



St. Clare Parish

May 8, 2022

*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

As of Mar. 12, 2022, masks are optional in the church and social distancing is no longer available.

Visit www.saintclarechurch.org to view pre-recorded Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation Saturdays from 4pm - 4:30pm in the church or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

Matrimony Six month preparation required. Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Baptism for Infants Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults, Teens & Children Contact Kim Zea.

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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Weekly Reflection

4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Do we hear and follow? Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it. It comes through the beauty of creation, the warmth and energy of love, the gift of compassion both received and given, the sacred miracle of life, and the orderly and purposeful design of things and in the truth found in God's commandments. Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good. It is only the Good Shepherd who can lead us away from the evils that can hurt us and bring us to the good. We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe. ©LPi



Fr. Don's Musings . . .

Happy Mother's Day! We have so many great moms in our church family.

As I visit our preschool and school every day, I see the dedication of many moms who are faithfully dropping off and picking up their children at our preschool or school everyday. I see their dedication in the sack lunches that the students bring to school. I see their dedication as they volunteer at the school and at the church.

Being a mom is a 24/7 job. No, that's not right, it's a 24/7 ministry. All of our moms are serving God as they serve their families. God's goodness and love is shining through the moms as they become the tangible reality of God's love for their children.

Thank you, moms, for all you do for your families. Thank you for your unconditional love for your children. Thank you for your on-going service to your families. Thank you for letting God work through you. Thank you for letting God love the children through your hands, your words, and your hugs.

May God bless all the moms! Fr. Don

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, May 7

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

5:00pm Vigil Mass *People of Ukraine* Church

Sunday, May 8 Happy Mother's Day!

8:30am Mass *Fr. Don Gutmann* Church

10:45am Mass *For the People* Church

Monday, May 9

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday, May 11

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Thursday, May 12

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Friday, May 13

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Saturday, May 14

5:00pm Vigil Mass *Stuart & Shelley Worrell* Church

Sunday, May 15

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church

10:45am Mass Church

Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father,

From the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for their commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

Taken from LPi Resources, created in 2019

Scripture Readings ~ 5th Sunday of Easter ~ May 15, 2022

Reading 1 - Acts 14:21-27 Psalms - PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Reading 2 - REV 21:1-5a Gospel - JN 13:31-33a, 34-35

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

RELUCTANT SHEEP

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don’t have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO SAYS SHE DOESN'T NEED TO ATTEND MASS BECAUSE SHE PRAYS TO GOD EVERY DAY. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS JUSTIFICATION?

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God’s life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God’s sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

We are
the **sheep**
of **His flock.**
PSALM 100





An Appeal from Your Pastoral Council



The St. Clare Pastoral Council is inviting you to prayerfully discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you to join us in our work. We are currently seeking three new Council members to replace those whose three-year terms have ended.

Could this be you?

The Pastoral Council meets monthly, currently on Zoom, to support, advise, and collaborate with Fr. Don about the greater pastoral needs and vision of the parish. The Pastoral Council asks big-picture questions, such as:

- How can St. Clare Parish best help to build the Kingdom of God?
- How are we helping our members to come closer to Jesus?
- How are we reaching out to our neighborhood and our world to bring the Good News?

This is a hopeful time to join the work of the Pastoral Council as we emerge from pandemic restrictions and consider how best to use what we have learned from the work of the Synod in our parish.

WHAT TO DO

Beginning this weekend through May 22, you may nominate yourself or another member of St. Clare Parish, either with the paper nomination forms available at the church doors or through the parish website: Go to www.saintclarechurch.org and under 'Quick Links' you will find a link to the online nomination form.

Nominations will be accepted through May 22.

Have questions? Please contact Sarah Morris at sarahmorris1701@gmail.com



RELEVANT READS

Suggested by the St. Clare Parish
Peace & Justice Committee

In Matthew's Gospel [25:31-40], Jesus enumerates what we have come to call the Corporal Works of Mercy, e.g., feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, etc. Dorothy Day not only lived these principles, but worked to eradicate the root causes of these needs in society.

The Reckless Way of Love: Notes on Following Jesus **by Dorothy Day**

Dorothy Day was an American journalist and a convert to Catholicism. She became famous for her social activism, especially for her commitment to serving the poor. In the 1930s, Day worked closely with fellow activist Peter Maurin to establish the Catholic Worker Movement, a pacifist movement that combines direct aid for the poor and homeless with nonviolent direct action on their behalf.

In his speech to Congress during his 2015 visit to the United States, Pope Francis held up Dorothy Day as an example of the selflessness needed today, saying, "In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints." The Church has opened the cause for Day's possible canonization, and refers to her with the title of "Servant of God."

While Dorothy Day wrote many books, in ***The Reckless Way of Love: Notes on Following Jesus***, she focuses on the driving force behind this love of service: her persistent faith in God. The Plough Publishing House website explains that "unlike larger collections and biographies, which cover her radical views, exceptional deeds, and amazing life story, this book focuses on a more personal dimension of her life: Where did she receive strength to stay true to her God-given calling despite her own doubts and inadequacies and the demands of an activist life? What was the unquenchable wellspring of her deep faith and her love for humanity?" The book is made up of short chapters on themes such as "Help My Unbelief" and "All Will Be Well."

More information can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.plough.com/en/topics/faith/witness/reckless-way-of-love>

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/dorothy-day-saint-and-troublemaker.html>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/social-issues/transcript-pope-franciss-speech-to-congress/2015/09/24/6d7d7ac8-62bf-11e5-8e9e-dce8a2a2a679_story.html



Catholic Charities

2022 Annual Appeal 2nd Collection on May 14 - 15

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Ways you can participate:

- Find the appeal brochure at the church doors or the parish office and return the envelope to the 2nd collection basket at Mass on May 14-15 or the office during the week.
- Mail the pre-addressed envelope and remit to Catholic Charities; 2740 SE Powell Blvd #1 Portland, OR 97202
- Make your secure online donation at <https://t.co/JrhTPWm7Ug>

Please consider giving and walking alongside us to share God's love and help to spread Christ's light. It means so much to all of us at Catholic Charities of Oregon, including our clients, to have your support. Thank you for the work you allow us to do on your behalf.

For information on our programs and services, please go to <https://t.co/inLXe2Th8h>

For more information on our organization, please visit www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org or call our main phone line at 503.231.4866.

Adult Faith Formation

Small Group Study: The Holy Spirit

Thursdays 9:15-10:30am Clare Room
Downstairs at the Parish Office

So, who is the Holy Spirit in your life and what does he mean to you? The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God and Jesus, will not come into our lives without an invitation. He wants to live within us, to comfort us and to teach us. He wants to help us on our journey, but we must ask him to guide us and direct us.

Throughout Lent, a group of St. Clare parishioners gathered each week for fellowship, learning and reflection. This lively group is always excited to discuss many different topics of the church and their faith. Last week, we began a new series focused on the Holy Spirit in our lives. All are invited to come and join us whenever available.

This new study will include a series called, *Wild Goose*, a term the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This 14-part series features Fr. Dave Pivonka, a Franciscan priest from the University of Steubenville. The *Wild Goose* invites viewers to an encounter or renewed encounter with the Holy Spirit.

During the second part of each session, there will be a discussion on the book, *A Church Renewed* by Pope Francis. Our focus for this series is: *What is it that the Holy Spirit is calling us to do in this current time in the church?*

For more information or questions, please contact kim@saintclarechurch.org.

Many thanks to all who contribute!

Weekly Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 4.24.22	\$5,523	\$8,654	(\$3,131)
April Total	\$36,707	\$34,616	\$2,091
Fiscal Year 21-22	\$386,034	\$372,122	\$13,912

Goal for FY 21-22: \$8,654 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!

Getting Ready for:

Junque & Jewels

Saint Clare Parish Rummage Sale



When to Bring Your Donations:

Saturday, June 18th – 12 Noon to 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 19th – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Monday, June 20th – 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Tuesday, June 21st – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Donations We Can Use:

Toys, Games & Puzzles
Clothes for Children & Adults
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Books, DVDs, CDs & Media
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Sporting Goods & Garden Equipment

But We Can't Accept:

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or Hazardous Waste
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or Stuffed Toys
Liquids, Chemicals or Flammables
Armoires or Oversize Furniture
Used Coloring, Sticker or Workbooks
Bicycle Helmets; Baby Equipment

Volunteers Needed!

To work as a Hauler, Helper, Sorter, Pricer, Cashier, Bagger or Clean-Up.

To lend a hand, please click <https://stclarepdx.ivolunteer.com/jj2022> or the QR code

Or go to the volunteer sign-up link at www.saintclarechurch.org

Also there will be a sign-up sheet available soon!



Come to the Sale:

Friday, June 24th – 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 25th – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 26th – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM



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