

OPENING GREETING

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Read the Opening Greeting 5 minutes before Mass starts.

Commentator:

Good morning/afternoon!

Welcome to Saint Clare Catholic Church
as we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pause 3 seconds

We extend a special welcome to all visitors and new parishioners.
Our celebrant today is _____.

Pause 3 seconds

Brothers and sisters, today's readings invite us to encounter the gentle and humble heart of Jesus. No matter what we carry in our hearts — whether gratitude, sorrow, or hope — this is the place where we can lay it all before the Lord. Here, in His presence, Jesus offers us something different — rest for our souls. He calls us to lay down our burdens, to trust in His care, and to walk in the way of humility and peace. *Pause 5 seconds*

Before we begin this celebration of the Eucharist, let's all greet and welcome one another.

Pause 10 seconds or until people are done greeting each other.

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Now, please open the front cover of your Breaking Bread book so we can all pray together the Prayer for Vocations:

Loving God,
You speak to us and nourish us
through the life of this church community.
In the name of Jesus,
we ask you to send your Spirit to us
so that men and women among us, young and old,
will respond to your call to service and leadership in the church.

We pray especially, in our day,
for those who hear your invitation
to be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon.
May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call
be encouraged and strengthened
through our enthusiasm in your service.
Amen.

Pause 10 seconds

As we begin this sacred liturgy, let us open our hearts to the One who knows our struggles, who understands our weariness, and who offers us His strength. May this celebration renew our hope, deepen our trust, and fill us with the peace that only Christ can give.