Aug. 16, 2020

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

St. Clare Parish

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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 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 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
Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God’s will, living each day with confidence in God’s mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus’ public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: “For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.”

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God’s grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

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**Week-at-a-Glance**

**Saturday, Aug. 15** The Assumption of Mary

4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass Church

**Sunday, Aug. 16**

8:00am Mass +Domenico Digregorio Church
9:15am Mass For the People Church
10:45am Confirmation Mass Church

**Monday, Aug. 17**

8:30am NO Daily Mass

**Wednesday, Aug. 19**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Thursday, Aug. 20**

8:30am Daily Mass Kathleen Wilder Church

**Friday, Aug. 21**

8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Saturday, Aug. 22**

4:00pm Confession Church
5:00pm Mass +David Ludwig Church

**Sunday, Aug. 23**

8:00am Mass For the People Church
9:15am Mass Church
10:45am Mass Church

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**Weekly Reflection**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Aug. 16, 2020

**Fr. Don’s Musings . . .**

As I’m writing this on Thursday morning, our drive-by donations for Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is going on. Occasionally I hear about drive-by shootings, well, this is the opposite of that, this is drive-by caring-for-others! St. Clare Church is really good at caring for others. It is heartwarming to see the outpouring of love, the outpouring of God’s presence through all of you. I’ve mentioned before that one of the perks of serving in a church is I get to hang out with the real cream-of-the-crop people. You are the best!

One couple gave a $1000 check for the Confederated Tribes, another person gave money to a parishioner so she could fill up the entire floor of her minivan with jugs of water. A 95 year old parishioner brought a case of water, and lots of our school and preschool families (and their kids) brought in water.

The message spread beyond St. Clare Church to other churches and their parishioners, so people are coming from all over to drop off bottled water.

Jesus said in Matthew 25 that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do for Him. You are giving a thirsty Jesus lots of good thirst-quenching water today. In the name of Jesus, THANK YOU! And as the pastor of St. Clare Church, you make me proud.

Blessings to all of you. ~ Fr. Don

Donated water collected before the drive-by even began!

Many thanks to Lynette Howes and Lillian Kidwell for organizing this important Call to Action on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs! Watch for more photos and details in next week’s bulletin.
Mary, the mother of Jesus, at the end of her life was “taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.” She who said “yes” to the unknown and surrendered her will to God’s own, found joy in her acceptance and in her motherhood. Now she holds an exalted place in the life of the church and in our hearts. Can we imitate her surrender to the will of God?

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

For the church, may we be a people respectful of people’s innate dignity, whomever or whatever they may be and our respect for life must be from conception to natural death, equally and explicitly . . . we pray to the Lord.

For policies in our country that truly reflect care for the common good of all people and the care for the world, the peoples’ common home . . . we pray to the Lord.

For those who stand in solidarity with the poor, the suffering, the immigrant and people of color who are marginalized and who show support and compassion even at great personal or political cost . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our community of St. Clare, may we continue to take up the challenge of daily witness to God’s love, and be bearers of hope especially for those who are challenged today in various ways because of the pandemic . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all the communities affected by the fires in the Columbia Gorge, with the help of Mother Mary, may their prayers be lifted up to God in Heaven and her mantle of care protect them from grave loss of life and property . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all in our community who are sick, their caregivers, the grieving, and for those who have died, especially Dolores Gardino . . . we pray to the Lord.
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant...” Luke 1: 46-55 (The Magnificat)

Last year, I went back to New York to pack up all the things we had left behind when we originally moved to Oregon in 2015. These past two weeks, we have been going through and sorting out our old photos. It brought back many memories of me growing up in Brooklyn. It was great to see many pictures of my mom and dad. These pictures reminded me of the special role my mother had when I turned to her in distress, hunger or need. The parties, trips and vacations were memories all captured in pictures. But, the love and caring throughout my childhood in the normal day to day living will always be the most important memories I cherish. I am sure that you, as a child now, are living your future memories of your moms doing the same things for you.

Today, this feast talks to us about Mary, Jesus’ mother. Our gospel reading tells us she was pregnant with Jesus and traveled to the hill country to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also pregnant. This was no easy trip. Elizabeth lived just outside Jerusalem about 64 miles from Nazareth and walking there took about six days. Mary had said, “yes,” to God to be the mom to Jesus. Sometimes, we must be still and quiet to hear God’s voice. We can listen to God and pray in our hearts that we may be like Mary and do God’s will. I’m sure Mary was fearful and confused about having a baby. She could have kept to herself and wondered what she got herself into but instead she went to her cousin. I’m sure that they shared their experiences about being pregnant. By sharing our experiences with others, especially with those who are going through the same things, we can find strength and courage. Elizabeth models true friendship; she confirms Mary’s blessing and honors her decision. Mary responds with one of the great prayers of the Church, the Magnificat, praising God. It is a prayer that is said every night by religious and clergy and is taken from the gospel of Luke 1:46-55. Ask your mom or dad read it to you this week.

Mary was a real person just like you and me. She was blessed to be the mother of God. Even so, she had many trials and suffering in her life. God rewarded her by taking her up to heaven, body and soul, when she died and that is what we celebrate today on the Assumption. The exceptional good news for us is that we will also be welcomed into heaven just like all those who love God and love their neighbor in this world.

Let us pray: Loving God, thank you sharing Mary, your mom, with us. Thank you for showing us that just like Mary you will welcome us some day into heaven. We pray in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
More from Fr. Don . . .

Our prayers go out to the family of Dee Gardino. She was a fairly new parishioner who attended our 5pm Mass. Her funeral is Saturday, Aug. 15.

I will be out of town this coming week, Monday thru Saturday afternoon, at a family reunion but will return in time for 5pm Mass on Aug. 22.

Starting in September, we will return to our regular St. Clare Sunday morning Mass schedule of only two Masses at 8:30am and 10:45am. This is now possible since we are allowed to have 50 instead of 25 people per Mass. Sign up continues to be mandatory online or by calling the parish office.

A CALL TO ACTION

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time, may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing.
Be with us, Lord.
Amen.

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RESOURCES ON RACISM

Know Justice, Know Peace

Please take a few minutes to learn about, reflect on and pray for anti-racism, with this mini-retreat video series led by the Jesuits.

https://thesojourn.org/2020/08/mundane-racism-know-justice-know-peace-a-jesuit-antiracism-retreat/