Church
8535 SW 19th Ave  Portland, OR  97219                  503.244.1037
Office Hours:     Monday - Thursday, 8am - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm
                  office@saintclarechurch.org                  www.saintclarechurch.org
Pastor          Fr. Don Gutmann  101
Business Manager Shelley Worrell  102
Pastoral Associate Pia de Leon  103
Faith Formation Coordinator Dcn. Bill McNamara  104
ECHO Apprentice  Andie Bodary  105
Administrative Assistant Laurie Zupsic  100

School
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info@stclarepdx.org                  www.stclarepdx.org
Interim School Principal Jeananne Bloudek
Administrative Assistant Donna Parker MacNeur

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nancy@stclarepreschool.org
Director Nancy Melzer
Administrative Assistant Jeanne Raffety

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

Weekend & Daily Mass:
Saturday- 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
Limited to 25 people per Mass
Mandatory sign-up at 503.244.1037.
Pre-recorded Sunday Mass:

Reconciliation Saturdays with Fr. Don Gutmann from 4pm-4:30pm in the church.
Social distancing will be practiced.

Matrimony Six month 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
Weekly Reflection
The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020

Today marks a special day in the Church as Christ establishes the Church’s mission and purpose and calls his disciples, then and now, to the work of accomplishing that mission. And what ultimately is that mission and purpose? To bring all things together in Christ. All that ever was, is, or shall be and all times and seasons find their fulfillment in Christ. To be in Christ is the goal of all creation. All of this begins with baptism and the realization that Christ is present with us, risen and glorified, always. If we approach Christ’s fullness with faith, then the eyes of our hearts can be enlightened, and we can begin to see the greater truth of who we are and what creation is meant to be. Christ is really and truly far above all things and the beginning and end of all things. Understanding ourselves in this way really changes up the meaning of life. ©LPi

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

Memorial Day weekend, the beginning of summer... not gonna be a normal summer this year. I suspect most of you aren’t going to the beach for this Memorial Day weekend. We have to keep adapting our lives to the coronavirus. And it’s getting tiresome. Hang in there everyone. Know that I’m praying for you.

As we remember those who have died this weekend, I am thinking about the unusual times that they had to endure in their lives. My grandparents endured two world wars, the Great Depression, and the Spanish Flu. In my 62 years of life, this coronavirus pandemic is the only worldwide event that is affecting my life significantly on a daily basis. This weekend, I pray for those who have died, that endured much more than I have. And, I ask for prayers from the communion of saints, including my grandparents, to help us all as we adapt to the pandemic. May they rest in peace, and may they intercede for us so we may live in peace.

This weekend is our first one with public Masses again. The sign-ups were pretty light, every Mass had less than the maximum 25 people allowed. Because of the low sign-up, I am canceling the previous limit of being able to sign up for only one Mass every two weeks. You may sign up for weekend Masses every week if you want and you can sign up for weekday Masses for as many weekdays as you would like.

Many people are choosing not to attend public Masses at this time and I have absolutely no problem with that. We will continue to provide the online Masses weekly. I want everyone to be safe and certainly it is safer to be at home than in the church, even if the Mass only has 25 people in a building that can hold 500. I want you all strong and healthy.

May God bless you all, and let’s keep praying for one another. ~ Fr. Don

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Goal for FY 19-20: $8,481 needed weekly to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.

Reminder: Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office. Interested in Online Giving? Please visit [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org) and click the Online Giving link. Thank you!
Mass Reopening Guidelines

Beginning the weekend of May 23-24, limited-capacity Mass will be held at St. Clare Church on Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 8am, 9:15am and 10:45am and Weekdays (except Tuesdays) at 8:30am.

Basic Information

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will continue to be dispensed.

- People over 60 years old or with chronic health problems are urged not to come to Mass.
- People who are not feeling well are asked to stay home.
- Pre-recorded Sunday Mass from St. Clare Church will continue at https://www.saintclarechurch.org/.
- Livestreamed Sunday Mass at 11am from the archdiocese will continue at https://archdpdx.org/live-masses.

In accordance with the governor’s order, the number of people at a single Mass cannot exceed 25.

- This number includes Fr. Don, 1 reader and 1 door monitor leaving 22 available spaces at each Mass.
- Liturgical assistants, altar servers, cantors, choirs, musicians, ushers and greeters will not be assisting at Mass until the allowable number of people increases.

How to Sign-up for Mass

Sign-up for each Mass is mandatory and by phone call only to the parish office, 503-244-1037, x104, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-12pm. Sign-ups begin on Tuesday, May 19.

- Sign-up will occur each week for the Masses in the time period beginning Thursday morning through the following Wednesday morning. Dates beyond the current weekly period will not be scheduled.
- Please spread out your calls so there are not long wait times to get through to our volunteer.
- Everyone in your household who is planning to attend Mass must be on the list along with phone numbers.
- Registration for anyone outside of your household will not be accepted unless you are transporting someone unable to drive to Mass.
- NEW...You may now sign-up for one weekend Mass and as many daily Masses as you wish each week.
- The parish office remains closed so sign-ups in-person or by email are NOT available.

Attending Mass

- People are asked to wear masks. Enter the church through the east door (school side.) A monitor will be at the door to ensure only previously registered people enter. Anyone whose name is not on the sign-up list will be turned away.
- Holy water will not be available in the fonts. NO Missals, hymnals or hard-copy bulletins will be available. A basket will be placed near the door for contributions, but will not be passed during Mass.
- Every other pew will be blocked off and people will be asked to sit near the center aisle, one household per pew. The side transepts will be closed.
- Holding hands during the Our Father or shaking hands during the Sign of Peace will not be practiced.
- At communion, people will come forward in one single file line with 6’ spacing. Fr. Don will be the only minister and will be wearing a mask to distribute communion. People wishing to receive communion on the tongue are asked to wait until the end of the line. The chalice will NOT be offered at communion.
- Coffee and Donuts and religious education classes continue to be suspended until further notice.
- After EVERY Mass the pews, bathrooms and commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected.
Today’s feast acknowledges and celebrates that Jesus’ work continues through the disciples and us. He did not formally establish anything to make this happen. What he did give was the power of the Holy Spirit and the charge to continue his work. It was enough for the early church, and it’s enough for us.

**United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer**

For the whole church, that the passion to continue Jesus’ work may continue among us . . . we pray to the Lord,

For nations and their leaders, that they may find just, fair and equitable solutions to their problems and apply them with compassion and mercy . . . we pray to the Lord,

For the protection of the vulnerable, the poor, the homeless, the aged and those who may not have access to healthcare especially during this pandemic . . . we pray to the Lord,

For all those whose livelihoods are gravely affected, employees losing their jobs, people having difficulty sustaining their businesses, or people being forced to work longer hours to serve those in crisis . . . we pray to the Lord,

For all of us at St. Clare that we may discern well how we can continue Jesus’ ministry in our daily lives, especially during this time of pandemic . . . we pray to the Lord,

For all of us and all followers of Christ that we may lift up to God all that is in our hearts through Jesus, as he ascends to heaven and sits with His Father . . . we pray to the Lord,

For those we remember during this holiday weekend especially those who have sacrificed and died so we may all live . . . we pray to the Lord,

For those who are sick, especially Margaret Radich, and those who have died . . . we pray to the Lord.

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**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
The Ascension of the Lord - Matthew 28:16-20

“Go make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20.

Have you ever read a story book and wondered what that book was all about? The story was exciting and interesting but what exactly was the message? What have I learned from this book? What am I going to do as a result of reading this book if anything at all? Well, starting at the Last Supper and after rising from the dead, Jesus tells His followers that He is going back to The Father. Today, we hear the last words Jesus says to his close friends, all eleven of them, as He returns to the Father. With these final words (written in the verse above), Matthew ends his gospel, his story about Jesus. When we read a book or see a movie, it usually ends with the words “The End” so that we know that book or movie is finished. Matthew doesn’t write “The End.” Do you know why? Well, it is because it is not the end but only the beginning of the story. This is a never-ending story!

Jesus gives his close friends homework just as Father Don does every week at Mass. He says, “Go make disciples of all nations.” It seems that those eleven followers of Jesus did a really good job. There are sure a lot of people who have become disciples of Jesus including you and me. We have been become a baptized part of the all nations as Jesus directed. Many years ago, I was baptized on May 11 by Father Kelly at Our Lady of Refuge Church in Brooklyn, NY. What day and where were you baptized? We have been taught about Jesus by our parents, grandparents and teachers as Jesus asked his friends to do over 2,000 years ago. WOW! That in itself is amazing!

However, that is not the end of the story. As I mentioned above, the story did not end with “The End.” The story continues with you and me. We are asked to spread the message of love to others which Jesus taught us. How can we do that? By being nice and loving to those near and dear to us. By being nice to all those we come in contact with. By being helpful to a friend when they need someone to talk to. By offering to help before we are asked to help. There are so many ways that we can show that we are a follower of Jesus. Remember if we come across a difficult situation Jesus tells us He will be with us always.

We are reminded of this gospel every time we sing, “Go out, Go out to all the world” at our school or Family Mass. So, you and I are a piece of this never-ending story as Jesus has asked. That is GREAT NEWS!

Let us Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for being with us and teaching us your will through your Son, Jesus. Help us to be good disciples and keep your never-ending story alive by our words and actions. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
Dear St. Clare Parish,

It is hard to believe that my two years of ministry at St. Clare have come to a close. It feels like I just arrived!

I was placed at St. Clare for two years of service as a part of my graduate program. I am finishing up an MA in Theology at Notre Dame in the Echo program. The Echo program is structured so that students can gain practical ministerial experience alongside their academic study of theology. To be honest, I was initially more interested in the academic rather than ministerial aspect of the program. My time at St. Clare changed that. I felt welcomed and appreciated from the moment of my arrival. I came to have a deeper sense of mission when I got to know the children and youth of the parish.

When I was in high school, I decided to deepen my relationship with God because of the example of other young people whose life was a testament to the joy of life with God. I hope that I might have been that example and guide for the young people at St. Clare during my time here. I have learned so much about ministry and about life from my conversations with the youth. I hope they learned something from me too!

Before my time at St. Clare, my understanding of the Church was abstract and academic. Experiencing parish life and getting to know the individuals that make up the Church helped me to not simply know facts and definitions of the Church, but to grow to love the Church too. This has led me to discern the Masters of Divinity program at Notre Dame where I can continue to study theology and service to the Church. I’ll be pursuing that for the next three years. I would appreciate your prayers as I begin this new chapter.

I am so grateful for my time at St. Clare. I am grateful for the ways I was challenged, encouraged, and formed by my experiences and friendships with you all. Although I will no longer be serving at St. Clare in person, know that I hold you all dear and will be praying for the St. Clare community for years to come.

With gratitude,
Andie Bodary
Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer,
today our country brings to our memory
those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores
from those who would limit our freedoms
or enslave us to ways that are against your will.
Bring all those who have died in service to our country
into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving;
grant your heavenly protection to these men and women,
and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Taken from www.wecreate.4lpi.com/lpi/vibrantchurches

Outreach

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

On behalf of St. Clare SVDP, I wish to put out a huge thank you to all of our generous people who have donated financially and with food during this difficult time of COVID-19. Due to your generosity, we have been able to serve 274 neighbors with food, rent and utilities since February. We also assisted 46 children and 31 adults in the SUN program at Markham and Jackson schools, and during May, supplemented this program with about 150 lbs. of food and produce. Thank you for your kind generosity during this challenging time. May the Lord bless and gently hold you in the palm of His hands.

Blessings to us all, Mary Bunday, St Clare SVDP

Food Pantry Needs

- Pancake Syrup & Mix
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Ravioli & Spaghetti

Donations may be placed in the food basket on the front porch of the parish office. Thank you!

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

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Friday, May 29 & Thursday, June 11
1:00 - 6:00pm Parish Hall

To donate at the May or June St. Clare blood drives, please contact Maria DaSilva, at 503.260.3633 or mariad8984@gmail.com

Previous donors may sign-up online at www.redcrossblood.org
sponsor code: st.clareportland

For more information on safety protocols at donation sites, please visit:


Alert: Northwest Children’s Outreach Donors

NWCO has extended their temporary closure to at least June 1 in order to protect their staff and volunteers. Therefore, the collection of donations at St. Clare are temporarily suspended. Your donations are greatly appreciated and we look forward to accepting them again as soon as the center reopens. Stay safe!

Scripture Readings
Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2020

Reading 1 - ACTS 2:1-11
Psalms - PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Reading 2 - 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13
Gospel - JN 20:19-23

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org