ST. CLARE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 18TH, 2026 | 29TH 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

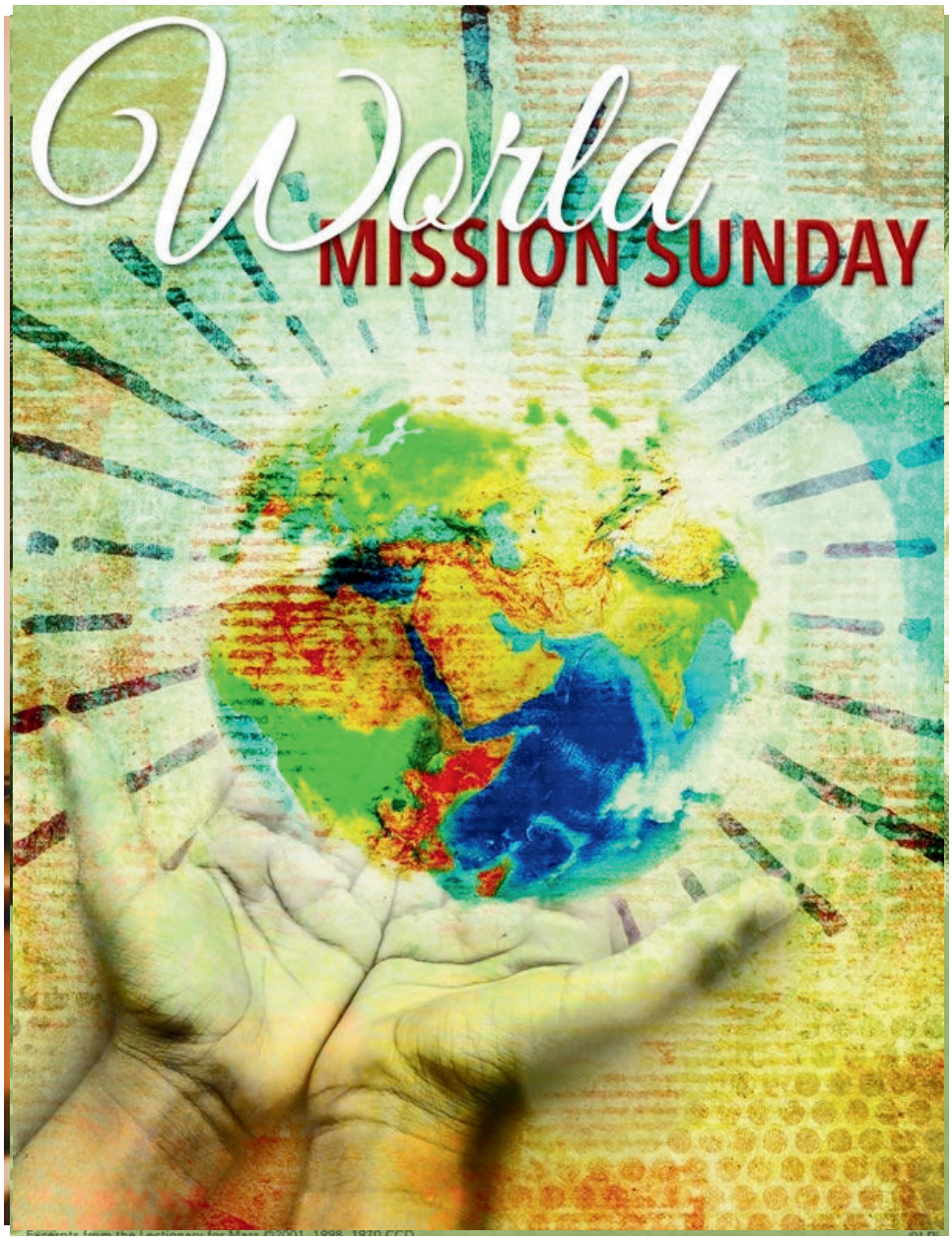
8:30am, 12:00 noon, 7:00pm

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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PRESCHOOL

1812 SW Spring Garden St
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www.stclarepreschool.org

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

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



The Pharisees try to trick Jesus into starting a political revolution. They don't realize he came to start a revolution of the heart, not the state. God's image is stamped on our soul, but still the world tries to claim us. Revolt! You belong to God. @LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

This week I've published our parish's annual financial report. This covers our finances for the church (not St. Clare School or Preschool) for the fiscal year, which is July 1 to June 30th. I don't like talking about money or dealing with it, but it's part of my responsibility as pastor to make sure that we are solid financially and transparent with our finances. So, the report is in this week's bulletin.

We are in good shape financially, thanks to you! Thank you for your generosity in supporting God's work here at St. Clare Church. Our parish Administrative Council approves our annual budget and oversees it each month. We finished up the year with a slight (2%) surplus. Also, through the Giving Tuesday campaign we were able to build up our Facilities Repair Funds which we had depleted a few years ago with the brand new heat/air conditioning system in the school building. Thank you!

Looking ahead to this current fiscal year, just like at our homes, costs are increasing. Our current budget shows a 12% increase over last year. This comes from liability insurance increasing 15%, health insurance increasing 9%, the archdiocesan assessment increasing $25,000, plus we have increased some staffing to compensate for the increased programs/activities at the church.

I need your help to meet our 12% budget increase this year. For those that are able to, I ask you to please increase your regular donations to support the church. I know that costs are increasing everywhere, including here at church. I appreciate your generosity in supporting our St. Clare Church!

On an unrelated note, I will be away on my annual Prayer Retreat this week. I'll be at The Lord's Ranch near El Paso, TX, out in the vast desert, spending some extended time in prayer and reflection. Know that I will be praying for you and please keep me in your prayers this week as well.

Thanks.

–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

ADMINISTRATION

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

INCOME	
Offertory	$ 638,017
Other Donations & Grants	$ 154,736
Fees for Services & Facility Usage	$ 48,875
Other Income	$ 27,446
TOTAL INCOME	$ 869,073
EXPENSES	
Personnel	$ 448,007
Administration	$ 81,305
Liturgies	$ 18,545
Facility	$ 90,201
Programs & Other Services	$ 35,549
Assessments & Subsidies	$ 163,315
Other Expenses	$ 12,902
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 849,824
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$ 19,249**

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	
Cash	$ 312,417
Savings	$ 124,005
Receivables & Prepaid Expenses	$ 82,876
Fixed Assets-Net of Depreciation	$ 1,028,555
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,547,854
LIABILITIES	
Funds Held for Others	$ 7,965
Other Current Liabilities	$ 66,424
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 74,389
EQUITY	
Unrestricted Net Assets	$ 334,615
Unrestricted Fixed Assets	$ 1,028,555
Restricted Facility Funds	$ 114,747
Restricted Charitable Funds	$ 8,478
Net Income	$ (12,930)
TOTAL EQUITY	$ 1,473,465
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	$ 1,547,854

*Exludes depreciation expense of $103,886

Week-at-a-Glance

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	Liturgical Training	Church
6:00 pm	After Mass Social	Parish Hall
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
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19		
8:30 am	*Daily Mass* *+Ken Juenemann*	Church
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20		
6:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Gathering	Parish Hall
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
1:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *+ Henry Fitzgibbon*	Church
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	*Mass* *+Diodato Digregorio*	Church
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25		
8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
10:45 am	Mass *+Rog Firth*	Church

Pray for Pope Leo XIV



Join us in praying for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he recovers from surgery. May our loving Lord grant him healing, renew strength, and peace. May the Blessed Virgin Mary watch over him and guide him during his recovery.

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

Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire, learns that God plans to use him to rescue his people, Israel. Have you ever felt God has used you to help someone else?

2nd Reading

Paul speaks in gratitude for the faith of the Thessalonians and the presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst. What are you thankful for this week?

Gospel Reading

The Pharisees and the Herodians are unable to trap Jesus in his words. Do you feel equipped to defend the Faith from others who may challenge you?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

OCT. 25TH, 2026 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26 (148A)
- Psalms: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47,51
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
- Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

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

Funeral Mass for Msgr. Tim Murphy

Please join us in honoring the life and faithful ministry of a much loved priest of our diocese.



Friday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Chiles Center, University of Portland

All are welcome to attend.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

OUTREACH

100 Years of World Mission Sunday

2nd Collection | October 17-18



Be a sign of hope around the world.

This 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.

Your generous gift supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,130 territories helping build churches, form seminarians and religious sisters, and provide healthcare and education to communities in need.

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

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Vegetable Oil
- Dried Beans & Lentils
- Brown & Jasmine Rice
- Canned Fruit
- Dishwashing Detergent



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

ADMINISTRATION

OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 10.11.26	$9,280	$13,458	($4,178)
Total October	$51,493		
Fisal Year 26/27*	$162,959	$201,868	**($38,909)**

**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!

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.

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

BLESSED IS SHE
WOMEN OF FAITH
STUDY BOOK: HOME
A Study on the Virtues of Mary



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:

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Children's/Youth Ministry

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

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

This and That from Deacon Bill

THE HOLY MARTYRS: A DANGEROUS MISSION

On Monday, October 19, Catholics celebrate the feast day of the American Martyrs. There are eight celebrated martyrs, six Jesuit priests and two lay ministers. All were martyred between 1642 and 1649 in Canada and Northeast America, and were eventually canonized saints. Priests St. Isaac Jogues and St. Rene Goupil were beheaded, St. Antony Daniel was burnt alive, and St. John de Brébeuf --their leader-- died after hours of extreme torture.

Father John de Brébeuf was a gifted linguist who as part of his evangelical mission mastered the language of the Huron tribe in Quebec, and wrote a catechism for them. It was a dangerous mission, because the indigenous tribespeople viewed those of European descent as conquerors and carriers of diseases against which they had no immunity. Brébeuf was a big man, and strikingly handsome as depicted in his portraits. Though weakened by tuberculosis, when his French seminarian order sought priests for the mission to Canada, he came forward and accepted the challenge.

Over four years he successfully evangelized the Hurons in Quebec, living with them and embracing their customs. Times were hard, but he persevered, bolstered with a good sense of humor. He often wrote letters to Jesuit countrymen serving in France, inviting them to join him.

Following is an except one of those letters:
"*When you join us at the Hurons, you will find them full of love. We will receive you in a hut, so mean that I have scarcely found in France one wretched enough to compare with. Fatigued as you will be, we will be able to give you nothing but a poor mat for a bed. Also, you will probably arrive when the fleas will keep you up most of the night. Instead of being that great theologian, you must reckon here as a humble scholar and then good God(!) with all your education, you will be exposed to the laughter of all the savages. Without exaggeration, you will pass the six months of winter in almost continual discomforts – excessive cold, smoke, annoyance of the savages who surround our fireplace looking for food from morning to night. Finally, your cabin might burn down at any moment, or a malcontent may cleave your head open because it did not rain.*"

From Brébeuf diary:
"For two days I have experienced a great desire to be a martyr and endure all the torments the martyrs suffered… I offer my blood and body and my life. May I die only for you, if you will grant me this grace, since you willingly died for me…My God, even if all the brutal tortures which prisoners in this region must endure should fall on me, I offer myself most willingly to them and I alone shall suffer them all."



In 1649, the Iroquois attacked the Huron village where Brébeuf, his companion Gabriel Lalement, and their Catholic converts were living. Their suffering was terrible, but Brébeuf's prayer for martyrdom was answered. He gave up his life for the estimated seven-thousand souls he had converted and baptized.

The story of these heroic priests recalls to us the renown martyrs of the early Church: Peter, Paul, and the other ten apostles, the Holy Innocents, Stephen, Justin Martyr, Perpetua, Felicity, Lawence, and many others. Martyrdom in the early Church was all too common; Rome had their own gods and feared this new religion centered around Jesus Christ.

By these acts of faith and bravery, St. John de Brébeuf joined the pantheon of Catholicism's revered historical martyrs.

Reflecting on the martyrs, we note that in our world today many countries-- North Korea, Afghanistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia and China--consider Christianity in all its denominations to be illegal. The following countries have major ongoing persecutions: Somalia, Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Nigeria, Libya and Pakistan. According to Global Christian Relief, so far in 2026: 4,849 Christians have been killed, 224,129 became refugees, and 67,843 were physically or mentally abused. Nigeria is the deadliest country for those who recognize the Christian God and Christ as Savior, accounting for 3,490 of those deaths. These are staggering numbers, yet one hears very little of this on the national news.

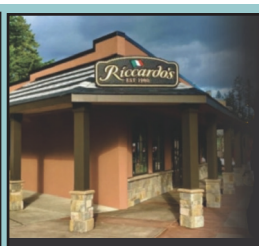
Thank God we live in a nation whose Founders made freedom of religion a cornerstone of our democracy.

Holy Martyrs, through all the years, pray for us.

~ Deacon Bill

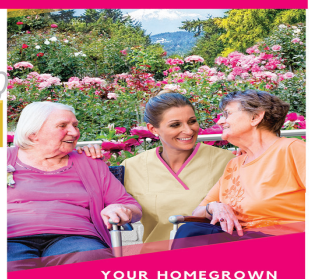
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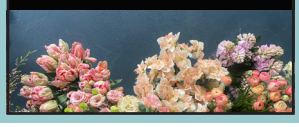
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