**St. Clare Parish**  
**Aug. 9, 2020**

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

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**Church**

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- Business Manager  Shelley Worrell      102
- Pastoral Associate  Pia de Leon        103
- Faith Formation Coordinator  Dcn. Bill McNamara  104
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- Administrative Assistant  Laurie Zupsic  100

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- Administrative Assistant  Donna Parker MacNeur

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nancy@stclarepreschool.org

- Director   Nancy Melzer
- Administrative Assistant  Jeanne Raffety

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**Weekend & Daily Mass:**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

**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.

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

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

Food Pantry Needs

- Applesauce Jars or Cups
- Canned Pears
- Canned Carrots or Mixed Veggies
- Jell-O & Pudding
- White Rice

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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Weekly Reflection
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug. 9, 2020

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation, and its life blood and source, are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God’s voice saying, “Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall.”

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Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

Our church’s two biggest ministries are St. Clare Preschool and St. Clare School. Preschool reopened at the beginning of July and is doing well. It’s a challenge to do all the protocols necessary to keep everyone safe during the pandemic, but it’s working. The families are happy to have the preschool open again and the kids are loving being with their friends again. Special thanks to Nancy Melzer and all the staff for their outstanding work there. During the pandemic, we can accommodate 65 children instead of the normal 75, and we have had to add three more classrooms to get the separation/social distancing necessary.

The school will be starting again right after Labor Day. It’s been a rollercoaster of a ride knowing what to do to plan this school year. A couple weeks ago the regulations from the state allowed us to open fully in classrooms, but then the regulations changed and now we have to open with remote learning only. Back in the Spring, when we were forced to shut down the in-class instruction, our teachers did a good job of doing an emergency distance learning curriculum, but this Fall will look quite a bit different as the teachers now have many more tools, experience and learning on how to do Comprehensive Catholic Distance Learning. We have very dedicated teachers and many of them have used their summer vacation to hone their skills in how to teach their students remotely.

Let’s all keep praying for one another. This pandemic has changed all of our lives and we all need to support and encourage those around us. Let’s all let Jesus’ light shine through us to brighten the lives of others.

~ Fr. Don

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Scripture Readings
Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 16, 2020

Reading 1 - RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB
Psalms - PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16
Reading 2 - 1 COR 15:20-27
Gospel - LK 1:39-56

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

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Week-at-a-Glance

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

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

**Monday, Aug. 10**
8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Tuesday, Aug. 11**
Feast of St. Clare

**Wednesday, Aug. 12**
8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Thursday, Aug. 13**
8:30am Daily Mass Church
10:00am Warm Springs Donation Event Office Parking Lot (ends at 1pm)

**Friday, Aug. 14**
8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Saturday, Aug. 15**
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass Church

**Sunday, Aug. 16**
8:00am Mass + Domenico Digregorio Church
9:15am Mass Church
10:45am Confirmation Mass For the People Church
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 and click the Online Giving link. Thank you!

NEW INFORMATION!
Mass Reopening Guidelines

- The maximum capacity at each Mass increases to 50 people beginning on Aug. 8.
- Pre-registration for weekend Mass continues to be mandatory.
- However, 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, 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 do not use the computer and are unable to sign up online, please call Laurie at 503-244-1037, ext. 100, during parish office hours, Monday-Thursday, 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.

- Reminders: Check in with the door monitor upon arrival at the east door. Hand sanitizer is available upon entry. Masks are required. Be sure to distance yourself 6 feet away from other groups when selecting a pew. Thank you.

Happy Feast Day!  August 11

As a girl in 12th century Italy, Clare heard the legendary St. Francis preaching in the square below her family home. Inspired, Clare snuck away in the middle of the night to join Francis and his followers. Francis cut her hair like the men and gave her a rough tunic and veil to wear. For the sake of propriety, Clare was placed in a Benedictine nun monastery for several years. As more women were drawn to the simple spirituality, a new order was founded, now known as the Poor Clares. Despite requests from the pope himself to relax their vow of poverty, Clare stood firm in following the spirit of St. Francis. Clare’s reputation for virtue spread and attracted women, rich and poor alike, to the new order that still exists today. © LPi
Today’s readings remind us that God speaks to us and beckons us in so many unexpected and surprising ways. Some of us may respond better to an almost indistinguishable whisper, while others need a wake-up call that requires great courage on our part - like Peter’s call to walk on water. Hearing, seeing, giving our full assent to what we experience, may not be easy, but the message has been consistent throughout history: God continues to invite us.

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

For the whole church, that we may be a community ever open to God’s call to spread hope and love to all . . . we pray to the Lord.

For nations suffering from iron-fisted governments, corruption, persecutions and lies, that truth may spring out of their cries and justice flow from Heaven . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those who need to feel God’s presence in their lives especially during trying times, that they may find Him in their hearts and through the kindness and mercy of others . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the victims of racism and cultural discrimination, that they may continue to embrace God’s promise of salvation, and for those who persevere in the fight against racism, that they may rise with God’s Love as the best weapon for their fight . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the people of Lebanon, that they may overcome this tragic accident and all suffering and grieving because of the great loss of life and property . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all the members, past and present of the Parish, that they like our patroness, St. Clare, may remain faithful to the Eucharist, to community and to serving the poor and needy within the parish and larger community . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all in our community who are sick, and for those who are dying, grieving or in any kind of need, and for those who have died . . . we pray to the Lord.
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, ‘Oh you of little faith, why did you doubt?’” Matthew 3:30-31

There are many games that you can play with a ball – soccer, basketball, baseball, dodge ball, volleyball, cricket, golf, tennis, ping pong to name a few. You can even play catch throwing the ball to one another. Do you know the most important thing to do when playing with a ball? Keep your eye on that ball! If you don’t keep your eye on that ball, you will spend your time chasing it, or worse yet, you can end up with a black eye. I speak from experience. I was playing softball on a team when I was in the Air Force and we were practicing. I was playing 3rd base and not paying attention when someone yelled Bill. I turned around and the softball was 6 inches in front of my face. It took me a trip to the hospital to learn that lesson in life.

Our gospel today tells a story when Jesus’ disciples were in a boat heading home after the prayer rally where Jesus fed all the people with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Jesus stayed behind to have some quiet time to pray by himself. When the boat was way out in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, a really big body of water, (I was there in 2004 and the sea is so large that when on it you cannot see any trace of land.) a violent storm came up. The boat “was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it”. Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. They were terrified and thought it was a ghost. Jesus told them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter unsure if it was Jesus said, “if it is you, let me come to you.” Jesus said, “Come.” Peter started walking on the water to Jesus, but got so frightened when he felt the strong wind that he started to sink. “Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter.” This story tells us it is very important to keep focused on Jesus. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he could walk on the water, but when he got distracted he began to sink. As we go through life, there will be some storms and we will encounter some rough weather. As long as we keep our eyes on Jesus we will be OK.

We need to trust in Jesus just as Jesus asked Peter to trust Him. Can you recall the times you were asked to trust already in your lives? Trusting your parents when they dropped you off on that first day of school. You may have been afraid, like I was, but it worked out ok. We all need help at times, like learning to tie our shoe, learning to ride a bike or even learning to read. Our parents and teachers have been with us for these experiences already. When times do get rough as we get older, Jesus asks us as He does today to “Come” to Him for help.

Let us pray: Loving Father, help us to remember that Jesus says “Come” to Him when we need a helping hand. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Online Sessions to be held on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month.
10:30am - 12:00pm

If you are desiring to join the Catholic Church, interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith, or deepening what you already know as a Catholic, please join us in this formation journey.

Contact Pia de Leon at pia@saintclarechurch.org or call 503-244-1037, ext. 103.

The Spiritual journey that will help you know Jesus more ~ His Life, His Way and His Truth.
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.