

July 7, 2024 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am content with weaknesses."



Is Paul joking? Who would be content with weakness? Most of us would want to be strong and in charge, at the top of our game. In fact, we are more likely to minimize or disguise our limitations or difficulties. So why would Paul be happy not only with weakness but also with "insults, hardships, persecution, and constraints" (2 Corinthians 12:10)?

Because all of his suffering, including the "thorn in the flesh" that he describes in today's second reading (2 Corinthians 12:7), had taught Paul a lesson, When he was at his weakest, humanly speaking, God's strength flowed through him the most. When he stopped relying on his own strength and trusting in his own gifts, the Lord's power dwelt within him more perfectly.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux learned a similar lesson. Painfully aware of her own "littleness" and inability to "climb the stairs to holiness," she found an elevator—the arms of her heavenly Father. Just as a small child relies on her father to lift her and carry her up the stairs, so Thérèse came to trust and rejoice in her heavenly Father's strength to carry her in her weakness.

There is a freedom that comes with recognizing our limitations and embracing this kind of childlike dependence on God. The more we honestly acknowledge our weakness, the more room we make for God's strength to grow in us. We realize that there's only so much we can do ourselves. But we also realize that as soon as we stop thinking everything depends on us, God will show us what he can do.

So let's embrace our "littleness." Let's lean into our weakness and rely on God's strength so that we can reveal his power more and more clearly.

~ The Word Among Us

## St. Clare Catholic Church

236 S. Beach Boulevard ~ Waveland, MS 39576

#### Mass and Confession times:

Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. a

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Confession: Saturday at 3:00—3:45 p.m.

or by appointment.

Pastor: Rev. Charles Arthur

Deacon: Michael 'Mike' Saxer

Director of Religious Education: Suzan Cox

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

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#### **Our Mission:**

To live a Gospel way of life

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

#### Please pray for healing

Abby Theriot, Alice Richardson, AJ Martin, Anderson Toles, Angelle Ambrose, Angie Pierson, Annette Haas, Arden & Addie Quigley, Ava Hirstius, Beverly Emerick, Bill Garvey, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bob & Donna Martin, Brandon Bourgeois, Brandon Butera, Brenda Toter, Bruce Cranmer & family, Bruce Necaise, Bruce Young, Calvin Wood, Catherine & Ella, Celeste Carter, Chad Williams, Chandler Piazza, Charles Biesecker, Charlotte & John Johnson, Chaz Piazza, Cherie Carlson, Christy Westbrook, Chuck Tucker, Cindy Russell, Cydney Bourgeois, Dan & Barbara Squillante, Darlene & Tom Lundin, Darnell Cuevas, David Garcia, Deacon Chuck LeBlanc, Deb & Don Shinskie, Deb Cranmer, Debbie Lee, Deidrich family, Diane Perkins, Dick Hall, Dot Kersanac, Doug & Sandee Scott, Edward Besse, Edward Harrison, Elaine Favre, Eleanor Lott & family, Elise Cunningham, Ellen & Claire Palmer, Elyssa Favre, Emily Piazza, Eric Cranmer, Erica Palmer, Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Faye Monti, Ferron Courteaux, Fr. Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM, Fr. Joseph Dang, Gail France, Garrett Bourgeois, Gerard W Frommeyer, Gloria Duncan Mays, Gloria Duvieilh, Gwen & Rusty Price, Hope Reos, Howard Woods, Janeal McKee, Janet Palmer, Jean Dubisson, Jeanne Baxter, Jimmy Ferry, Joe L Powell +, Joey Luttrel, Johanna Lae, John Cranmer & family; John, James, Joseph & Michael, Joelen Joachim & family, Judy Gomila, Judy Yarborough, Karen Bosunmier, Katheleen Sammons, Kathleen Westbrook, Kathryn Manning, Kay Wingate, Kenny & Sharon Hebert, Kevin & Hazel Ramond, Laura F White, Laurie & Dave Stepro, Laurie Lusk, Layla Harrison; Linda, Paul & Domininc Pitts, Loretta Hunter, Lori McDowell, Lou Samuels, Louis Bourgeois, Louis Smolensky, Lynn & Cookie Naguin, Maconnelly Piazza, Marcia Rheinarcker, Margie & Brian Schmitt, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marylin Smith, Marnie Stant, Martha & Ken Conrad, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Gambino & family, Mary Lou & Gene Ferry, Michael Hunter, Michelle Breckley, Michelle Rhine, Michelle Harrison, Mike Fitzgerald, Miller Piazza, Msgr. McGough, Nancy O'Bryant, Nick Carlson, Nikie & Ken Martin, Nona Mumme, Pam Brown, Pat Cuevas & family, Payton Piazza, Ramey Simpson +, Rebekah Arrington, Ricky Moore, Rusty & Mary Waldrep, Ruth Anne Ragusa, Sara S Ford, Scott Fayard, Scott Peterson, Sharon Beren, Sherrie Fuller, Sofia Sabbatini, Steve Carlson, Steve Chatry, Susan Marino Kane, Tanya Walker, Tara Stewart, Terilyn Harrington, Toby Carlson, Tom Worrel, Tony DeMichelle, Wayne Shinskie, Xander Harrington, Xavier Harrington, Zoey Reos.



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



Monday, July 8	8:30 a.m.	Henry & Bea Mestayer +
Tuesday, July 9	8:30 a.m.	Billy Monti, Sr. +
Wednesday, July 10	6:00 p.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +
Thursday, July 11	8:30 a.m.	Deb, Jim & Jimmy Bourgeois (SP)
Friday July 12	8:30 a.m.	Al Arnold +
Saturday, July 13	4:00 p.m.	Eunice Serio +
Sunday, July 14	8:30 a.m.	Henry & Bea Mestayer +
	11:00 a.m.	Sick of the Parish
	5:30 p.m.	Erwin Laviolette +

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July 7	Pope Francis
July 8	Father Philip J. Audet
July 9	Father Mike Austin
July 10	Fathers Emmanuel Awe SSJ & Sergio Balderas
July 11	Father Hyginus Boboh SSJ
July 12	Father Tommy Conway
July 13	Father Ruben Covos









#### **VBS 2024 - VOLUNTEERS**

VBS Leads - Angela Ingram, Cathy Allain

#### STATION LEADERS

Snack - Janet Saxer, Brenda Scianna, & Page Forest

Bible Stories - Claudia Murphy

Games - Karen & Lenny Rupp, Zoey Bever , Hunter Bilotta, Nicky Hebert,

**Evan Peterson** 

Craft - Tammy Garber, Sabrina Moore, Clare Chilimigras

Reflection - Terry Calhoun, Donna Bodin

Mission - Suzan Cox, Nancy Cornelius, Ayden Boushie

Decorations - Dianne Pagano, Hillary Alexander

Assistants & Runners - Michelle Fleming, Desi Stanovich

Preschool - Marcia Longo, Abby Zinc, Ivy Holmes

#### **CREW LEADERS**

- A Mary Waldrep, Grace Genna, Ella Genna
- B Ginny Littlefield, Addison Gartman
- C Ursula Penton, Olivia Gartman
- D Paula Brewington
- E Kim McCloskey, Kelbie Pitre, Norah Spell
- F Reagan Murphy, Leah Vollenweilder, Krissi Pavolini
- G Abigail Lawler, Bella Johnson
- H Kate Garcia, Lily Garcia
- I Asia Nguyen, Camryn Peterson
- J Sophia Anderson, Addison Cunningham, Taylor Green
- K Abby Coon, Ta'Miya Alexander
- L Beth Kessel, Emma Ingram Bernadelte Hoffman, Addison Moore

St. Clare VBS is free due to the generous ministries of the church - <u>The Ladies Auxiliary, Altar Society, and Knights of Columbus</u>, along with the many donations for crafts and snacks from our <u>families and parishioners</u>.

Thank you to Silver Slipper for supplying water & Popcorn Plus for their help with our popcorn treat.

HUGE THANK YOU to St. Clare's Cotton Candy King, Bill Kane, for making cotton candy for all of our kids!





OVER
50\*S

- Luncheon Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Yun Long Buffet.
- BUNCO—Tuesday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Clare.
- Sunset at the Waveland Lighthouse, Sunday, July 28 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a chair and drink!



### THANK

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YOU .....

Your generosity made a difference

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Clare Parish extends a big thank you to our VBS children/parents for your generosity and donations! You truly make it possible to serve our visiting neighbors and the inmates at the Hancock County Adult Detention Center.

## St. Clare Altar Society July meeting \*\*date change\*\*

The next meeting of the Altar Society will be held on Tuesday, July 9th. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Membership fee is \$5.00 annually, all are welcome to ioin us!

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!

Last week's collection was: Regular Offertory: \$3,861.00

St. Clare SVdP 5th Sunday

\$638.00



Joey Celino, Ed Madona, Wayne Allain, Barbara Landry, Maeson Dorn, Bill Kane



**COUNCIL 11995 & LADIES AUXILIARY** 

#### **RUMMAGE SALE**

FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY
SEP 20, 21 & 22 ~ 8 AM - 2 PM

# MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH 9062 KILN DELISLE ROAD

St. Clare Parish will **not** host a parish rummage sale this year. If you have items to donate, please contact Lou Ann Heim at Most Holy Trinity, 334-207-3371 to coordinate a drop-off or pick-up day and time.



Applications are available on biloxicursillo.org

The Cursillo Movement of South MS invites you to attend the next Women's Arise!

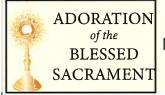
Arise is designed for groups of people who would like to receive additional information about the Catholic faith in a short period of time (one weekend):

\*Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics
\*Catholics who have been away from the church for a while
or those needing a spiritual boost
\*Those without a current church/religion who are "searching"
for a new one or a more meaningful faith experience
\*Or those taking instruction in the Catholic faith,

Arise is for you!

Spacing is limited, so please register early,

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#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10—3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel Wednesday—10:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the Church **Adorers needed** 

### 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 Terry Calhoun at (228) 671-8063. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:** Meetings will resume in August or September: 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 the Charles Walden for more information (985) 285-2997.

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.

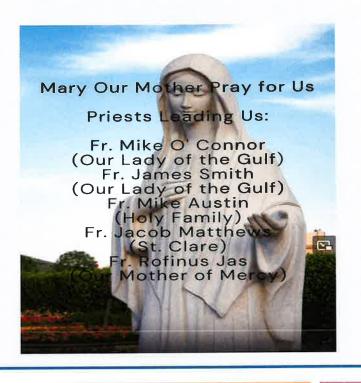
**OVER 50'S GROUP:** All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

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.

### Rosary—Mary Our Mother Pray For Us A Rosary Led by Five Priests from the Diocese of Biloxi, MS

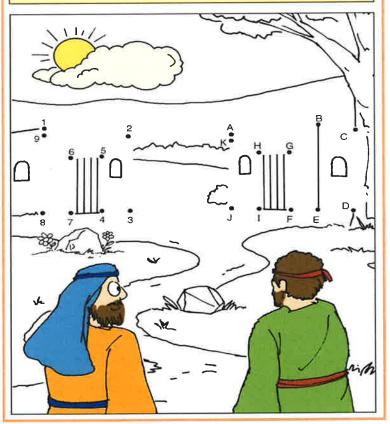
[The link is available on YouTube. Please use the full title shown above to access the one and a half hour meditation and music of Cody Roth and the Pastors listed below.]

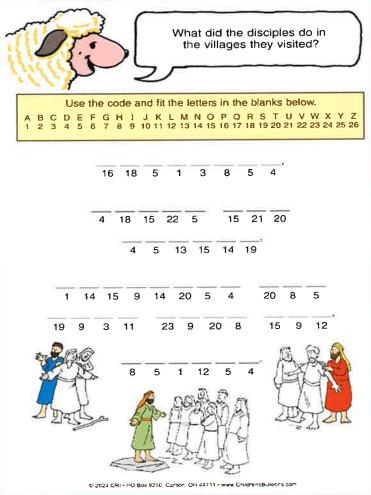




Jesus said, "Stay in the village houses."

Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F G H I J K





## Saint

### Of the Week

### St. Medard

Patron of Hurricanes and bad weather

Born around 470 in the town of Salency in the northern French province of Picardy, Médard was the son of a wealthy Frankish lord. His mother was of Gallo-Roman descent. Médard was probably well educated and literate. However, he does not seem to have been drawn to the priesthood in his youth. He moved to the nearby Saint-Quentin and lived a conventional life.

t is likely that Médard had the responsibility of overseeing agricultural production, including vineyards, on lands owned by his family. However, that all changed when Médard turned 33. Deciding to become a priest, he embarked on preaching and missionary work. Médard spent a number of years preaching around the countryside and built up a reputation as a persuasive evangelist.

#### An Energetic Leader

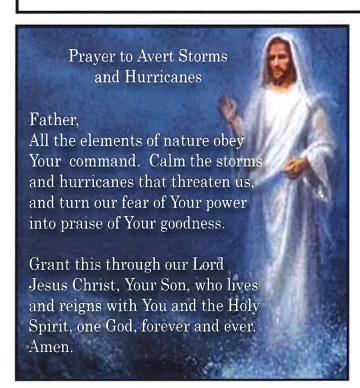
any people of northern France were pagans who worshiped either Roman gods or local Frankish gods and spirits, so Médard was chosen as Bishop of Saint-Quentin in the 520s.

oon after his consecration, Médard faced the wrath of the Frankish King Clotaire I for sheltering his wife,



Radegund. The queen had gone to Médard to flee Clotaire after he murdered her brother. She sought to become deaconess of a monastery in Poitiers, a town in Picardy, Médard helped her.

After Médard died in 560, he became the subject of many legends. According to one, he is credited with power over the weather. In Picardy, it is said that whatever the weather on his feast day will determine the weather for 40 days to come.







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