

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 25, 2021

# ST. CLEMENT of ROME

CATHOLIC CHURCH

*The Mission of St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church is to build the Kingdom of God by witnessing the Christian virtues of Charity, Faithfulness and Unity.*

## PARISH NEWS

**We are still in need of teachers for the 2021-2022 CCD School Year. We also need counters and altar servers for the 5 PM & 8 AM Masses.**

### REFLECTION

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest." There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces. We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work. Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed! Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.



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When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday.....	8:00am - 4:00pm
Closed for lunch.....	12:00pm - 1:00pm

### OUTREACH HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday.....	9:00am-11:00am
1st Saturday of the month.....	9:00am-10:00am

### We love having you as part of our flock!

Let's keep in touch! Get important updates via email and text

There are two ways to connect (**PICK ONE**)

1. Visit our church at [flocknote.com/stclementbixby](http://flocknote.com/stclementbixby)  
OR
2. Text **STCB** to **84576** from your phone to Subscribe to updates.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 24

5:00pm Intentions of the people

### Sunday, July 25

8:00am Souls in Purgatory

by Neal & Muffie Harton

10:30am Repose of Ted Schultejan

by the Hyland, Hornbaker & Kientz Families

12:00pm Descanso de Silvia Munoz Delgadillo y

Antonia Saldivar por la Familia Armas

### Tuesday, July 27

12:00pm Souls in Purgatory

by Diane Welch

### Wednesday, July 28

8:30am Intentions of the people

### Thursday, July 29

8:30am Intentions of the people

6:30pm Intenciones del pueblo

### Friday, July 30

8:30am Intentions of the people

### Saturday, July 31

5:00pm Intentions of the people

### Sunday, August 1

8:00am Souls in Purgatory

Neal & Muffie Harton

10:30am Repose of Pat Giacomo

by Patrina Giacomo

12:00pm Intenciones de Nilda Santiago

por Pedro & Enilda

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm  
**(Spanish).**

**Weekday:** Tuesday 12:00pm;  
Wednesday - Friday 8:30am.  
Thursday 6:30pm **(Spanish)**

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm, or by Appointment.

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Holy days will be Announced.

## FAITH ENRICHMENT

**Bible Study through a Jewish Lens** class taught by Deacon Neal Harton on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Hour of Adoration** before the Blessed Sacrament is every Sunday beginning at 6:00p.m. in English and Thursdays at 7pm in Spanish. Please join us for this special time.

**RCIA** meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Adult Education room.

**Parish Book Club** meets on the first Monday of the month at 6pm. See Deacon Joe for the current reading selection.

**Women Bible Study** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month in the Marian Center at 6:00 pm.

**Prayer Hour** on Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Prayer Ministry Team** You are invited to join fellow parishioners on Wednesday mornings from 11:00a.m. to 12:00 noon to pray for the needs of our parish.

**Altar Servers** Children who have received First Communion may be Altar Servers. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Religious Education and Youth Group** Preparation for sacraments, First Communion and Confirmation, as well as basic church education for our children and Youth.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** meets Tuesday evening 6:30--7:30pm in the Adult Education Classroom.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

*Welcome to St. Clement Church! You may register online at the parish website or with our registration form found on our Information Table at the entrance of the church.*

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Baptismal class is required. Arrangements can be made through Rev. Jeff Polasek.*

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

*Couples should contact the pastor at least one year prior to anticipated marriage date.*

*Happy Anniversary*

Join us in wishing a  
"Happy Anniversary" to the  
following couples this week:

Jay & Nora Gutierrez  
Dan & Michelle Simoni

## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

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### First Reading:

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said. (2 Kings 4:42-44)

### Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Psalm 145)

### Second Reading:

I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: (Ephesians 4:1-3)

### Gospel:

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone. (John 6: 9-15)

### Save Lives on the Sidewalk!!

Go Life will be training Sidewalk Advocates to help with their work to end abortions. There will be a free training session on Saturday July 31st at St. Benedict's Church at 2200 W. Ithica St., Broken Arrow from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. To register please contact Go Life at 918-518-0648 or sarah@golifemobilemedical.com

Birthday blessings go out  
to the following parishioners  
celebrating birthdays  
this week:

*Happy Birthday!*

Kristie Tartar, Sara Lucas, Tayler Carter,  
Keven Lopez, Liliana Gallegos,  
Yaotzin Rodriguez Perez, Jocelyn Marquez,  
Pat Murphy, Michael Szymanski,  
Ann Worland, Jeremy Storey,  
Brianna Descher, Elizabeth Jimenez,  
Abel Saucedo, Loreno Jimenez,  
Zoey Swank, Raul Herrera,  
Joe Todd, Nathaniel Albizo,  
Emery Griffin, Ana Salaises,  
Zaria Luna, AnneStaurovsky,  
Sherelle Descher, Erick Batista

## FEATURED SAINT OF THE WEEK

**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST**

**FEAST DAY: SATURDAY, JULY 31**

**PATRON OF RETREATS**

St. Ignatius was born of a noble family in 1491, in the Castle of Loyola in Guipuscoa, Spain. Reared in the Court of Ferdinand V of Aragon, he entered the army and distinguished himself by his valor. He was wounded at the siege of Pamplona, in a war between Charles V and Francis I, King of France. During his recovery he read the "Lives of the Saints" which effected his conversion from worldliness to piety. Henceforth, his life belonged entirely to God.

Ignatius spent ten months in the solitude of Manresa, where he composed the "Spiritual Exercises," and then made a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. On his return to Spain he began his studies, and in 1528 he went to Paris to continue his studies. Here his virtue and wisdom gained him companions and these became the nucleus of the Society of Jesus. At Montmarte they vowed to go to Palestine to be employed in the service of God. Receiving ordination at Venice together with his companions, Ignatius went to Rome and was graciously received by Pope Paul III.

In 1540, Pope Paul III approved the Society of Jesus and it soon made progress, spreading to India and Brazil. Ignatius continued to reside in Rome, employed in consolidating and governing his society. There he befriended St. Philip Neri. He was General of the Society more than fifteen years. He died peacefully on July 31, 1566 and was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

*PRAYER: Lord God, You raised up St. Ignatius in Your Church to inspire men to work for Your greater glory. Grant that we may labor on earth with his help and after his example and merit to be crowned with him in heaven, Amen.*

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