Music Room
5:00pm	Youth Mass +Eric Zirkel	Church
6:00pm	Youth Group (ends 9:15pm)	Parish Hall

Sunday, Oct. 12

8:30am	Family Mass +Denny Codd	Church
10:45am	Mass	Church

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

I'm in Italy now on our parish pilgrimage and I'll give you more information about the pilgrimage when I return. This week I want to introduce you to our new church staff member, our Business Manager, Santo Graziano.

Our previous Business Manager, Shelley Worrell, served here 8 years and stepped out of that position in early summer. Since then we've been looking and praying for the right person to oversee the business affairs of the church. We found the right person.

Santo Graziano started here on Sept. 25 and I thank God that he chose to serve with us here at St. Clare. Santo has been in leadership positions with Kaiser Permanente for the past 20+ years and comes to us with vast experience in business affairs and leadership. His primary duties here include accounting, human resources, and overseeing facilities maintenance.

Santo grew up in St. Cecilia's Church in Beaverton. He is married and they have two teenage children. His family are active members of St. Anthony Church in Tigard.

Our St. Clare Church staff is small. Santo and I are the only full-time people in the office. Laurie Zupsic is our Administrative Assistant (32 hrs/wk), Kim Zea is our Pastoral Associate (26 hrs/wk), Debbie Henkelman is our Children & Youth Faith Formation Coordinator (20 hrs/wk). Deacon Bill McNamara does a variety of ministries, but doesn't receive any pay. We have a small, lean team that accomplishes a lot. I'm happy to have Santo Graziano joining our team here at St. Clare Church. ~ Fr. Don

Scripture Readings

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 12 2025

Reading 1 - 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Psalms - PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

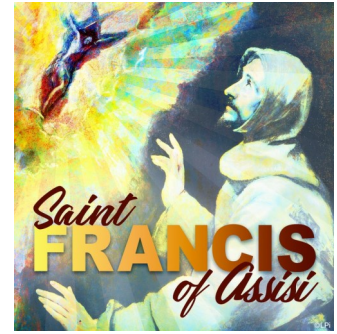
Reading 2 - 2 Tim 2:8-13

Gospel - Lk 17:5-11-19

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

“This and That” from Deacon Bill . . . St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4 Feast Day

St. Francis, born in 1181, was a gentle and simple man who loved all of creation. Decision after decision he made stripped him of attachments of the world to be more like Jesus. After being disowned by his father, Francis began his itinerant ministry in central Italy and attracted many followers by his simple life including our very own St. Clare. In 1224 at a retreat on Mount Alvernia at the monastery of La Verna, a vision of a seraph, a great angel, nailed to a cross appeared to him. As he watched, Francis received the stigmata (replicas of the Savior’s wounds). He died in 1226.



The following is a letter from Francis written to all the faithful - *from the Divine Office*.

It is through his Archangel Gabriel, that the Father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the Father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother. And shortly before his passion, he celebrated Passover with his disciples. Then he prayed to his Father saying: *Father if it is possible, let this cup be taken from me*. Nevertheless, he reposed his will to the Father. The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us an example of how to follow in his footsteps. And he desires all of us to be saved through him, and to receive him with pure heart and chaste body.

Oh how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord said in the gospel: *You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul, and your neighbor as yourself*. Therefore, let us love God and adore him with pure heart and mind. This is his particular desire when he says: *True worshipers adore the Father in spirit and truth*. For all that adore him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also direct to him our praises and prayers saying: *Our Father, who art in heaven, since we must always pray and never go slack*.

Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things that they leave behind in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive a reward from the Lord, the reward and recompense they deserve. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God’s sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live this way and persevere in it until the end. They will be the Father’s children who do his work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~ Deacon Bill

Outreach

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank You. 

Our blood drive on Sept. 25 was very successful thanks to our donors and volunteers.

22 units were collected surpassing our goal of 18.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Fr. Jim's Toiletry Project

Only 7 weeks until packaging!

Time is flying by! Please continue to collect and bring small, personal hygiene items to the baskets at the church or the front porch of the parish office. They will help our packaging team to fill hundreds of gift bags in mid-November for our neighbors in need during the holidays. Your support of this annual outreach project is always much appreciated!

~ Fr. Jim



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

Food Pantry Needs

- Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Shampoo
- Deodorant • Laundry Detergent

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



Save THE Date

St. Clare Christmas Bazaar is Coming!

Saturday, Dec. 6 4-7pm

Sunday, Dec. 9am –2pm

Join us for festive shopping, food, and holiday cheer!

**More information in next Sunday's bulletin.
Vendor registration available on Oct. 15.**

Mark your Calendars!

Charitable Giving Presentation

Sunday, Oct. 19

9:40am (following 8:30am Mass)

School Music Room next to the Parish Hall

Grab a donut and join us for a special presentation on charitable giving. If you are planning to attend the 10:45am Mass, join us for this presentation first. Shawn Downey, parishioner, school parent, and financial advisor, will share insights on how to give charitably in tax-effective ways. Learn more about your giving options, available resources, and key strategies to consider in more detail. All are welcome! For questions before the event, contact Mary Schuld at mschuld@stclarepdx.org.

Faith Formation

COME HOLY SPIRIT

New this Year! Dinner Talks

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 from our St. Clare Community on five Thursday evenings this year.

Dinner Talk #1 - Thursday, Oct. 23

5:30-7pm Parish Hall

Topic: *Prayer - Spiritual Growth*

by St. Clare Parishioner,

Jerry Roussell, Jr., MDiv, DMin

Let us walk with St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, as she shares the deepening interior journey throughout her life of prayer with God. We join St. Teresa along with a few saints and mystics who enlighten us about the Divine Transformation in their lives. Let us listen together with these saints and mystics entering more deeply into our call to "being in God" - now and forever.

Interested in attending? Please register at

<https://www.osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/dinner-talks-1>

More details? Contact kim@saintclarechurch.org

Liturgy

St. Clare Children's Choir

Calling All Singers and Musicians in Grades K-5!



The St. Clare Children's Choir is starting up again, and we are welcoming new members. No experience necessary! Children's Choir sings at the 8:30am Mass one weekend each month from October - June plus Christmas Eve. For school families, time spent participating counts toward in-parish tuition hours.

If you have a child in grades K-5 and interested in joining the Children's Choir, please contact Jessica Leahy at childrenschoir@saintclarechurch.org.

"Singing is praying twice." - St. Augustine

It's Time for Altar Server Training!

For 4th Grade Students and Older



Parents, would your child like to become an Altar Server? Altar serving is wonderful way for children to advance in a spiritual life that is centered on the Eucharist and to grow in vocational awareness. Servers participate in the Sacred Liturgy with their own work that contributes to the Work of the Faithful and the Prayer of the Church and thus their service helps build up the Body of Christ. All 4th grade students and older who have received their First Communion are ready to train as an Altar Server. Contact Rita Cobb to schedule your training time at ritabatzcobb@gmail.com.

In Remembrance



During November, the St. Clare Community will once again remember our loved ones who have passed away during the past year.

All families are invited to share the names of deceased immediate family members only to be displayed on banners in the church throughout the month.

The people whose funerals were held at St. Clare will also be included.

To participate in this remembrance, please contact laurie@saintclarechurch.org or the parish office, 503.244.1037, x100

NO LATER than Monday, Oct. 20

and provide the names of those who have died since **Oct. 31, 2024** along with your name and phone number.

May this remembrance bring peace and healing to all.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 9.28.25	\$7,356	\$12,472	(\$5,108)
Total September	\$41,061	\$49,887	(\$8,826)
Fiscal Year 25/26	\$138,761	\$162,131	(\$23,371)

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

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



St. Clare School

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 St. Clare 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.

Kindergarten Info Night RSVP Link:

<https://forms.gle/jXaLbBk26CT7kFuo8>

St. Clare School, located in the heart of SW Portland is known as the “small school with the BIG heart!” St. Clare School is a K-8, Catholic parish-school community rooted in Gospel values and is dedicated to the spiritual and educational development of the whole child. St. Clare School offers small class sizes, learning support, before/after school care, classes in Art, PE, Spanish, Music, Technology, Drama, Library, and more. Founded in 1914, St. Clare School has proudly served students for 110 years! Financial aid is available. We hope to see you on November 12!



Prayer from St. Francis of Assisi

You are holy God, and your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong. You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are almighty,

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all God.

You are God, all Good, supreme Good,

Lord God, living and true.

You are love. You are wisdom.

You are humility. You are endurance.

You are rest. You are peace.

You are joy and gladness,

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and you suffice us.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are our protector.

You are guardian and defender.

You are courage.

You are our heaven and our hope.

You are our faith and our great consolation.

You are our eternal life,

Great and Wonderful Lord.

God Almighty, Merciful Savior.

*From Writings of St. Francis of Assisi (1963-64),
translated by Benen Fahy, OFM. Chicago:
Franciscan Herald)*

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. We would like to start a group for Fr. Don and are inviting St. Clare women to commit to praying one hour each week, preferably in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please prayerfully consider joining this worthy cause. For more information, please visit sevensistersapostolate.org or contact Janice Romano at jromanopdx@gmail.com or Jennifer at SevenSistersPortland@gmail.com.

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.

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