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CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 25TH, 2026 | 30TH 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

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www.stclarepreschool.org

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

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give him everything — and let your life be love. @LPi

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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

This past week I've been away on a private prayer retreat. I do this annually, spending about 5 days in prayer and reflection. I went to The Lord's Ranch near El Paso to do the retreat. It's a part of a mission that I've been associated with ever since I spent a summer there when I graduated from college. The missionaries are all lay people who have dedicated their lives to serving the poor across the border in Juarez, Mexico. They are a holy bunch! I try to let their holiness rub off on me.

The days on my retreat started with celebrating Mass for the missionaries, then lots of quiet time for prayer/reflection/journaling, then I shared dinner and conversation in the evening with the missionaries. It was a good blend of Mass, quiet time, and good social time in the evenings. I also enjoyed lots of long walks through the desert. The landscape there is so radically different than our lush Pacific Northwest.

This week we will have our St. Clare School accreditation visit. This happens every 6 years. It is a deep dive into the practices, procedures, and policies of our school to assure that it is the best Catholic school it can be. The accreditation process takes a considerable amount of time to prepare the very detailed report. It is a lot of hard work but it reminds me of the outstanding school that we have. Our principal Chris Harris, working with our very dedicated and capable faculty and staff, provide a superb formation/education experience for our students. We can all be proud of our St. Clare School.

Let's keep praying for one another. ~ 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 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
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26		
8:30 am	School Mass - Accreditation *Elizabeth Strauss*	Church
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27		
6:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
1:00 pm	Women of Faith Study	Parish Office
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29		
8:30 am	Daily Mass *+ Henry Fitzgibbon*	Church
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30		
8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31		
9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
5:00 pm	Mass *+Ted Leonard*	Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day		
8:30 am	All Saints Day Mass	Church
10:45 am	Mass For the People	Church

St. Clare School Accreditation Visit

October 26-28

Our school will welcome a team of educators from the **Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)** for their accreditation visit. This important process, conducted every six years, evaluates the quality of Catholic education and supports continuous school improvement.

Please join us in praying for a successful visit!



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

At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

2nd Reading

Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

Gospel Reading

Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?

NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS

- First Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14 (667)
- Psalms: Psalm 24: 1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
- Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
- Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

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

OUTREACH

ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Food Pantry Needs

- Vegetable Oil
- Hot Cereal
- Canned Peaches & Pears
- Dried Beans & Lentils
- Pancake Syrup



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

FR. JIM GALLUZZO'S TOILETRY PROJECT

Only 2 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

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!



ADMINISTRATION

OFFERTORY REPORT

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE!

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 10.18.26	$13,141	$13,458	($316)
Total October	$52,493		
Fisal Year 26/27*	$177,100	$215,326	**($38,225)**

**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!

ST. CLARE SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN Information Night

Wednesday, November 4
6:30-8:00p.m. Kindergarten Classroom

Parents of new and prospective families are warmly invited to learn about St. Clare School and our vibrant community.

The evening will include a presentation and a panel featuring our Principal, Chris Harris, our Kindergarten Teacher, Krystal Huynh, and current parents. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the many academic, social, and spiritual opportunities we offer. After the presentation, parents will be able to tour the school building.

Please sign up to attend at:
https://forms.gle/2JEVFMMHJgSJZDgr5

Questions? Contact Emily Bridge
ebridge@stclarepdx.org



St. Clare School Wreath & Garland SALE

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Order Deadline: November 3

Order Online!
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For questions contact Katie at:
ktsangster@gmail.com

This and That from Deacon Bill

WHAT IS RELIGION ABOUT, FOR YOU?

Why do we gather in church each week? Why, when we can enjoy other activities, watch ballgames, just relax at home? When we spend time in church, what are we really hoping for? Some might say that churchgoing is an insurance premium for life after death. Others say that we need this day, this experience of faith, to cope with the challenges we face --stress, temptation, loneliness and fear.

Some way we need to refocused. All week we are bombarded with secondary, often ultimately inconsequential stuff which draws our attention to needs that are not fundamental, impels us to confront values that are not our values, and pursue objectives that have little to do with what should be our real purpose in life.

Another perspective is that religion is the strongest force for preserving law, order, and morality in the earthly realm, something society needs to keep human existence civilized.

While of these ways of looking at worship are true in their individual contexts, it is important we not lose sight of the authentic Truth that makes life meaningful and good. For Catholics, regular attendance at Mass fulfills that need.

Religion is, or should be, our compass.

For Jesus, religion was loving God with one's heart, soul and mind, and, importantly, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, as Jesus loves all of us.

This Sunday's first reading from Exodus measures true love by love and compassion we show to the marginalized. Those who are bereft of natural bonds through family or friends, whom society tends to consider unimportant, and those with whom, we don't identify with due to cultural differences.

This is love as God loves!

The goal of religion – of Christ's religion – is to change and keep changing us, until we love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and love every other member of humanity as God does.







Our Catholic Faith exists because of the Eucharist --Christ living with us and in us. This is only made possible by the Sacrament of Holy Orders instituted by Christ at the Last Supper and passed down through the apostles to men who have answered God's call.

A book by Paul Wilks, *The Education of an Archbishop,* tells the story of an Archbishop Weakland, who famously visited the tombs of Archbishop Romero, nuns, laywomen, and Jesuits who were martyrs in El Salvador.

Archbishop Weakland: "What set these people apart is that they stood for a kind of religion – a religious belief that influenced lives. Religion for them, was not a case of obeying the rules but influencing lives – and that is very threatening to those who want to keep order. But if religion doesn't influence lives, why bother with it?"

This is exactly what most priests I have met do – influenced life. We have a great example right here in our parish. Father Don touches us with his homilies, informs us with his "Musings" in the newsletter, and exhibits good Catholic/Christian fellowship with his demeanor and welcoming smile.

Let us pray for our priests, and thank them for making faith and religion come alive for us.

Christ bids us to go forth as faithful and true members of the Church. To accept those whom society marginalizes. We must, in a sense, be imitators of Christ, and offer our bodies, minds, and spirit to the world, as Christ offered his body and blood to take away the sins of the world.

~ Deacon Bill

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

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT, FOOD & GIFT BAZAAR

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DECEMBER 12-13, 2026
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https://osvhub.com/saintclarechurch/forms/christmas-bazaar

Dinner Talk



This year's dinner talks will be focused on "I Trust in Jesus."

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Parish Hall

Nov 12 - Lift your Heart
Dec 10 - Open your Ears
Jan 14 - Receive His Grace
Feb 4 - Share the Gift

This series will combine theological substance, relevant personal witness, humor, insight, practical suggestions and step-by-step sequences to you in your relationship with Jesus.

Upcoming Events

Sisters in the Spirit
November 7, 9AM, Parish Office
Brothers in the Spirit
Saturdays, 9AM, Parish Office
Sacraments
Preparation classes for First Holy Communion and confirmation will begin in January. More information is available on the website: https://www.saintclarechurch.org/sacraments

Middle School and High School

St. Clare Youth Ministry

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:00PM-9:00PM

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- Dinner
- Reflection
- Intriguing Clues
- Hidden Treasures
- Team Bonding



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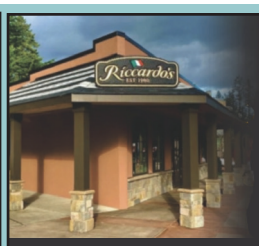
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Must Sign Up Online by October 31, 2026

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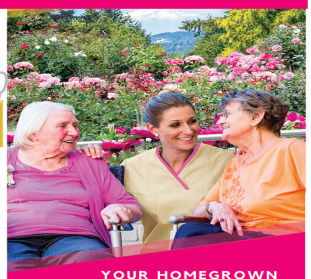
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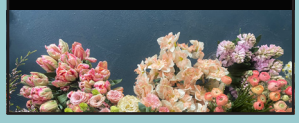
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