

St. Clare

236 S. Beach Boulevard



Catholic Church

Waveland, MS 39576

Sunday, February 25, 2024

***“They kept
the matter to
themselves.”***



Today we hear Mark’s account of Jesus’ transfiguration and get a snapshot of his divinity. Six days after predicting his death and resurrection, Jesus shows his glory to Peter, James, and John (Mark 8:31; 9:2-8). In a flash, the disciples’ eyes are opened. They can see who Jesus truly is. He is more than a good rabbi, a miraculous healer, or a gifted preacher. He is greater than even Moses or Elijah! Jesus is *God*.

Jesus’ disciples didn’t fully grasp their mountaintop vision or how they would need to cling to it as Jesus headed toward the cross. They didn’t know how their faith would be tested or how important it was that Jesus was more than just a man. And they didn’t know what Jesus meant when he said he would die and rise again. But Jesus knew. That’s why he told them to keep the revelation to themselves until he “had had risen from the dead” (Mark 9:9).

In his transfiguration, Jesus was giving his disciples a gift to sustain them for the day of

his crucifixion. On that day there would not be three tents, but three crosses. Jesus would not stand between Moses and Elijah; he would hang between “two revolutionaries” (Mark 15:27). On that day they would abandon their teacher and Lord to his cruel end. But Jesus’ transfiguration not only helped the disciples during his crucifixion. Even more, it foreshadowed an even greater revelation of his divinity: the resurrection!

Jesus’ glory was just as present on the cross as it was on the mountaintop. The disciples just couldn’t see it. They needed a heavenly perspective—and so do we. That’s why Jesus invites us to go up the mountain every day for a glimpse of his glory: to see Jesus, the Son of God, who will be with us always, to the end of time.

So whether you’re at Mass or confined to your bed, look to Jesus today. Ask him to open your eyes. Let him strengthen your faith and fill you with hope!

~ The Word Among Us

Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent


- ◆ 1st Reading— Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
- ◆ 2nd Reading— Romans 116: 10, 15-19
- ◆ Gospel Reading— Mark 9: 2-10

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Church Office Hours:.....
 Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

CONFESSION: Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM
 Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours.
 Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

*In the spirit of giving,
 we thank you for
 your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**
Regular Offertory:
\$4,266.00
Ash Wednesday \$1,489.00 Black & Indian Missions \$952.00

Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.
 † First, he said that the Rosary is a “compendium of the entire history of our salvation.”
 † Then, the Pope noted, the “Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil.”
 † Finally, the Pope said, it is “an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts.”
 All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.

 The Altar Flowers are a great way to honor and remember loved ones.
 Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done.
 228-342-3025

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



Monday, February 26	8:30 a.m.	Henry & Bea Mestayer +
Tuesday, February 27	8:30 a.m.	Laura Arnold +
Wednesday, February 28	6:00 p.m.	Sean & Lucy Wright (SP)
Thursday, February 29	8:30 a.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +
Friday March 1	8:30 a.m.	John Coates (SP)
Saturday, March 2	4:00 p.m.	Isabelle Hill +
Sunday, March 3	8:30 a.m.	Sick of the Parish
	11:00 a.m.	Gladys “Rita” Martin (SP)
	5:30 p.m.	Kevin & Hazel Ramond (SP)



February 25	Our Deacons, Deacon Candidates & those discerning
February 26	Our retired, extern & deceased Priests, Brothers & Deacons
February 27	Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School
February 28	Our deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin
February 29	Father Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM
March 1	Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihnemann, III
March 2	For an increase in Vocations



Aaron Delaup, Abby Theriot, Acadia LaBranche, AJ Delaup +, Alan & Lana Noonan, Alan Atkins, Alan Thomas, Alice Richardson, Alice Rosemann, Allan & Marilyn Murphey, Amanda Mitchell, Angie Pherson, Anita & Bonifacio Haduca, Ann Vandeslice, Anthony & Elijah, Ashley & Chip Dupiere, Ava Hirstius, Berthelot family, Beverly Emerick, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bill Boyd, Bob & Donna Martin, Brandon Butera, Brandon Mitchell, Brenda Scianna, Brian Connelly, Brian Roe, Bruce Cranmer, Bruce Necaie, Burnett family, Caleb Chauvin, Carl & Clare +, Carl & Courtney, Carmencita Baker, Casey Holfus, Caspian Smith, Cathy Smith, Celino family, Charles & Emily Piazza, Charlie Saale, Charlotte & John Johnson, Charlotte Connelly, Cheri Monic Hubbard, Cheryl Delaup, Christen Maddox, Christy Westbrook, Cindy Russell, Claudia Murphy, Cody Smith, Connelly family, Connie Jordan, Contes family, Cooper Dupiere, Dana Parker, Danny & Daren Reinhart, David & Meghan, David Otero +, Dawn Frommeyer, Deb Cranmer; Deb, Jim &

Jimmy Bourgeois, Debbie Lee, Dennis & Bonnie Bates, Derek Vest, Dian Walker, Diane Perkins, Dieckhaus family, Dolores Robertson, Dominic Potter, Don Eskine, Donna & Ken Kennedy, Donna Kay Scianna, Ed Traweek, Eleanor Lott & family, Eleanor Otero; Ellen, Clare & Austin Palmer, Eric Cranmer; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Ethan Connelly, Evelyn Sellers, Faye Monti, Felix & family, Frances Louis, Gaby Shinskie, Gail France, Gayle & Rex Probus, Gloria Duvieilh, Greeley, Gurule family, Haas family, Hank & Lois, Helen Centanni, Henry & Camille +, Jackie Garza, Janca family, Janeal McKee, Janette Gurule, Jason Fountain, Jeanne Baxter, Jessica, Jessie Abalos, Jillian Frommeyer, Jimmy Ferry, Joachim family, Joe Adams, Joe Newman, John Esher, John Harrison; John, James, Joseph & Michael ; Johnny 'JC' Coates, Jolene Joachim & family, Judy Gomila, Julie Celino, Julie Cranmer, Karen King, Kay Wingate, Kersanie family, Kevin & Hazel Ramond, Kevin Nicosia & family, Kevin Scraver, Kristen Istre Orndoff +, Laci Michelle, Laura F White, Laurie & Dave Stepro, Laurie Lusk, Liam Surbeck & family, Linda Villere, Liz Lirette, Lorraine Smith, Lou Samuels, Louis Bourgeois, Louis Smolensky, Lupi Heinz & family, Lydia LeBlanc Thibodeaux, Mac Piazza, Maddox James, Marcia Rheinarker, Marcy Morreale, Margie Schmitt, Marie Abshire, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Smith, Marino family, Marty Wright, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Gambino & family, Mary Beth, Mary Camille, Mary Clare, Mary Connolly, Mary Lirette, Mary Lou & Gene Ferry, Mary Patrick, Maryanne Pagano, Max Potier +, Micheal L, Mickey +, Mike Badinger, Mike Cunningham, Mike Maddox & family, Mike Patrick +, Monroe & Colson, My The Dang, Nikie & Ken Martin, Nona Mumme, Pam Brown, Pat Morris, Patty Steele, Paul, Peggy Parker, Potier family, Rachael Crocker, Rebekah Arrington, Reed & Terilyn Harrington, Robert & Bryn, Rose Anderson, Roxanne Colson, Roy & Ernie Hill +; Russel, Donna, Rusty & Lanie Bodin, Rusty & Gwen Price, Rusty & Mary Waldrep, Ruth Anne Ragusa, Sam Celino, Sammy Burch, Sammy Smith, Sara S Ford, Sarah & Val, Scott & Nicole, Shanna Connelly, Shannon Kelley; Shawn, Arden & Addie Quigley, Shirley Noonan, Shirley Piazza, Stella, Steve & Faith, Susan Otero, Tara Kane Stewart, Tara Vest, Terry Calhoun, Tim & Diane, Tom & Darlene Lundin, Tony Phillips, Traweek family, Vanessa Gambino, Verna Martinez +; Vivan & Eugene Piergalski family, Vivanne Pham, Werner & John +, William Hale, Xavier & Xander Harrington.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Church Office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents should also attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Paul Pitts, Jr. for more information (228) 216-0091.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (228) 342-4117/stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

**First
Friday**

**March 1st
following
8:30 AM
Mass until
12 Noon**

**Confessions
available**

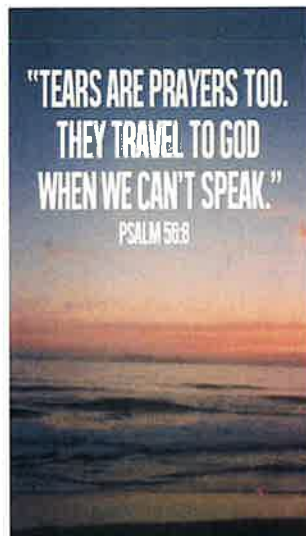


**We are still accepting blessed palms.
You may drop them off in the box
outside of the office.**

**St. Clare Grief Support Series
continues on Monday, 2/26 at
4:00 p.m. in the
St. Francis Classroom.**

We will meet weekly for a total of 9 sessions. February 26th marks session 5. Please share with anyone who needs or wants support on the often lonely journey of grief.

Points of contact are Sherry Ponder at 228-332-0256 or Suzan Cox at 601-209-6811.



The St. Vincent de Paul Office will be closed on Wednesday, February 28 due to understaffing.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with SdVP, please contact Jim Barrett at 228-342-4117 or stclaresvdp1@gmail.com.

Lenten Movie nights have begun!!

Saturday, February 24—**The Reluctant Saint**

Monday, February 26—**Restless Heart St. Augustine**

Saturday, March 2—**Joan of Arc**

Join us at 6:00 pm! Snacks to include popcorn, hotdogs, candy, chips and cold drinks will be available (donations accepted) each movie night.



**HAPPY
Birthday**

**Marilyn Ryan
Karen King
Dorothy Raboteaux
Billy App
Jerry Cox
Allan Murphey**



St. Joseph Altar



Preparation plans for St. Clare St. Joseph Altar are beginning. There are many opportunities to be part of making the altar beautiful. For example: helping bake cakes, decorating cakes, the initial setup of tables and table cloths, selling candles after Masses, cleanup after the closing of the altar, purchasing items like vegetables and fruit, even baking items at home and bringing them. If you are interested in volunteering in any way or need more information, please call or text Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.



St. Joseph Altar Candles will be sold at all Masses the weekends of March 2/3 and March 9/10. Candles will be \$5 a piece. All candles will be blessed on Tuesday, March 19th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. If you would like to help sell candles at any Mass please contact Suzan Cox: suzan713@gmail.com or call/text 601-209-6811.



COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES, PLEASE

Do you have a favorite Italian cookie recipe? The St. Joseph altar need Italian cookies to put in the "goodie" bags. Cookies should be small to fit in the bag. They do not need to be wrapped. If you would like to donate Italian cookies, please contact Suzan Cox: suzan713@gmail.com or call/text 601-209-6811.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 3+

February 25, 2024 • Mark 8:31-38

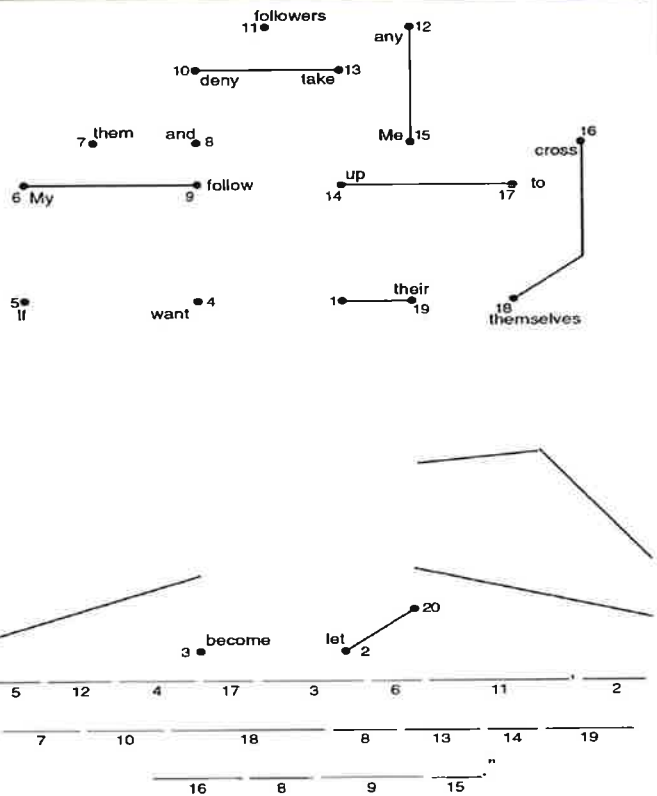
Jesus Tells What Is to Come

Jesus spoke plainly to His disciples. He told them that He would suffer many things.

Find these items in the picture below.



Connect the dots to find some words of Jesus.





Lenten
Dinners

LENT DINNER MENU-DRIVE THRU ONLY

St Clare Church-236 S Beach Blvd. -Waveland, MS

March 1, 2024-- 5 until 7:00pm

Plates- \$12- includes 1 Entrée, 2 Sides, Hushpuppies and Dessert

Entrees- Choose 1

Fried Catfish
Fried Shrimp
Mardi Gras Pasta
Seafood Gumbo

Sides- Choose 2

French Fries
Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Veggie Casserole

Seafood Gumbo \$7

* Hot Baked or Frozen Shrimp Stuffed Potato \$7

Crawfish Pies 3 for \$5



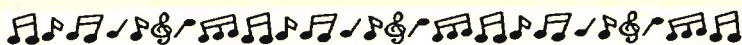
Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one.



Father Jacob-Matthew is giving families an opportunity to place the name of a loved on the Altar during the Easter Season. When you make a donation a marker will be placed in the flowers with your loved ones name will be placed on one of the potted hydrangea or lily. When the flowers are removed from the Altar you may take the flower home to plant. We will have a limited number of potted flowers. Envelopes will be available to place the name of your loved one and donation. Thank you!

Dear Church *family,*
It's time for a New Directory!

After much discussion, the new pictorial St. Clare Church directory will soon be a reality. While we are still confirming the dates for the photographer to come in, we want to be sure everyone has updated their family records. We are missing many telephone numbers and email addresses. Please complete the parishioner registration form whether you are new to the parish or have been here ‘forever.’ Registering as a St. Clare parishioner helps us to have an accurate count of the number of parishioners. The forms are available on the round table in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Parish Center. Drop in the designated box by the Church Office on the pew. Thank you!



Concert Series—Lenten Lessons & Reflections

Nativity BVM Cathedral Concert Series 2024 Lenten Lessons & Reflections—A Special Concert Service on Saturday, March 9th at 3:00 p.m. The Music and Fine Arts Ministry of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will present a special concert service of John Stainer’s the Crucifixion.

This program will present our Lord Jesus of Good Friday sharing his final “Words” or “Utterances/ Statements” as He is sacrificing himself upon the cross for us. This is a powerful, deeply moving, spiritual program that will prepare the listener for the events and celebrations of Holy Week. The presentation will be given by a massed choir comprised of the Choral Societies of “Mobile Vocal Arts” of Mobile, AL and “Gloria In Excelsis” of Biloxi, MS with soloists and a small chamber orchestral ensemble.

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October 28th - November 11th, 2024

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The cost of this Pilgrimage is \$5850 per person based on double occupancy.
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For more information contact Paula Spears: Iberianpeninsulatour@gmail.com
Website: caragrouptour.com/ipp-fr-dominic/

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Hello to the Faithful! You are invited to join me on an Iberian Peninsula Pilgrimage. We will travel to Spain, France and Portugal, journeying to some of the most sacred shrines and places on earth, such as Santarem where the Most Holy Miracle took place, the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes- celebrating the 166 years since the first apparition in 1858, and Fatima, celebrating the 107th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima with the "Miracle of the Sun"

We will also visit the beautiful sites of Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, visit the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia, tour the Benedictine Abby of Montserrat Monastery viewing the Magnificent Landscapes of Catalonia, Oviedo, Santiago de Compostela for the El Camino de Santiago, or the "Way of St. James Tour", Porto and Lisbon.



The price is \$5850 per person (double occupancy). This includes roundtrip air fare from New Orleans, hotels, and most meals. For more information email:

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"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment." - St. John Chrysostom

- ✦ Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ✦ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the chapel 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ✦ Adorers are needed for Wednesday.
- ✦ Contact Terry Callhoun at 228-671-8063.

The Wisdom of the Saints—365 Days of Inspiration

February 25—"You should be content to do as He wishes, for He is satisfied with far less than you owe Him." ~ Bl. Sebastian Valfre

February 26—"We must show love for those who do evil to us and pray for them. Nothing is dearer or more pleasing to God than this." ~ St. Bridget of Sweden

February 27—"Christian, remember your dignity!" ~ St. Pope Leo the Great

February 28—"Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you; all things are passing; God never changes." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

February 29—"Find happiness in making others happy." ~ St. Mary MacKillop

March 1—"Every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray." ~ St. Padre Pio

March 2—"We are born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more." ~ St. Joseph Cafasso

Children's Worship Bulletin
 Ages 3+ February 25, 2024 - Mark 8:31-34

Jesus Tells What Is to Come

Jesus spoke plainly to His disciples. He told them that He would suffer many things.

Find these items in the picture below.

EVERY LIFE
 cherished • chosen • sent

"You who are my messengers, in you I place my absolute trust."
 - St. John of Nepomuk

RESPECT LIFE
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Construct the cross to hold some words of Jesus.

If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their crosses and follow Me.

Saint

Of the Week

St. Agnes of Prague (Bohemia)

Aided the poor with humility

Feast Day: March 2

It is difficult to determine the date of birth of Agnes, the daughter of Bohemian King Premysl Ottocar I. It was probably 1200, but some writings mention 1205 or 1211. Through her mother, Ottocar's second wife Constance—daughter of Hungarian King Bela III—she was related to St. Elizabeth of Thuringia, the wife of Thuringian Landgrave Ludwig IV. She was also related to St. Hedwig of Silesia, a princess and later a nun in Trzebnica in Lower Silesia. Agnes received a basic education from “the daughter of St. Hedwig” according to her medieval biography. It is possible that she was brought up in the Trzebnica monastery. When she was just three years old, her father betrothed her to Boleslaus, son of Silesian Prince Henry I.

Agnes's father wanted to expand his political power through this marriage. However, her husband-to-be died very young and Agnes returned home. Later she learned writing and reading from Norbetine nuns in Doxan. From 1208 she stayed in Prague, at her parent's court. In 1220 a new political project was initiated in relation to her marriage. She was betrothed to Henry, the oldest son of German emperor Frederick. However, due to a political turnaround, the engagement was annulled. Yet the emperor himself, when his wife died, wanted to marry Agnes.

Life in a monastery

Agnes decided on a different way of life. She founded a Claretian nunnery in 1233 and entered it a year later. She corresponded with St. Clare, and strengthened other nuns in faith with her example and teaching. She died around 1282. She was canonized on November 12, 1989.



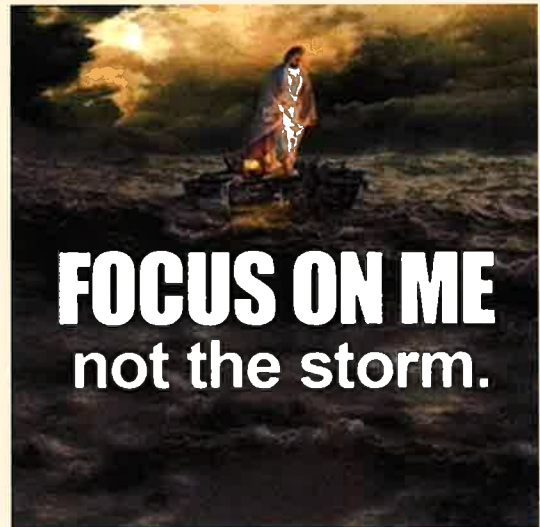
Prayer

All-powerful God,
Help us who celebrate the memory
of St. Agnes of Bohemia (Prague)
to turn away from selfishness,
greed, and pride, and to instead
embrace the suffering of others
with charity, generosity, and
humility. May the example of the
saints be our challenge to live
holier lives. Grant this through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.

Amen

YOU WERE NEVER
 CREATED TO LIVE
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 VICTORIOUS. AMEN

Thought for the week!!



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 Kingdom. Give them Peace in
 this life and the Joy of eternal
 life, when they enter your
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 through Christ our Lord, Amen

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Vespers & Benediction

- † Each Wednesday during Lent: Benediction, Adoration will begin at 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., & Solemn Vespers and will be followed by the regular 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Stations of the Cross

- † Stations of the Cross begin at 5:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Friday, March 1st
- ⇒ Friday, March 8th
- ⇒ Friday, March 15th
- ⇒ Friday, March 22nd

Holy Week

- † Monday, March 25, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass is the only day St. Clare will have a morning Mass.
- † Tuesday, March 26, 2024— Seder Meal in the Parish Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, March 27, 2024— Tenebrae Service in the Church beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- † Thursday, March 28, 2024— Holy Thursday Mass beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- † Friday, March 29, 2024— Good Friday
- ⇒ Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Reading of the Passion of Christ, Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service 5:00 p.m.

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Lenten Penance Services

- † Our Lady of the Gulf — March 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- † St. Charles Borromeo — March 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM (Adults) and
- † St. Charles Borromeo — March 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (Youth)
- † Our Mother of Mercy — March 5, 2024 (time to be announced)
- † Holy Family — March 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM
- † St. Matthew the Apostle — March 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- † St. Clare — March 18, 19, 21 & 22, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- † St. Ann (Lakeshore) — March 20, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- † Most Holy Trinity — March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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How do you offer a Mass for someone?

At Mass, we typically hear, "This Mass is being offered for the intentions of [someone]." What does this mean, and how do we offer a Mass for a friend or family member?

The Mass is the most powerful of all prayers, so it is a very effective way to pray for loved ones. Praying for loved ones through the Mass is an ancient tradition. While you can personally offer your prayers at Mass for a special intention, requesting that a priest say a Mass for your intention can be even more powerful because the priest himself has offered the Mass for that intention.

Requesting a Mass for your special intention is easier than you might think. It's often as simple as calling your local parish and putting in a request. There are also many religious orders and shrines with online Mass intention request forms which you can submit. It is customary to give a very small monetary gift when you request a Mass for a special intention. This money helps support the priest, parish facilities, or missions. In previous eras, for example, candles were expensive, and the monetary offering helped a poor priest buy those candles for saying your Mass.

You can offer a Mass for family members, friends, or any special intention, but Masses offered for the dead are particularly powerful. In fact, many souls have actually appeared to loved ones to ask for Masses to be said for them so that they will be released from Purgatory. Since the souls in Purgatory are no longer able to pray for themselves, they rely on the prayers and good works of those still on earth to help them enter heaven sooner. Jesus loves them so much that He will often release a soul sooner when such prayers as the Mass are offered.

With the Mass, we are invited to participate in the glories of Heaven. Although having a Mass offered for your intentions is powerful, the gift of the Mass alone is powerful and transformative.

How to offer a Mass for someone at St. Clare.

- ◇ The book for Mass intentions is kept in the Church Office.
- ◇ The recommended donation amount is \$10.00.
- ◇ Mass intentions may be made for those living and deceased.
- ◇ Individual Mass times are reserved to one person or family or group/organization.
- ◇ Cards are available to be mailed to loved ones to inform them of the upcoming Mass.
- ◇ Mass intention request cards are available to pick up in the Gift Shop to collect information about the Mass and include a donation.
- ◇ You may also contact the Church Office to request a Mass and payment may be made online through our parish website.