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

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Weekend & Daily Mass:
Saturday - 5pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am
Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am
All Masses limited to 50 people each.
Visit www.saintclarechurch.org for mandatory sign-up at weekend Masses 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 Deacon Bill McNamara

Baptism for Infants Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults, Youth and Children
Contact Pia de Leon.

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
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept. 6, 2020

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don’t always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again. ©LPi

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

St. Clare School starts this week. It’ll be Comprehensive Catholic Distance Learning to start the year. We were hoping the coronavirus would be less of a problem than it is, but as Dr. Fauci tells us on the national news, the virus sets the schedule, not us. So...we have to start the year with distance learning.

Last week was our annual in-service week for our teachers. They were working hard to get everything ready for the students. I’m real pleased to report that all of our teachers are returning this year. One of the strengths of our school is the continuity of our teachers. Many of them have served here for many, many years and so they have consequently gotten to know the students and their families well. This allows them to tailor their teaching to the methods that will be most beneficial to the individual students. I’m proud of our teaching staff and the hard work and dedication they give to our students.

The Coronavirus makes things difficult in many ways. It’s harder for the students to learn online than in-person. It’s harder for the parents as they have to work but still have the children at home all day, it’s harder for the teachers who have to learn to teach effectively in new ways. I sure look forward to that time when the infection rates get low enough that we can safely get back to a more normal kind of life. This highlights the importance of us all working together to keep the infection rate low by practicing the proper precautions: wearing face covering, keeping 6 feet of social spacing, avoiding others if you feel you might be sick.

Let’s keep praying for one another. God is our strength as we go through this pandemic. ~ Fr. Don

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Sept. 5
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass +James Digregorio Church

Sunday, Sept. 6
8:30am Mass For the People Church
10:45am Mass Stacey Saint-Marc Church

Monday, Sept. 7 Labor Day Holiday/Parish Office Closed
8:30am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday, Sept. 9
8:30am Daily Mass +Gabe Spaccarelli Church

Thursday, Sept. 10
8:30am Daily Mass +Mr. Haugsten Church

Friday, Sept. 11
8:30am Daily Mass Church

Saturday, Sept. 12
4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass +Eleanor Larson Church

Sunday, Sept. 13
8:30am Mass +Linda Conti Church
10:45am Mass For the People Church
5:30pm Parking Lot Prayer Church Parking Lot

Scripture Readings
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sept. 13, 2020

Reading 1 - SIR 27:30-28:7
Psalms - PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Reading 2 - ROM 14:7-9
Gospel - MT 18:21-35

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sept. 6, 2020

Introduction to the Celebration:
O God, Creator of all things, bless the work of our hands as we gather to offer our praise and thanksgiving for all you have done.

United in Prayer ~ Lord Hear Our Prayer
For the whole church, universal and local, that in the midst of division and conflict in the world, it may bring healing through compassionate listening and just treatment of all . . . we pray to the Lord.
For our nation and the whole world; that we may continue to hope in God, even during times of a global pandemic, of war and violence, extreme poverty or racial discrimination . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all Christians, that they may warmly accept and stand up for the true will of God and not let it be silenced by the loud interpretations from all political sides, especially during this time of election . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all of God’s creation, that humankind may realize soon its responsibility as caretakers of God’s creation, to be mindful of its value as God’s gift to His people, and to respect it as an honor to the Creator . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all people, regardless of nationality, race or class, that they may realize how each one is unique yet equal in God’s eyes and that all of God’s gifts of earthly resources are meant to be shared by all at all times . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all our laborers, that they may always be treated with justice and compassion and that dignity be brought back to their work . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all of the members of this Parish, that with the inspiration of our patroness, St. Clare, we may love and hunger for the Eucharist and have faith in its power to heal and nourish our souls so we may endure all the challenges to our Faith . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all among us who are suffering, especially the poor, the neglected and isolated, the sick and the dying; and for those who have died . . . we pray to the Lord.

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.
"Jesus said to His disciples: “For where two or three are gathered together in my name there I am in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

Jesus, today, talks about correcting a person who has done something wrong. He gives us a plan. First, go and talk to the person. Do not feel angry, hurt or want to get revenge on that person. Go talk to him or her out of love and tell that person what he or she did was wrong. As kids, this is a part of growing up. Usually kids are on the receiving end of being corrected. We learn by our mistakes and usually our parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles will correct us. After putting my hand on an extremely hot coal stove at her house and burning my hand, my Aunt Mary consoled me, and in a nice way, reminded me that she had told me not to touch the hot stove. I can remember learning to ride a bike. My dad was there to correct my balancing but not to hinder me. I am sure when you were learning to swim there was someone to support you until you were comfortable floating by yourself. Many times, as kids, we need to be corrected in order to learn how to stay out of trouble or to learn important lessons in life.

This lesson that Jesus gives us will help us to help other people when we see them doing something wrong. We need to be peacemakers.

We all need to feel at peace. If we are feeling upset, we might act in an angry way and be mean. However, to be peaceful, we need to talk about what is bothering us with a person we can trust. It is a natural thing to want peace. Peace is very much needed in our lives and in our world. When we come to Mass, we exchange a sign of peace with all those around us. We might miss That right now. What can one do? One way is to extend a peace greeting when we start a class session online. Be that person who raises your hand and wishes everyone peace at the beginning of the lesson.

One last thought! Jesus tells us that he is with us all the time especially when we gather together in His name. As a deacon, I gather with my wife, Alice, and together we pray the morning, evening, and night prayer. All religious and clergy pray these prayers every day. It is great to know that when Alice and I are praying not only Jesus is with us, but also there are many other people throughout the whole world praying the same prayers. Please join all of us by saying an Our Father, a part of the morning and evening prayer. Ask a brother, sister, or parent to join you in the Our Father, the prayer that Jesus taught us. He tells us today He will also be with us.

Let us pray: Loving God, we thank you for a plan to keep the peace in our relationships. Please help me to be an instrument of peace to all those I encounter. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
Prayer for the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,

How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it.

Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal.

For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work.

Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity.

Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign. Amen.

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Labor Day Statement

From the Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, United Conference of Catholic Bishops Sept. 7, 2020

To read the statement, please visit https://www.usccb.org/resources/Labor%20Day%20Statement%202020_1.pdf

Outreach

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

Food Pantry Needs

School is starting soon, but our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is down a bit. The families we serve need foods that will give them a good jump start for the day while learning from home:

- Cereal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Oatmeal

Also needed are foods children can make on their own:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Juice Boxes
- Fresh Fruits that have a long shelf life

Watch the store ads for good deals! All canned foods (except corn) as well as boxed foods and dried pasta are welcome. THANKS for your generosity!

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.*

Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Oct. 2-4, call 503.225.9191 or email portland@retrouvaille.org or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Note ~ The weekend will take place at the Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House. In compliance with Oregon and facility requirements, a limit of 12 couples can be accommodated. Masks must be worn.

Weekly Offertory Report

The report for the Aug. 30 collection and the August totals will be included in next Sunday’s bulletin.
St. Clare Church invites you to two events for

ONE FAMILY
Celebrating the Beginning of Parish Ministries for the Year

A Simple Version of the

ONE MASS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH,
10:45 AM MASS
The Mass Sign-Up will be located on the website. We will still have the 8:30 am Mass, and a recording of the weekend Mass will be posted on the website as usual.

Organized, Written, and Led by St. Clare’s Youth Ministry

ONE PRAYER
Parking Lot Prayer for Peace & Justice
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH,
5:30 PM
Maximum # of attendees is 50. If you are interested in joining, a Prayer Sign-Up will be available on our website. If you have any questions, please email pia@saintclarechurch.org

All Sign-Ups can be found at saintclarechurch.org

LIVESTREAM INFORMATION
Mass and the Prayer Service will be live-streamed on Facebook. A public link will be available so that access is not limited to those with a Facebook Account.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL LEXIE AT 503-244-1037 EXT. 105