St. Clare Parish
June 14, 2020

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
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Business Manager      Shelley Worrell  102
Pastoral Associate    Pia de Leon   103
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Youth Minister        Andie Bodary  105
Administrative Assistant Laurie Zupsic  100

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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: _______________
Í New Parishioner    Í Returning Catholic    Í Moving (please remove from parish directory)
Í New Phone Number Í New Address    Í Please send Sunday Offertory envelopes
Weekly Reflection
The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 14, 2020

They recognized him in the breaking of bread. This was the amazing revelation or epiphany that occurred on the Road to Emmaus. Bread that had been transformed into the Body of Christ opened the eyes of the disciples and showed them who was really with them. Their hearts were burning. Sometimes, we struggle with our belief in the Eucharist because we make it too much of an intellectual challenge. If God’s divinity was wed to humanity in the incarnation of Christ, then why is it not possible for God to take simple elements of bread and wine and transform them into his Body and Blood? Affirm your faith today that the Eucharist you receive is God Himself. Become what you eat and allow God to embrace your soul and touch that part of you that no one else can touch. ©LPi

Fr. Don’s Musings . . .

There are several things I’d like to mention this week:

- School finished up on Friday! It’s been a very interesting year with the coronavirus closing our school building in mid-March. I am so proud of the efforts of our students (and their parents) in adapting to online learning, and I’m proud of our teachers who have amazed me as they shifted so quickly from classroom to online teaching. I hope in the Fall we can go back to a fairly regular school routine, but we’ll just have to wait and see what the virus does.

- Huge THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Bloudek, our interim principal this year. She came out of retirement to lead our school for a year and I really appreciate her leadership in this difficult time. She came to us with a great deal of experience as a Catholic school principal and we gladly used that experience as we had to adapt to our Covid-19 world. Thank you, Mrs. Bloudek!

- Our city and our country continue to acknowledge the scourge of racism in light of the killing of George Floyd two weeks ago. As followers of Jesus, we are called to treat all people with equal dignity, recognize all people as our sisters and brothers in Christ. Right now racism against African-American people is being highlighted but any kind of racism is of course a sin. Please reflect on the statement in today’s bulletin about our parish’s response to racism.

- Our Pastoral Council members have generously agreed to extend their terms one year so that we don’t have to introduce new members to the council during this pandemic. The nomination process would have been difficult in this time while so many of our regular church members are not yet able to attend Mass. Keeping the council the same through the pandemic gives us more consistency. I appreciate the flexibility of our Pastoral Council members. Next Spring, nominations will open up again.

Enjoy summer time as best as you can! ~ Fr. Don

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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 13**
- 5:00pm Mass Jack Sievers Church

**Sunday, June 14**
- 8:00am Mass For the People Church
- 9:15am Mass Church
- 10:45am Mass Liz Parker Church

**Monday, June 15**
- 8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Wednesday, June 17**
- 8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Thursday, June 18**
- 8:30am Daily Mass Church

**Friday, June 19**
- 8:30am Daily Mass Church

**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

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**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.
Unity is easier to talk about than to achieve. There have always been divisions among people, including God’s people. But we have access to a unique source of unity: the Eucharistic. In our act of breaking bread and drinking from the one cup, our relationship to one another is strengthened. Jesus gave himself for us and continues to do so even now. Though we know this, we need to be reminded that we are truly members of one body—His body. What is our attitude toward those standing next to us each Sunday, sharing this same life-giving gift?

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

For the whole church: that the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ empower the faithful to help build up the kingdom of God, where Love and Justice reigns . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all Christians: that we may take seriously our common responsibility to be our brothers and sisters’ keeper, to be God’s Body to those who are most in need, especially those whose dignity is stripped by racism, slavery and poverty . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our communities: that the Holy Spirit may turn the anger, fear, sadness, confusion and sense of powerlessness over the current racial tensions in America into opportunities for transformative actions by each individual in the community . . . we pray to the Lord.

For the peacemakers who work for justice, the law and order enforcers, the front-liners amidst the pandemic, the spiritual leaders who care for the souls: that they serve with the mantle of gentleness, humility and prudence . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all parents: that they may raise their children to love God above all and to love their neighbors as themselves, especially those who are most different from them . . . we pray to the Lord.

For our community of St. Clare: that as we declare our stand against racism and our respect for Black lives, we may incarnate the commitment to Justice as Love in our daily life, mindful of our own biases and prejudices . . . we pray to the Lord.

For all in our midst who are suffering, fearful, or discouraged especially the sick and the dying; and for those who have died . . . we pray to the Lord.
Justice as Love is our Call
A Pastoral Response to Racism in our Nation

St. Clare Parish as a Catholic community stands strongly against racism.

Excluding, marginalizing and dehumanizing people because of the color of their skin, race and ethnicity and anything that sets them apart is an act of hatred and has no place in the hearts of the people who proclaim the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Racism rips people apart from each other and opposes the right relationships that God’s justice demands. This sin denies the dignity of human life.

Pope Francis reminds us: “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

Today, racism stares us in the eyes with the unfolding of its various forms that exist in systems that are supposed to uphold the good of all people. For many centuries until today, our brothers and sisters in the Black community have been through overt and deliberate enslavement and the systemic racism of modern times. People have died, families have been broken, communities have suffered, and individuals have been robbed of their right to exist equally in the same nation under one constitution. As Christians, we should not only see them as fellow citizens, but also as our brothers and sisters with whom we need to stand in solidarity, to suffer with (compassio), to pray and to fight with for truth and justice. This is also the opportune time to dig deep in our hearts and minds and discern how we have unknowingly or knowingly participated in this racial divide so we can make right the relationships we have offended or neglected; and thereby be effective participants for meaningful change.

“If you want peace, work for justice,” Pope Paul VI said. We cannot demand harmony, civility and unity when justice does not exist.

St. Clare is committed to our call to justice as an act of love – the manifestation of God’s love for all. We stand on our vision and mission as a Catholic Community committed to proclaiming Christ’s love for all, especially those who are in most need of that love.

St. Clare stands in solidarity with the Black Community today. We stand against racism against Black people and other people of color and commit to works of justice so that our small community here in SW Portland becomes part of the genuine resolution, lasting solutions and the authentic reconciliation between and among peoples in our nation.

Why stand in solidarity with the Black Community today? We believe as Catholics that the dignity of human life comes from God alone. The dignity of Black lives like all life comes from God, not from the auspices of other human beings. Hence, we believe, Black lives matter.

JUSTICE as LOVE is our Call.

At St. Clare, we will heed this call to fight for justice in all levels and in many forms, most especially through the pillars of our parish life – in our worship, as centers for life-long formation, our welcoming ministries and our service through charity and social justice. Our response to this crisis is coming from our conviction as Catholics and as a local parish in Portland to be God’s witnesses to his love. St Clare therefore commits to these initial and intentional actions for transformation so that each of us may participate with the purest of intentions and purpose.

From: Fr. Don Gutmann, Parish Staff, Pastoral Council, Administrative Council, School and School Advisory Council and Preschool.
Action Statement

At St. Clare Parish, we are called:

To celebrate life-giving liturgies
To provide a center for Christian Formation
To reflect Christ through warm acceptance of all our brothers and sisters
To serve all, especially those most vulnerable

Each of the parts of our Mission Statement implore us to act in a way that reflects our Catholic beliefs and teachings which include a commitment to combat all forms of racism within ourselves, our parish, and our society:

**Celebrate life-giving Liturgies**
- Pray for and with the victims of racism during our daily and weekend Masses.
- Provide opportunities for prayer and reflection that directly address fighting racism, promote justice, and encourage a self-examination of conscience regarding personal bias and prejudices.

**Provide a center for Christian Formation**

Provide ongoing support for the formation and education of our entire parish on how to help end racism and promote justice.
- This includes researching resources for both children and adults that will be shared on our parish website,
- and hosting special events, like guest speakers, to hear and learn from diverse perspectives.

**Reflect Christ through warm acceptance of all our brothers and sisters**

- Share the stories of our parishioners and community members through the ‘Sharing Our Stories’ page in the weekly bulletin.
- Encourage all of our community members to know and examine their own stories and to have a genuine interest in the stories of others, especially those different from their own.

**Serve all, especially those most vulnerable**

- Complete the work of reinstating our parish Peace and Justice Committee. Support and grow our social justice work within the parish and continue to seek out opportunities for our parishioners and community members.
- Give financial support to vetted organizations that actively assist marginalized and disadvantaged groups within our local community. A list will be provided soon.
- Encourage participation in peaceful community actions.
- Equip parishioners with materials such as Faithful Citizenship that will help their decisions during elections.

Each week, details of these actions will be published in the parish bulletin and on the website.
PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.

For resources on racism including messages from Pope Francis, Archbishop Sample and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, please visit www.pastoralministry.archdpdx.org/racism.
Thoughts for Kids from Deacon Bill . . .

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - John 6:51-58

“I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven, whoever eats this Bread will live forever, and the Bread that I will give is MY FLESH for the life of the world.” John 6:51

Jesus today is talking to us about food. We all need food to live. I bet we all have special food that we enjoy on special days. I’m thinking about the summer season where we all love those hamburgers and hot dogs cooked on the barbeque. Summer is a special time that we can enjoy these special treats with friends and neighbors: giving us good memories of having fun outside at the lake or the beach or just the back yard. There are also those special days like Thanksgiving where we come together with family and friends to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings. What about our birthdays when we get to eat our favorite cake we love? Oh boy, just thinking of strawberry short cake makes me remember all those great birthday celebrations that I have enjoyed throughout the years.

Today is a special feast day in the church. It is called, Corpus Christi, which is Latin for the Body of Christ. It is a special day when we honor Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus celebrated a special meal with His disciples the night before He died on the cross for us. They shared bread and wine. Jesus told them that from that moment on whenever His disciples shared bread and wine to remember that He is there with them in a special way.

When we come together at Mass, we remember what Jesus said and what He did. The Mass especially reminds us of two very important things that Jesus did for us. The Mass is a celebration and a sacrifice.

As a celebration at the Mass, the priest by the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of ordination repeats the exact words that Jesus gave us at the Last Supper – “This is my Body. This is my Blood.” Notice Jesus didn’t say pretend that this bread and wine are my body and blood. No, Jesus said, “This IS my Body. This IS my Blood.” This is what we celebrate every time we gather together at Mass.

But let us also remember that the Mass is a sacrifice. After Jesus is totally present in the gift of His Body and Blood, we offer Him back up to God to recall His sacrifice of death on the cross. The prayers which the priest says gathers us all together to be part of this offering – this sacrifice back to God. This is the exact same sacrifice which Jesus offered for us on Good Friday when He died on the cross for us.

The Mass is, always has been and always will be a celebration and a sacrifice; a great way to give honor and praise to God and a remembrance of God’s plan of redemption.

At this feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate what Jesus does with us. We share His Body and Blood which is the very life of Jesus. When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we say that we believe that Jesus gives us life and that he will give us life forever.

Let us pray: Loving Father, we thank you for sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, so that we may eat this Bread and never die. Help us to share the story of Jesus with others. Amen
Thank you so much to all who have sent messages and cards and said prayers for my recovery. It’s slow going, but I am once again learning about patience (not my strongest virtue). I miss you all and pray that you stay well, happy and blessed.

~ Marsha Weber

Food Pantry Needs
- Cans or Jars of Applesauce
- Breakfast Cereal
- Fresh Oranges
- Canned Peas or Carrots
- Shampoo

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.*

Scripture Readings
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2020
Reading 1 - JER 20:10-13
Psalms - PS 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Reading 2 - ROM 5:12-15
Gospel - MT 10:26-33

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

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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!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

PRESENCE
The Story of the Eucharist
Jesus’ teachings and actions throughout his ministry prepare for the moment he offers himself for, and to, each of us, fulfilling his promise that “My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (John 6:55).

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