St. Clare Parish
Aug. 2, 2020
A Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit
to proclaim Christ’s love in worship, service and life-long learning

Church
8535 SW 19th Ave  Portland, OR  97219  503.244.1037
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Weekend & Daily Mass:
Saturday - 5pm
Sunday - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
All Masses limited to 50 people each.
Visit www.saintclarechurch.org for mandatory sign-up for weekend Mass and to view 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

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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**Weekly Reflection**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Aug. 2, 2020

What do you really hope and hunger for? We are most familiar with our physical hungers and cravings as they are quite obvious. What we don’t always realize is that we also have emotional and spiritual hungers. Many are starving for acceptance and love. Many others hunger for a sense of purpose, more focused direction, and deeper connection and meaning. Our hungers can easily get confused. We think we are in need of one thing but are actually being driven by another. We need to recognize and pursue our spiritual hungers. If we do not do so, we will attempt to fill these needs with lesser, and not always healthier, things. God, ultimately through the Eucharist, is the only One who can quench our more profound thirsts. Have we discovered this yet?  ©LPi

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**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Saturday, Aug. 1**
4:00pm Confession  Church
5:00pm Mass +Art Ragan  Church

**Sunday, Aug. 2**
8:00am Mass  For the People  Church
9:15am Mass  Church
10:45am Confirmation Mass  Church

**Monday, Aug. 3**
8:30am Daily Mass  Church

**Wednesday, Aug. 5**
8:30am Daily Mass  Church

**Thursday, Aug. 6**
8:30am Daily Mass  Church

**Friday, Aug. 7**
8:30am Daily Mass  Church

**Saturday, Aug. 8**
4:00pm Confession  Church
5:00pm Mass  Church

**Sunday, Aug. 9**
8:00am Mass  For the People  Church
9:15am Mass  Church
10:45am Confirmation Mass +Vonadean Eaves  Church

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**Fr. Don’s Musings . . .**

I’m pleased to say that the state has given churches permission to have up to 50 people attend at one time, that’s double what it has been. Here at St. Clare we will be implementing the larger numbers next weekend, Aug. 8 - 9. I think the state is recognizing that many churches have large facilities (our church normally seats 500) and it is easy and quite safe for us to seat 50 people in our big church and still maintain healthy social distancing. Our archbishop has been working hard to persuade the state to acknowledge that many churches can accommodate more than 25 people safely in our large facilities.

With our larger number of people able to attend, we will change our sign-up process. Starting this week you can sign-up to attend Mass online. Just go to our parish website before Thursday midnight and sign up for the weekend Mass you want to attend. It’s real easy. For those who don’t have a computer, call the church office Mon-Thurs and let us know when you plan to come and we’ll put your name on the list.

With 50 spots open at each Mass, I suspect we won’t have full Masses for a while, so that gives you more flexibility on when you can attend. At this point, we will continue offering four weekend Masses plus the pre-recorded Mass online. The 10:45 Mass will continue to be for exclusively for the Confirmation students and their families through Aug. 16.

We will continue to practice all of our safety protocols at our Masses, and I’m pleased we are now allowed to have a larger number of parishioners in our large church building.

Let’s keep praying for one another. God bless you.

~ Fr. Don

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**Scripture Readings**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Aug. 9, 2020

Reading 1 - KGS 19:9A, 11-13A
Psalms - PS 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Reading 2 - ROM 9:1-5
Gospel - MT 14:22-33

For daily readings, please visit  www.usccb.org

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**The St. Clare Conference**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Food Pantry Needs**

- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Tomato Sauce & Paste
- Canned Mixed Veggies, Peas and Carrots
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

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.*
Many thanks to all who contribute!

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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!

Beyond St. Clare...

The Northwest Counseling Center
Upcoming Workshops for Summer & Fall

We have been quickly pivoting our services due to the pandemic, so most of them will be virtual workshops through the Zoom platform. Please visit our website: [https://www.nwcounseling.org/services/workshops](https://www.nwcounseling.org/services/workshops) for workshop details, schedules and pre-registration (required). Our workshop fees are by household and scholarships are available by contacting the center at 503.253.0964. Questions? Contact Kim Berberich at kim@nwcounseling.org.

- Beginning Monday, Aug. 3, the maximum capacity at each Mass increases to 50 people.
- Pre-registration for [weekend Mass](#) continues to be mandatory.
- **Daily** Mass attendees are no longer required to register for Mass ahead of time. Be prepared to do so at the church door upon arrival.
- **NEW ONLINE MASS SIGN-UP!** It is no longer necessary to call the office to pre-register for weekend Mass. Just go directly to the parish website, [www.saintclarechurch.org](http://www.saintclarechurch.org), click the Mass sign up link on the homepage, complete the simple form and you’re done! A confirmation email will be sent to your email address.
- You can sign up ONLINE anytime until midnight on the Thursday before the weekend Mass you plan to attend.
- If you aren’t able to sign up online, please call Laurie at 503-244-1037, ext. 100, during parish office hours, Monday-Thurs, 9am-12:30pm and 2-4pm, and she will be happy to help you. Please feel free to leave a message if needed and your call will be returned.
- Pre-recorded Sunday Mass will continue to be available on the parish website.
- Door monitors and after Mass sanitizing volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact pia@saintclarechurch.org.
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Aug. 2, 2020

Today we are reminded that nothing will separate us from the love of God in Christ our Jesus, our Lord.

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

For the whole church, as the Body of Christ, that the Bread of Life may multiply in and through us to feed those who are spiritually hungry . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the commitment to serve as peacemakers and community builders in a world deeply in need of peace and unity . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those who have become gravely anxious because of the pandemic, the violence, and poverty, may they come to Christ, who is the living water for their spirits, to be renewed . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all factions that make up the political spectrum, may Christ’s love, compassion and kindness open their hearts and the Holy Spirit open their minds so that they may finally come together in dialogue to address the common good of all . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our Native American brothers and sisters, especially those living on the Warms Springs Reservation, that the Lord may spare them from grave losses because of the pandemic and dire need for clean water for cooking, drinking, bathing and other sanitary needs . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all our preschool children, teachers and staff, that Christ as healer may keep everyone safe and untouched by coronavirus as they conduct regular preschool classes . . . we pray to the Lord.

For whose we are called to serve in this community, for the sick, the dying and all who are suffering in any way . . . 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.
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over – twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.” Matthew 14:20-21

Here we are in summertime! The sunshine, fresh air and beautiful blue skies make living in Oregon so great over the summer. Summertime is a perfect time to go on a picnic or a backyard barbecue. Maybe this year, it’s not possible due to the pandemic, but I am sure you can think of a time when you gathered with family to share a big meal. Hey, it might even be that big dinner at the end of November when we get together with family to feast on turkey and all the trimmings. Whether it’s Thanksgiving, a picnic, or a barbecue, we probably remember there are always leftovers.

We hear a story, today, about Jesus talking to a really large crowd that had assembled on a seashore to hear him speak. There were probably over 15,000 people gathered together, enough to fill the Moda Center where the Portland Trail Blazers play. That was one big crowd! Jesus was hoping to rest, but when he saw the people whom he loved so much, he forgot about being tired. He healed the sick and taught the people about the kingdom of heaven. Near the end of the day, his friends, the disciples, told Jesus it was time to tell the crowd to go home and eat. Jesus said to the disciples, “There is no need for them to go away, give them some food yourselves.” One disciple reminded him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” He took the five loaves and two fish, that small, little bit, and “looking up to heaven, He said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.” Amazingly, all were fed, and they were satisfied! This was certainly an amazing miracle, most likely the biggest miracle Jesus performed while he was with us on earth. So many people witnessed it that the story appears in all four gospels which have been handed down to us. Can you imagine feeding a whole town of people with only five loaves and two fishes? And our gospel tells us twelve wicker baskets of food were left over!

The people in today’s story needed food to eat and God provided. We also have needs which we rely on our parents to give us such as food, clothing, shelter, and toys, but there is so much more that we receive from our parents. Love, comfort, healing, and education are some of the other things that God provides to us through our parents, families, and Christian communities. They are some of the leftovers we can take away from our encounter today with Jesus. We can share that love, comfort, and healing with a friend in need.

God still works miracles today! God works through people to help the poor by feeding and clothing them. He works through doctors and nurses to heal the sick. God can use your help too. What miracles can you and God do?

Let us pray: Dear Jesus, help us to remember that when we give what we have to you, even a little bit, is more than enough. In Your Name, we pray. Amen.
A CALL TO ACTION

Parish Drive-Up Donation Event for the

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF
WARM SPRINGS

The reservation of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has been under a boil water advisory for months with no clean, running water. The region is currently fighting a wildfire and the entire reservation is under quarantine due to COVID-19. The situation is dire, with no current end in sight. To provide assistance and help fulfill their greatest needs, our parish is hosting a drive-up donation event for Warm Springs. Read below for further details about the event.

When & Where?

Thursday, August 13 from 10AM-1PM
in the Parish Office Parking Lot

What to Donate?

Drinking Water
(1 Gallon jugs and/or cases with individual bottles)

Canned Soup

Travel Size Baby and Adult Shampoo

Liquid Hand Soap

When you arrive, drive-up and stay in your vehicle. Volunteers will unload your donation while wearing masks and social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact Lynnette Howes at 503-933-4371 or lynnettehowes@comcast.net or Lillian Kidwell at lkidwell@stclarepdx.org.
My name is Lynnette Howes. I work at St. Clare School as a Teacher’s Aide in the 3rd and 4th grade and I am a parishioner at St. Clare. I am also an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. We have a satellite group of Cherokees here in Portland. I sit on the council of our Mt. Hood Cherokees and this position has opened up lots of opportunities for me in the local native community.

The second week of June, I noticed that my friend on Facebook was posting some distressing stories about water in Warm Springs. I was concerned and reached out to an Elder in our community to try contacting her. His report back to me was so dire that I knew I had to do something. Three of us from The Mt. Hood Cherokees did some outreach on our personal and MHC Facebook pages. So far, there has been a tremendous outpouring from my fellow teachers and parents at the school but because there is a great need, we thought of informing the whole Parish Community. We want people to become aware of the need and the story of the Warm Springs Community and have the opportunity to help.

The very first time I went, I found out more about what has happened to make this an emergency. Dan Martinez is the Tribal Emergency Manager and Fire Chief. He is a Vietnam Vet who at 75 along with his working family continues to care for his Community. Dan told me that the Bureau of Indian Affairs put in a faulty water system 40 years ago and they have had problems ever since with no fixes. It is now finally fully broken and no help from the BIA. In 2019, they were out of water all summer. Senators Wyden and Merkley then wrote legislation to help but it is now 2020 and it has never left the committee. To fix the water system it will be 250 million dollars. Since June of this year, 60% of the tribe which is 3,200 citizens have not had clean water to drink, water to bathe, or water to flush toilets. Out of the 4 water pumps only 1 is working. There are breaks up and down the line that are letting river water into the clean water. They tell me every time I go to the Reservation that WATER is Life and it truly is.

They also are now in lockdown with a Covid outbreak, with numbers rising daily. They are collecting canned food to feed everyone in quarantine. I have delivered food for SVDP for the last three years and I have never seen such need as I did in Warm Springs. That is why it is still so important to keep helping them. Aside from Dan Martinez, I am also working with Jason, a member of the Warm Springs tribe who grew up in the Reservation but now lives in Portland. He will be driving the truck that our St. Clare Community will fill with goods on August 13 all the way to Warm Springs.

Members of St. Clare were also able to get the Oregonian and KGW news to do a story as this is not widely known. A Go Fund Me campaign has been set up and we are using the money to buy these huge water tanks that they can spread throughout the 1000 mile reservation with grey water so they can flush and shower.

I was not raised Catholic but became Catholic when I married my husband. It means the world to me that my faith has enabled me to help those in need. Thank you all for joining us on this journey to help Warm Springs. Dan, our tribal emergency manager has asked me to say thank you for helping our brothers and sisters at the Warm Spring Tribal community!!