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
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  Den. Bill McNamara 104
Youth Minister       Andie Bodary                105
Administrative Assistant  Laurie Zupsic       100

School
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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
All Masses limited to 25 people each.
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
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2020

Jesus knows that the challenges a disciple of the Gospel will face in the world are real. He tells all of us point blank, “Do not be afraid.” There are many things we can fear as we attempt to live the Gospel: unpopularity, being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. Many folks know that their faith calls them to live life more deliberately and radically but are cowards when it comes to putting it into practice. We easily justify sticking with the “acceptable” norms with which we are accustomed. These only serve to keep us stuck and mired in mediocrity. The Gospel — given flesh by the very presence of Christ — seeks to stretch, challenge, and change us. We do not have to fear anything, even death. Sometimes, living with our fears brings us a sadly disordered sense of comfort. Maybe what we really fear above all else is change. ©LPi

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

Happy Father’s Day! We have lots of great dads in our church family, men that are very self-sacrificing and dedicated to helping their families be as good as possible. I’m proud of you, dads! I am blessed o have grown up in a strong family with a very good father. My family will be getting together Sunday afternoon to celebrate Father’s Day. My family usually gathers at least once a month, but because of the coronavirus we haven’t all been together since February. Father’s Day this year also falls on my parents’ 67th wedding anniversary, so that’s another thing to celebrate. We’ll gather at Sauvie Island, at my twin brother’s little house with a big deck overlooking the river, beautiful setting, might even do some waterskiing/wakeboarding. I hope you have good opportunities to honor your fathers on this Father’s Day.

Reminder, by order of the governor, starting Wed., June 24 masks are REQUIRED in church. We’ve asked people to wear them previously (and most have) but now we will require it. Fortunately, we are entering Phase 1 of reopening here in Portland and consequently here at St. Clare we are making plans for opening up the church office again, more details on that in next week’s bulletin.

Finally, congratulations to Eleanor Larson on her 101st birthday this Monday. Eleanor has been a very active part of our St. Clare Church family for a LONG time. May God bless her! Let’s keep praying for one another. ~ Fr. Don

Week-at-a-Glance

Each Mass is limited to 25 people. Sign-up is mandatory by calling the parish office at 503-244-1037, x104 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 9am-12pm only.

Saturday, June 20
5:00pm  Mass  +Roberto Escarzaga  Church

Sunday, June 21  Happy Father’s Day!
8:00am  Mass  Eleanor Larson  Church
9:15am  Mass  Church
10:45am  Mass  For the People  Church

Monday, June 22
8:30am  Daily Mass  Eleanor Larson  Happy 101st Birthday!  Church

Wednesday, June 24
8:30am  Daily Mass  Church

Thursday, June 25
8:30am  Daily Mass  +Linda Siebold  Church

Friday, June 26
8:30am  Daily Mass  Church

Saturday, June 27
5:00pm  Mass  +Michael Riley Bailey  Church

Sunday, June 28
8:00am  Mass  For the People  Church
9:15am  Mass  Church
10:45am  Mass  Marge & Don Mey  Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary!  Church

Faith Formation Coordinator

We are looking for a faith-filled child-loving, organized person to coordinate our children’s ministries here at St. Clare Church. Deacon Bill is retiring after filling that role for 5 years, so we are looking for a good replacement. The position is approximately half-time, paying $18-20/hr. Contact the parish office if you think God is calling you to this important ministry.
Suffering is real, even for those who are called by God. The prophets, the disciples, Christians from the very beginning often paid a price for responding to the call. We may understand this more readily in times of persecution or political unrest or observe it in other faith traditions. When have we had to overcome fear because of our faith? Even choosing to live a Gospel life may overwhelm us. Fear is death-dealing, and all great spiritual teachers counsel against it. Jesus said it often: Do not be afraid.

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the whole church, that we may have the humility to embrace the Gospel of Christ and the courage to live it . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the world, that people may achieve true reconciliation with God, with themselves and with others so peace may reign in and among them . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those who take advantage of the plight of the suffering or those who cannot see the objective truth of poverty, racism, power from privilege or class, and other social issues, that their hearts be touched by the love of Jesus . . . we pray to the Lord.

For government agencies, NGOs, churches and humanitarian institutions, that they may promote holistic social development for refugees around the world as we remember those who seek refuge on World Refugee Day this weekend . . . we pray to the Lord.

For people struggling with current social issues and situations, that fear may not hinder them from fulfilling their responsibilities as Christ’s disciples on earth . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the community of St. Clare, that our faith in God be the foundation of our resilience to the effects of social and health crises and equally the openness to the necessary change in our hearts and in our policies and practices . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all fathers, as we celebrate Father’s Day, that they may love like the Father in heaven, model truth and compassion as Jesus did and be an inspiration and source of wisdom as the Holy Spirit . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the sick, the dying and those who have died, especially Rubirose Santos, and those grieving among us . . . we pray to the Lord.
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one falls to the ground without the Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So DO NOT BE AFRAID, you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:30-32

We all have fears! Are you ever afraid? Do you ever worry? Are you ever discouraged? Here are some things that I experienced while growing up that can cause worry, fear, or discouragement:

- Loneliness
- Feeling neglected
- Feeling that I didn’t have any friends
- Illness or injury
- Failure in school, sports or other activities
- Criticism from others

Just to name a few…

Well, there is good news from the book that gives us the Good News. The passage from the Bible which we hear today has been one that has helped me get through all those rough times. Jesus tells us that we have a God who knows everything that we go through. There are a lot of sparrows in this world and God knows when each one dies. God knows the number of hairs on our heads – just think about that! God knows the number of times we breathe each day, the number of our freckles and moles, the number of times our heart beats a day. Nothing happens that our God doesn’t know about. When we feel lonely and totally abandoned, when it seems that our prayers are unanswered, when everything seems hopeless, God knows and God cares. Isn’t it great to have someone who is looking out for us? How can we be sure? It is Jesus, who is God, telling us this in the gospel passage above. We have a God who lived a human existence and experienced all that we have or will experience.

God does not do this alone. God puts people in our lives to help us. We all know when someone is looking out for us. Perhaps you are being unjustly punished and your older brother, sister or classmate speaks up to defend you. Note that when you are choosing up sides for a team you try to pick friends to be on your side. We always need someone to rely on. This is a great message especially today on Father’s Day. Think about those times that our fathers, grandfathers or father figures have been there to help us. To look out for us! Look back to those times when we were incredibly young, and our dad or mom would protect us by holding our hand to cross the street.

Today Jesus tells us, “Do not be afraid,” which He says many times in the Bible over and over again. When we are in danger or feeling lost or are suffering, God is with us to protect us and save us. God asks us to trust in the promises that He makes to us. So be confident and courageous because we are precious in God’s sight.

Let us pray: Almighty God, You reveal to us that we are more precious to You than any other creature You have made. When we feel ashamed to say we love You, make us proud. When we are frightened to follow You, give us courage. Thank You for loving us and watching over us. We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.
**The St. Clare Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Food Pantry Needs**

- Applesauce, Cans or Jars
- Canned Chicken
- Pasta & Tuna Helper
- Hygiene Items especially Shampoo, Toothpaste & Hand Sanitizer

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.*

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**Scripture Readings**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2020

- Reading 1 - 2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A
- Psalms - PS 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
- Reading 2 - ROM 6:3-4, 8-11
- Gospel - MT 10:37-42

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

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**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.

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!

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**Red Cross Blood Drive Results**

Thank you to all donors and volunteers for making the Red Cross Blood Drives on May 29 and June 11 so successful! 42 units in May and 39 units in June were collected for a total of 81 units!! Each unit helps up-to-3 people. It’s an awesome amount!

Mark your calendars for the next drive on Sept. 24.

From Maria DaSilva, St. Clare Blood Drive Coordinator

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**FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK**

**LUKAS STORYTELLER**

In our newest kids addition, Lukas and his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah’s Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages.

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