**St. Clare Parish**

Mar. 22, 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

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

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### School

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### Preschool

1812 SW Spring Garden St  Portland, OR  97219     503.244.5458

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### Sacraments -

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

- **Liturgy of the Eucharist**
  - Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
  - Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am
  - Weekdays - 8:30am Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
  - Holy Days - 8:30am & 7pm

- **Reconciliation**  Saturdays at 4pm or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

- **Matrimony**  Six month’s 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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**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.

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- □ New Parishioner
- □ Returning Catholic
- □ Moving (please remove from parish directory)
- □ New Phone Number
- □ New Address
- □ Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes
Weekly Reflection
4th Sunday of Lent
Mar. 22, 2020

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God’s sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone’s heart. Don’t draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give. ©LPi

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

If you have not read my letter dated, Mar. 19, please go to the parish website at www.saintclarechurch.org and click the link on the homepage. It contains information about Mass cancellations, confessions, how to contact me and the parish staff, online giving and more. Please note the bulletin will continue to arrive in your email as always and will be available on the parish website. It will give inspirational things to keep you strong. I hope you find all the information in today’s bulletin helpful.

Did you know the most commonly repeated phrase in the Bible is “Do not be afraid?” That phrase shows up 365 times in the Bible. Many people now are very afraid because of the virus. The virus is serious stuff and we need to take serious precautions because of it. But we don’t need to be afraid. We need to trust in God. This pandemic is bigger than you and me, but it’s not bigger than God. The situation is changing rapidly but God never changes. God’s love and care for us is constant.

If you find yourself afraid, let that fear remind you to turn to prayer, turn to God, to trust in God. Ask for God’s protection, and also THANK God for that protection. THANK God for our modern medical facilities and our medical providers. THANK God for our modern communication system that informs us of what we can do to protect ourselves. THANK God for being with us all as we go through this pandemic.

Let’s all keep praying for one another~ Fr. Don

Prayed privately by Fr. Don

Saturday, Mar. 21
+Celina Rodriguez

Sunday, Mar. 29
+Patricio P. Diaz

Liturgy Resources

COVID 19 may have slowed us down as a spiritual community, but we still need to nourish ours souls and spirits with every opportunity for prayer. Check out the links below where you can attend celebrations of the Eucharist, daily and on Sunday.

https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live

https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings

https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

In addition, the Archdiocesan website has information on Masses livestreamed from the Cathedral (including those on Sundays at 11am) and other area parishes at: https://archdpdx.org/live-masses

We are exploring the possibility of posting on our website pre-recorded Sunday Masses celebrated by Fr. Don while we cannot have public Masses. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Contacting Fr. Don & the Parish Staff

For the safety of parishioners, visitors and parish staff, the parish office is closed until further notice. Fr. Don will be on campus almost every day, but the staff will be working from home and checking their voice mail and email throughout the day. Please contact them at the email addresses or extensions below. The parish office phone number is 503.244.1037. Press the desired extension when the voice message answers. In case of emergency, the voice mail will give special instructions on how to reach Fr. Don.

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**Our Faith Community**  
*Stay Home, Write your Thought, Share your Story*

During these times when we are being asked to practice self-isolation and social distancing and we cannot gather at Mass, parishioners are being encouraged to share a thought or a story about their experiences. How is home-schooling going? What creative things are you doing to combat the loneliness brought about by isolation? Are there people you know who have inspired you to “be not afraid?” Maybe you have a special prayer you are reciting. Share them in 200 words or less! This is our way of connecting our parishioners with one another so we can continue to be community. Please email them to Pia de Leon at pia@saintclarechurch.org or call 503.244.1037, x103. Yes, stay home, write your thoughts and share your story! May the Lord keep all of us safe.

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Dear Parishioners,

During this time when there are concerns about exposure to and the spread of Coronavirus, Online Giving is a convenient option to continue to support St. Clare Parish. Even though we are worshipping from home, vital donations can still happen. Visit www.saintclarechurch.org on your computer, laptop or mobile device. Click the Online Giving link and begin making weekly, monthly or one-time gifts.

Another option is to mail your donation to us at St. Clare Church 8535 SW 19th Ave Portland, OR 97219.

Your contributions will help sustain our parish during this difficult time. If you have any questions, please contact shelley@saintclarechurch.org.

Thank you as always for your generosity,
Shelley Worrell, Business Manager

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**Weekly Offertory Report**

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<td>$16,557</td>
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Goal for FY 19-20: $8,481 needed weekly to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.

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**Food Pantry Needs**

- Creamy Peanut Butter
- Jellies & Jams
- Pancake Syrup
- Chicken Helper
- Canned Peaches, Pears & Fruit Cocktail
- Canned Carrots, Peas, Carrots & Peas, Mixed Veggies

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

* Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.

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**Outreach**

This summer, Deacon Bill is retiring as our Children’s Faith Formation Coordinator (he will still remain in the parish as our deacon), so we are looking for an enthusiastic Catholic who loves children, is organized and would be a good coordinator to lead our children’s ministries here at the church. The position is 18 hours per week, 10 months of the year, paying $18-20/hour depending on experience. Contact Shelley Worrell, our Business Manager, at shelley@saintclarechurch.org for a job description and application. Deadline to apply is Sunday, Mar. 29.

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**St. Clare School Distinguished Graduate Award**

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for our 2020 St. Clare School Distinguished Graduate Award. The School Advisory Council is excited to announce this year’s recipient . . .

**Ethan Johanson, Class of 2016!**

Our Distinguished Graduate celebration will be postponed until our community is able to gather again. At that time, we will come together and congratulate Ethan on this exciting honor.

Please watch for a full article on Ethan’s many attributes and contributions in an upcoming bulletin.

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**Scripture Readings**  
5th Sunday of Lent  
Mar. 29, 2020

Reading 1 – EZ 37:12-14
Psalms – PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Reading 2 – ROM 8:8-11
Gospel – JN 11:1-45

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org
As we continue our journey through this season of Lent, we are met with the question of who is worthy in God’s eyes. Based on false expectations the Israelites and the Pharisees never thought David would be chosen king or that Jesus would heal the man born blind. Worthiness may be found not in reputation or pedigree or appearance, but in one’s heart.

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

For the church and for all believers: May the global health crisis make the faith deeper and stronger and its commitment to charity and compassion more steadfast...we pray to the Lord.

For all nations, that the frailty of each one amidst COVID 19, create in them a sense of genuine solidarity to protect each other, true collaboration in containing and defeating this virus and sincere compassion for the good of the people...we pray to the Lord.

For the protection of the first responders, doctors and nurses and other groups of people who care for those made critically ill by the Coronavirus and for wisdom and guidance on those scientists and researchers seeking vaccines and rapid testing platforms...we pray to the Lord.

For the full and speedy recovery for those suffering from the coronavirus; for the protection of their family members and all those who are at risk of getting or transmitting the virus...we pray to the Lord.

For the homeless, the hungry and without any support or means of taking care of themselves in the face of the virus...we pray to the Lord.

For the members of the community and everyone experiencing difficulties managing their daily lives; may God’s providential love guide them as they maneuver between protecting themselves, managing their family’s health and the economic insecurities brought about by the crisis...we pray to the Lord.

For the people of St. Clare, may we be even more united in prayer as a Parish Community...we pray to the Lord.

For those among us who are sick and shut in; for those who are dying and those who have died and now see the eternal light of Christ...we pray to the Lord.