A Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit
to proclaim Christ’s love in worship, service and life-long learning.

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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am
Weekdays - 8:30am Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
Holy Days - 8:30am & 7pm

Reconciliation Saturdays at 4pm or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.
Matrimony Six month’s preparation required. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.
Adult Confirmation & How Can I Become a Catholic? Contact Pia de Leon.
Baptism, 1st Eucharist, 1st Reconciliation & Confirmation?
(Children & Teens) Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US
Whether you are a long-time parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the information below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: ____________________________________________  Phone:  ( ) ________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________  City: __________________________  Zip: _______________

☐ New Parishioner  ☐ Returning Catholic  ☐ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
☐ New Phone Number  ☐ New Address  ☐ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes

At the Foot of the Cross,
Here I Am, Lord!
Weekly Reflection
3rd Sunday of Lent
Mar. 15, 2019

“Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Have you ever found yourself asking this question? Finding God’s presence and truly encountering God are not always easy tasks. When we seek God only with our minds, we risk reducing God to simply an idea rather than meeting him as someone who is real and actually present to us. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. We can often get confused and misunderstand not only who we are, but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts. Only Jesus can lead us to truth and provide the water that can quench our thirst. Each of us, not only with our heads but with our hearts, must come to see that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It is only when we can honestly make this confession that we will know God is truly present. ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Mar. 14
4:00pm 20 Hour Adoration ends Church
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Youth Mass +Linda Roholt Church
6:00pm Youth Night Parish Office
6:00pm Wine & Cheese Gathering Parish Hall

Sunday, Mar. 15 3rd Sunday in Lent
8:30am Mass +Susan Raser Church
9:35am Faith Formation, K-5 School Library
9:35am 1st Communion Class Parish Library
9:30am Confirmation Class Parish Office
10:45am Mass For the People Church
10:45am Mass (RCIA 1st Scrutiny)
6:30pm Youth Group Meeting Parish Office
8:00pm Men’s Basketball Gym

Monday, Mar. 16
8:30am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday, Mar. 18
8:30am Prayer Service Church
2:30pm Private Prayer (ends at 3:30pm) Church

Thursday, Mar. 19
8:30am Daily Mass Church
2:30pm Private Prayer (ends at 3:30pm) Church

Friday, Mar. 20
8:30am Daily Mass Church
6:00pm Mass Church
6:30pm Soup Supper Parish Hall
7:00pm Adult Ed: Life, Peace & Justice Parish Hall

Saturday, Mar. 21
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass +Celina Rodriguez Church

Sunday, Mar. 22 4th Sunday of Lent
8:30am Mass For the People Church
10:45am Mass (RCIA 2nd Scrutiny) Church
8:00pm Men’s Basketball Gym

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

“At the foot of the cross, here I am, Lord.” That’s our parish theme for this Lent. This Lent, we have a special cross to carry, the coronavirus. We will continue to be vigilant at St. Clare Church, School and Preschool to minimize the possibility of spreading the virus. At our Masses, we’ll continue to refrain from holding hands during the Our Father, not shake hands at the Sign of Peace, and not distribute the Blood of Christ from the common cup. It feels weird to have to limit these gestures of unity in the church, but it’s prudent for the time being. It makes us appreciate how good it feels to be literally “in touch” with those around us. St. Clare is a pretty touchy, feely kind of place and it’s awkward to not touch those around us. This is only a temporary thing and once the coronavirus is under control, we will go back to our normal ways.

“At the foot of the cross, here I am, Lord.” As we continue on through Lent, we continue to say “Here I am, Lord.” One parishioner has her phone chime hourly during daytime hours and each time her phone chimes she says “Here I am, Lord”. That’s neat. Parishioners are coming to the Wednesday and Thursday private prayer time (2:30-3:30pm) in the church. Many signed up for an hour of prayer during our 20-hour Adoration this week. Some people are coming to one or more weekday Masses during Lent. All these are ways of putting into practice, “Here I am Lord.” How are you living out “Here I am, Lord” during this Lent? There’s lots of different ways to do it, what is working well for you?

Let’s all keep having a holy Lent. ~ Fr. Don

Please pray for our Principal Search Committee this week as we select our next St. Clare School Principal. We have some excellent applicants for that very important position.

Catholic Relief Services
2nd Collection: Mar. 21-22

Funds raised provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please find donation envelopes in today’s bulletin and at the church doors.

Scripture Readings
4th Sunday of Lent
Mar. 22, 2020

Reading 1 – 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
Psalms – PS 23:1-3A, 38-4, 5, 6
Reading 2 – Eph 5:8-14
Gospel – JN 9:1-41

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
From Deacon Bill . . .

As we start the 3rd week of Lent, almost halfway through, how are you doing so far this Lent?

I share with you a saying from a retreat prayer card handed down to me many years ago which I always keep on my desk: *Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell. Time is yours. Use It Well.*

One way to use your time well is to access the *Formed* program through our free parish subscription. Many Lenten resources are available on *Formed* which I have found very rewarding. Here are two suggestions . . .

For those who have very little time in your hectic lives, sign up to receive daily 3-minute Lenten reflections. You can listen to them on your phone if there’s no time to access your computer or tablet. Make this 3-minute daily commitment. The reflections are excellent.

For those who have some extra time, check out the outstanding series on *Divine Mercy*. If you have not yet had the opportunity to embrace the power of God’s Divine Mercy, this series of 11 episodes will awaken your minds and hearts. It explains in great detail the history and fulfillment of the importance of the Divine Mercy Movement attributed to St. Faustina, but in reality encompasses a much larger time frame up to and including the current day.

The series, *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told*, narrated by Fr. Michael Gaitley, tells the story of God’s Love and Mercy as interwoven through the transformation of St. Faustina. Each half hour episode is much better than anything on TV. I assure you this series will change your life and prepare you to join with fellow parishioners to come together and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on Apr. 19 when we gather to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. *~ Deacon Bill*

First Time User? Go to *formed.org* and enter Parish Code J7N7CD on the sign-up page.

Outreach

**St. Clare Conference**
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Food Pantry Needs**

- Chicken Helper
- Canned Clam Chowder
- Cans of Fruit & Veggies
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Jellies & Jams
- Saltine Crackers

Donations may be placed in the food basket at the main church door or brought to the parish office.

* Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.*

Job Opportunity at St. Clare

**Volunteer Schedule for Mar. 21 - 22**

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Questions or to volunteer, please contact Pia de Leon at x103 or *pia@saintclarechurch.org*. Thank you!

**Weekly Offertory Report**

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Goal for FY 19-20: $8,481 needed weekly to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.
2019 Annual Report
submitted by John Kowalczyk, Ministry Leader

The year 2019 marked the 100th year anniversary of the Downtown Chapel renamed St. Andre Bessette Church in 2011. The new name was in honor of the first Holy Cross saint who served as a Holy Cross brother in Canada and was widely known for his healing and deep connection to St. Joseph. Holy Cross priests have served at St. Andre Church since 1989.

In 2019, there were some major staff changes again with a new hospitality director being appointed and the one Jesuit Volunteer Corps person leaving and a new staff person hired to fill this hospitality assistant position. St. Andre was closed more than normal in 2019 to deal with safety issues and summer and Christmas holiday vacations. Our St. Clare’s schedule on the second Friday night of the month resulted in only seven dinner services this year.

In 2019, St. Clare served 433 dinner meals at St. Andre with an average cost per meal of $3.58. We have been able to stay well within our budget of $250/month which comes from the general offertory. We were able to maintain our goal of providing hearty and very healthy complete dinners which included a quality meat entrée, vegetable, fruit, dessert and juice. We served a full turkey dinner in December for the Christmas season. We still average about 8 various volunteers per service from our current pool of 20 volunteers who cook and serve the food for the dinners. We have had some one time “guest” volunteers from the youth group and people who signed up at the last outreach fair.

Periodically, donations of clothes and other needed items for St. Andre are given by parishioners. Such donations can be brought to the parish office during business hours. Special thanks go to Claire-Marie Kahn and Betty Lees for many donations this year.

We encourage parishioners to consider serving at least once for a humbling and spiritually satisfying experience which addresses Jesus’ directive that we serve the less fortunate (Mathew 25: 35-37). Contact John Kowalczyk at johnkowal@aol.com or 503.642.2436 if you are interested. Thank you.