



ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 23RD 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monthly on the 1st Saturday from 2-4pm
Benediction at 3:45pm



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Mt 18:19-20

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-12:30pm; 2:00-5:00pm

WEEKLY INSPIRATION

Christ tells us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ? @LPi



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FR. DON'S MUSINGS

Next weekend is our annual Combined Mass and St. Clare Picnic. The Combined Mass means we have a 10:00am Mass but not the normal 8:30 and 10:45 Masses. We will still have our Saturday evening Mass but I encourage those folks to attend the Combined Mass as well. This is our opportunity to all come together as we worship. We are the faith family of St. Clare but usually you only see the people that attend the same Mass that you attend. This is an opportunity to see everyone.

I always enjoy our big combined Mass. We will have the combined choirs leading our music and I will present the new parish theme that the Pastoral Council has chosen for the year.

After the Combined Mass we will have our huge St. Clare picnic on our school play field. Plan on joining us. We'll have fried chicken, salads, fruit, desserts and drinks. There will be live music, carnival games and family fun. We'll have tables and chairs there but we don't have enough for everyone, so please bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs if you can.

We have an amazing St. Clare family. We worship together, we educate our children, we serve the less fortunate and we spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Next weekend we celebrate our St. Clare family. Please join us for the Combined Mass and St. Clare Picnic.

Our men's ACTS retreat is only 2 weeks away. I would love to see all our men take advantage of this retreat. You won't regret attending. I've heard a lot of excuses from men that I've invited the past few weeks, I encourage you to put the excuses aside and sign up today. You will be glad you did.

St. Clare Preschool and St. Clare School are off to a good start. We have over 300 children on campus every weekday. It's great to have their energy and joy filling our buildings and our hearts!

~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 Phone Number
- ☐ Returning Catholic

- ☐ New Address
- ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
- ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

4:00 am	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
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5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Amadeo Digregorio	Church
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 am	Family Mass	Church
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10:45 am	Mass +Beth Olson	Church
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

No Daily Mass Labor Day Parish Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 am	Daily Mass +Elizabeth Hart	Church
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am	Daily Mass +Henry Fitzgibbon	Church
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 am	Daily Mass	Church
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 am	Sisters in Spirit	Parish Office
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9:00 am	Brothers in Spirit	Parish Office
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4:00 pm	Confession (until 4:30)	Church
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5:00 pm	Vigil Mass +Linda Conti	Church
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 am	Mass For the People	Church
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10:45 am	Mass	Church
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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

Ezekiel learns the importance of telling the truth when speaking God's prophetic word, even if it is difficult. Can you think of a time when telling a difficult truth led to a good outcome?

2nd Reading

Paul teaches that we owe it to others to love our neighbor. How might you show love to a neighbor this week?

Gospel Reading

Jesus places a high priority on reconciling with someone who has sinned against you. Are there people in your life who easily forgive?

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

May God bless all our work and
grant everyone
a rest and blessed Labor Day!



NEXT WEEK SCRIPTURE

SEPT. 13, 2026 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- First Reading: Sirach 27:30--28:7 (130A)
- Psalms: Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
- Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9
- Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

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

THIS AND THAT FROM DEACON BILL

MOTHER TERESA'S MIRACULOUS MISSION

Over the last two weeks, I have focused my columns on special feasts celebrated by the Church that happen to have fallen on Saturdays. This week we have another great Saturday feast day. September 5th is the feast day in recognition of one of the most known and loved modern-day saints, Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

I would like to share with you my experience with the Ministry of the Sisters of Charity, which was founded in Calcutta by forty-year-old Mother Teresa in 1950.

In August of 2007, two months after I was ordained in Brooklyn, NY, I had the opportunity to preside at a wedding of the daughter of a family friend in San Diego. Since my wife Alice and I were in the area, we reached out to a priest we knew from Queens, Father Joseph Corve MC. Having been transferred from New York, Father Corve served as a priest in the Missionary of Charity, an order that ministers to the sisters and also the poor. He invited us to visit him at the place of his new assignment, a seminary compound in Tijuana, Mexico. The sisters have a compound about a quarter of a mile away.

During our four-day visit we stayed in a beat-up 60s camper with no running water. Ants and insects were our unwelcome companions. We were able to celebrate Mass with the sisters in the priest's simple chapel, attend Mass at a Mission chapel on the dusty back roads of Tijuana and environs, and distribute food -- both at the compound and via delivery--to families living in shacks constructed of anything they could find to make into a dwelling. We visited the sisters' compound as well, and learned about their ministry to refugees waiting at the border in hopes of coming to the United States of America.

We 'll never forget the day we joined the sisters for three hours of adoration in their chapel. Before us, Jesus, on the cross, and the words: *I Thirst*. After, we helped the sisters and volunteers prepare a simple meal of vegetable soup for the scores of street people they typically feed every day.

Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997. She was beatified on October 19, 2003. On our 2007 visit with the Sisters of Charity they were actively working on prayers to elevate to sainthood the woman who would eventually become known at the "Saint of the Gutters" for her dedicated humanitarian work with the sick and poor in the slums of Calcutta.



We returned to our parish in Queens with a novena to pray for this cause. We continued to pray that novena for seven years. Mother Teresa was canonized on September 4, 2016.

During her lifetime, Mother Teresa received a Nobel Peace Prize and six other international awards. True to form, and to her commitment to the less fortunate and afflicted, she declined the traditional \$192K Nobel banquet, asking that the sum instead be distributed to the poor.

The ranks of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity have grown to include approximately 5,700 sisters, 400 brothers, and roughly thirty priests who serve the poor in 130 countries.

Mother Teresa: "There is something beautiful in seeing the poor accept their lot, to suffer like Christ's Passion. The world gains much from their suffering."

And finally, Mother Teresa's morning prayer,
"Good Morning Jesus."

~Deacon Bill



One Mass, One Family & St. Clare Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 13

One Mass at 10:00am; Picnic from 11:00am–2:00pm

All invited for Fellowship, Food, Carnival Games, & Family Fun!

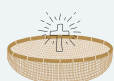


Dessert donations are needed!

Please sign-up by the church doors

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 8.30.26	\$6,734	\$13,458	(\$6,724)
Total August	\$47,857		
Fiscal Year 26/27*	\$91,754	\$121,121	(\$29,366)

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

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OUTREACH



ST. CLARE CONFERENCE SOCIETY
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Food Pantry Needs

- Tomato Sauce & Pasta
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Vegetable Oil
- Pancake Mix



Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

MEN OF ST.CLARE - YOU ARE INVITED!



MEN'S RETREAT

September 17-20, 2026



NOT SURE AN ACTS RETREAT IS FOR YOU?

“ I honestly didn't want to go. I didn't feel I needed another retreat because I was already very involved in my faith and parish. But I decided to attend –and I'm so grateful I did.

What did the experience mean to me? ACTS opened my eyes and heart to the Holy Spirit, deepened my relationship with Christ, and helped me build more meaningful connections. I experienced firsthand how this retreat has the power to move a parish from community to communion. ”

-- Dolly Specht

Every ACTS retreat is unique because God meets each person exactly where he is.

GOD MAY HAVE SOMETHING NEW TO REVEAL TO YOU.

WILL YOU GIVE HIM THE WEEKEND?

REGISTER TODAY



Scan to register

**In His Service,
Your ACTS Mission Team**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ST. CLARE SISTERS IN SPIRIT

Next Gathering: Saturday, September 12

9:00 - 10:30 am - Downstairs at the Parish Office

All women of the parish are invited to join us for connection, spiritual growth and join

Questions contact: kim@saintclarechurch.org



MEN'S SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

Begins Monday, Sept. 14 | 7:00pm

Downstairs at the Parish Office

Join us for monthly gatherings centered Fr. Greg Boyle's "Cherished Belonging". Together, we'll reflect on radical tenderness, authentic kinship, inclusion, and unconditional grace.

Questions contact: Nate Morrison at nate@endyem.com or 503-245-2837



ST. CLARE WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Saturday, September 26

3:00 - 4:30 pm - Downstairs at the Parish Office

Calling all women from the ACTS retreat in 2026:

Let's have a reunion!

Please join us for an afternoon of prayer, conversation, and community



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Parish Hall 2:15-6:30pm

Please register at www.redcrossblood.org

If you need assistance call 1.800.RED.CROSS or contact Maria DaSilva,

St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator,

at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com

Faith Formation Information



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.

Sessions begin in October 2026

For more details, contact Kim Zea

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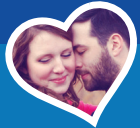
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