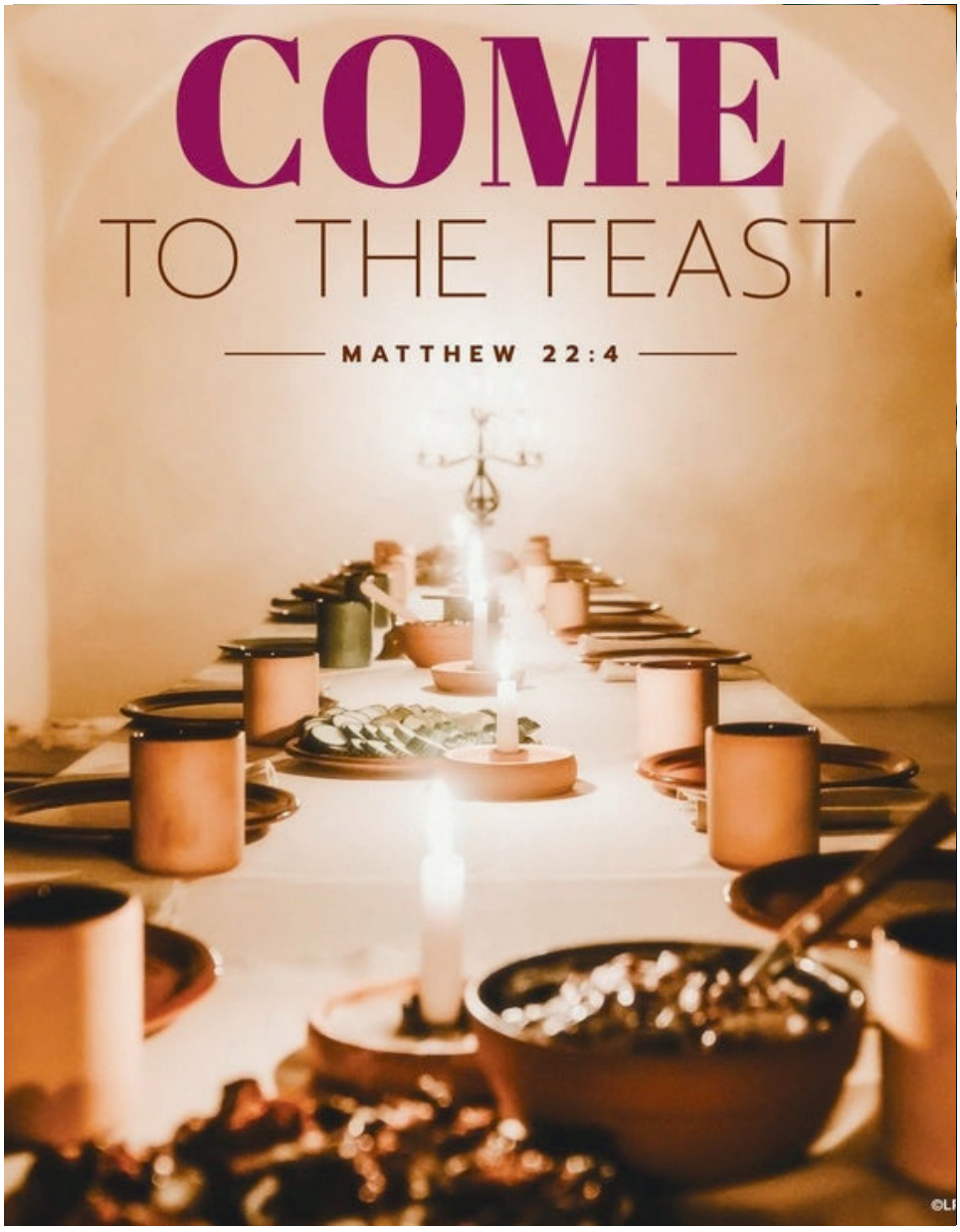
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OCTOBER 11TH, 2026 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



When God extends an invitation, we don't always respond promptly. So, what's the hold-up? Let's examine our lives for anything that delays our RSVP. This is one party we can't afford to miss.@LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

This week I have been at Newport with all the priests of the archdiocese at our annual training week. The theme this year was "The Joy of our Call". That theme resonates with me because I receive a lot of joy in my ministry. It is a joy to serve with so many good people here at St. Clare. I'm usually busy at St. Clare Church so I don't get to spend a lot of time with the other priests, so last week was a welcome change, an opportunity to spend an extended time with my brother priests. There were several presentations but the most valuable part of the week was the casual dinner table conversations, talking about what is working well and what isn't working well at our churches.

We had beautiful weather at the beach so that was a nice added bonus. I jumped in the ocean each morning before breakfast and had some nice walks on the beach during afternoon breaks.

As I mentioned, the theme of the Priest Convocation was "The Joy of the Call". A good example of that joy was our 8:30 Mass last Sunday. It was our annual Mass focusing on our St. Clare Preschool and about 50-60 of our St. Clare Preschool children came up front to sing a song and it was beautiful. Realistically they were pretty distracted and didn't sing all that well but that wasn't the point, they were THERE, at Mass with us, being part of our St. Clare family. Our Children's Choir was also singing that weekend, so there were LOTS of children and their families at that Mass. I love having so many young families at St. Clare Church. I love seeing those families giving their children a good foundation in their growing faith in Jesus Christ.

Let's keep the children of our church in our prayers. There are a lot of things in our modern world that can distract them from the faith, but there is a hole in their hearts that only God can fill. Let's keep them and their parents in our prayers.

–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, OCTOBER 10		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
4:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal	School Music Room
5:00 pm	Youth Mass *+Henry Fitzgibbon*	Church
6:00 pm	Liturgical Training	Church
6:00 pm	Youth Gathering	Parish Hall
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11		
8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
9:15 am	Liturgical Training	Church
10:45 am	Mass *+Rog Firth*	Church
11:30 am	Liturgical Training	Church
3:00 pm	The Glory Singers Concert	Church
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12		
8:30 am	*Daily Mass* *+Lawrence Crawley*	Church
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13		
6:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *John Bailey*	Church
1:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *+ Henry Fitzgibbon*	Church
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *+Steve Mason*	Church
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	*Mass* *+Fr. Pat McNamee*	Church
6:00 pm	After Mass Social	Parish Hall
6:00 pm	Liturgical Training	Church
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18		
8:30 am	Mass *+Michael Bailey*	Church
9:15 am	Liturgical Training	Church
10:45 am	Mass For the People	Church
11:30 am	Liturgical Training	Church

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

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's lavish future blessings upon all nations and peoples. How should we, as believers, best prepare for God's future blessings?

2nd Reading

Paul sees that the key to peace of mind in all of life's circumstances is to be "empowered" by Christ Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus strengthen you?

Gospel Reading

In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, Jesus teaches that all who are invited to God's banquet are to be fully open and prepared. What are some spiritual exercises you practice to remain prepared for God's work in your life?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

OCT. 18TH, 2026 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 (145A)
- Psalms: Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b
- Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

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

AFTER 5PM MASS SOCIAL



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!

LITURGY



IN REMEMBRANCE

We Pray for Our Loved Ones

During November, the St. Clare Community will remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away in the past year. Their names will be displayed on remembrance banners in the church throughout November.

Families are invited to submit the names of **immediate family members who have died since October 31, 2025.**

Those whose funerals were held at St. Clare will be also included.
Please submit the name of your loved one, along with your name and phone number or email to: Maria@saintclarechurch.org or call the Parish Office at 503.244.1037, x100

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

May this remembrance bring peace and healing to all.

LITURGICAL TRAINING

Readers - October 17-18
Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers/Greeters - October 10-11 and October 17-18

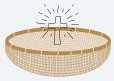
Training sessions will take place immediately after all Masses. Each session will be approximately 15 minutes long. Please plan to attend the one that works best for you.







ADMINISTRATION



OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 10.04.26	$12,488	$13,458	($970)
Total September	$51,487		
Total October	$10,788		
Fisal Year 26/27*	$153,823	$188,410	**($34,588)**

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

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Thank you for supporting *St. Clare School students!*

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

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Our Lady desires to come into your heart, to mother you in the places that need tender, loving care. That's what HOME is: your relationship with Mary and with one another.

This is a 6-week study with two times to choose from:

Tuesdays: October 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 from 6 - 7:30 pm

OR

Wednesdays: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 from 1 - 2:30 pm

Sign up by scanning this code:



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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server? Trainings start this month! Pick up a paper application at the Church entrance, from the Parish Office, or email jodie@saintclarechurch.org for more information.

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking volunteers who want to help with **Youth Group,** the **Advent Fair**, and **Dinner Talk**. For more information or to sign up, contact Jodie in the Parish Office: jodie@saintclarechurch.org

OUTREACH

100 Years of World Mission Sunday

2nd Collection | October 17-18

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Next weekend, we join Catholics around the world in supporting **World Mission Sunday.** The 2026 theme, **"One In Christ, united in mission"** call us to renew our missionary spirit with joy and faith.

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Please consider responding with faith, love, and generosity.

Thank you

Donation envelopes are available at the church doors, or give online by scanning the QR code.

To learn more, visit: www.pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thank You

The September blood drive was very successful thanks to our donors and volunteers.
We collected 25 units.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next blooddrive on **Thursday, December 3, 2026**.

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Vegetable Oil
- Dried Beans & Lentils
- White & Jasmine Rice
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

FR. JIM GALLUZZO'S TOILETRY PROJECT

Only 3 weeks 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

Since many hotels no longer provide travel-size toiletries, we must purchase additional supplies in bulk.
Cash donations are also greatly appreciated.

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!





This and That from Deacon Bill

TWO WOMEN, TWO GREAT SAINTS

This October, Catholics are blessed to celebrate two well-known and beloved female saints, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897) and St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) Thérèse of Lisieux, named by Pope John Paul II in 1997, is celebrated on October 1st, and Teresa of Avila, named by Pope John Paul VI in 1970, is celebrated on October 15th. Both women are designated Doctors of the Church.

To become a Doctor of the Church, one must be a canonized saint, written or taught work that shown exceptional understanding of faith, and be officially named by a pope after a rigorous study of the prospective Doctor's work is completed.

Currently there are thirty-eight Doctors of the Church, four of who are women. St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380 --declared by Pope Paul VI in 1970) and St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179 --declared by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012) join St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Avila in sharing this esteemed designation.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux , also known as "the Little Flower", was born in Alencon France in 1873. After her mother's death, older sister Pauline took care of raising young Thérèse in the faith. When Thérèse was nine, Pauline entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux. Her sister Marie later joined Pauline. At the age of fifteen, Thérèse herself was joined to the Carmel of Lisieux after receiving special permission to enter at such a young age.

In the convent, Thérèse lived a life of humility, evangelical simplicity, and trust in God. By word and example, she taught these virtues to the novices in the community. From her earliest childhood she had hoped to be a missionary and a martyr, but instead found her true religious path as a cloistered nun -- offering everyday life to God with extraordinary love. This spiritual path became her "Little Way."

Thérèse wrote her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul,* in 1897. The book covered her childhood memories, including a letter to Marie which contained profound reflections on religious life and spiritual trials. A passage from her book reads: "O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly, I have found my proper place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God, in the heart of the church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction."



The Story of a Soul was published posthumously by sister Pauline in 1898 shortly after Thérèse's death from tuberculosis.

It is customary in the Catholic church to show reverence for this great saint with the following invocation: Saint Thérèse, The Little Flower, pray for us.

St Teresa of Avila was a Spanish Carmelite nun who enjoyed frequent heaven-sent experiences of God's presence. She encountered resistance to her efforts to reform the Carmelite Order on the grounds that her ideas broke from tradition, but she was ultimately successful in transforming aspects of the order.

Teresa founded seventeen Spanish convents between 1560 and 1582, and is best known for her spiritual writing. Her major works include *The Interior Castle*, an autobiography that details her childhood and the evolution of her prayerful life. Another of her works, *The Way of Perfection,* is a guide to prayer for Carmelite nuns and all people of faith. Teresa also wrote many testimonies recounting her mystical experiences, her prayers addressed to God, and a meditation on the Song of Songs. She advocated for good works that help others, her overarching theme stressing that what the Lord desires is work.

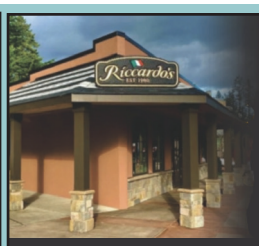
Here's an example of that theme in St. Teresa's own words: "If you see a sick person to whom you can give help, never be affected by the fear that your devotion will suffer but take pity on them: if they are in pain, you should feel pain also; if necessary, fast so that they may have your food, not so much for their sake as because you know it to be the Lord's will. That is true union with his will."

As with Saint Teresa above, we show reverence when we say: Saint Teresa of Avila – pray for us.

~ Deacon Bill

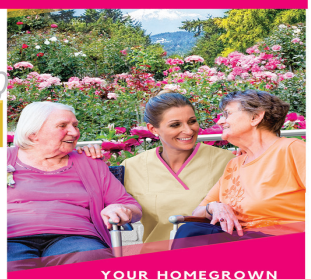
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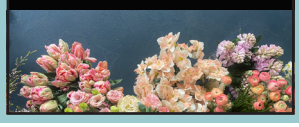
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