

OPENING GREETING

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Read the Opening Greeting 5 minutes before Mass starts.

Commentator:

Good morning/afternoon!

Welcome to St. Clare Catholic Church

as we gather as one family of faith to celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pause 3 seconds

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

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.

Today's Gospel reminds us of a pivotal moment in the life of the Church: Peter's profession of faith and Jesus' promise to give him "the keys to the kingdom of heaven." This is not just a story about Peter—it is a reminder for all of us that faith is both a gift and a responsibility. Christ calls each of us to recognize Him as the Son of the Living God and to live out that truth in our daily lives.

Pause 5 seconds

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 prepare to celebrate this sacred liturgy, let us open our minds to God's Word and our hearts to His grace so we can be strengthened in our faith and be renewed in our mission as His disciples. May this Eucharist deepen our trust in God's plan and inspire us to be living witnesses of His love in the world.