

November 3, 2024 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart."



If igher-end cameras have a setting called "portrait mode," which focuses only on the face of the individual you are trying to capture while blurring out everything in the background. In today's gospel, Jesus congratulates a scribe who has come to see God in this way. The scribe understands that *loving* God and his people is the most important thing he can do. Everything else is background—not erased, of course, but secondary when compared to the main picture!

You can probably recall times when you have lost your focus on the Lord. Maybe your gaze was fixed on a new car or some other pricey object you wanted to buy. Perhaps duties and deadlines pulled your vision away. Or maybe there have been times when you approached your spiritual life as routine and focused on secondary tasks and needs instead. This doesn't usually happen all at once, and sometimes we aren't even aware that it has happened until some challenge wakes us up to our predicament.

So how can we keep our focus on the Lord as this scribe did? How can we make sure that we are placing a priority on loving him? We can remember to dedicate even the ordinary parts of our days to the Lord. We can make a morning offering to him every day when we wake up and try lifting up some spontaneous prayers at different times during the day. We can invite the Lord into a stressful meeting, look for him in our fellow commuters, or pause to acknowledge the Holy Spirit at the kitchen sink.

Loving God with all our hearts doesn't have to be an intense, all-day prayer marathon. Sometimes all it takes is a glance toward heaven to refocus our hearts on him.

The more you do this, the more you'll find your preoccupations and worries fading into the background—and Jesus, your loving Savior, filling your heart and your vision!

~ 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. and 5:30 p.m. Confession: Saturday at 3:00–3:45 p.m.

or by appointment.

The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to each

weekend Mass.

#### Pastor: Fr. Charles Arthur

Deacon: Michael 'Mike' Saxer

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#### **Our Mission:**

To live a Gospel way of life

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# let us pray.

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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, November 4	8:30 a.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +		
Tuesday, November 5	8:30 a.m.	Bedouin family +		
Wednesday, November 6	6:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory		
Thursday, November 7	8:30 a.m.	George Piazza, Jr. +		
Friday November 8	8:30 a.m.	Terry & John Calhoun (SP)		
Saturday, November 9	4:00 p.m.	Clark Garcia (SP)		
Sunday, November 10	8:30 a.m.	Brandon Butera +		
	11:00 a.m.	Al Arnold +		
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish		

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS					
November 3	Pope Francis				
November 4	Father Satish Adhav				
November 5	Father Vincent O Ajayi				
November 6	Father Godfrey Andoh				
November 7	Father Charles Arthur				
November 8	Father Philip J Audet				
November 9	Father Mike Austin				



### For the week of October 21—October 27, 2024

#### Monday 11/4/24

- Grief Support 4:00 p.m. St. Clare/Classroom 4
- 33 Days to Morning Glory at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

#### Tuesday 11/5/24

• Election Day!!! Exercise your right to vote!!

#### Wednesday 11/6/24

- Exposition and Eucharistic Adoration in the Church until 5:00 p.m.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society 10—1:00 p.m. open to meet with neighbors.
- Confirmation Class at 6:45 p.m.

#### Thursday 11/7/24

Cleaning in the Church from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
 All volunteers are welcome to come lend a helping hand!

#### Friday 11/8/24

Divine Mercy Cenacle meets at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Saturday 11/9/24**

#### Sunday 11/10/2024

CCD 9:45 until 10:45 a.m.

It is not too late to return the All Souls envelopes to have your loved ones included in the prayers for all souls during the month of November!





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Mass Attendance -	<b>Adults</b>	Children
Saturday, 10/26/2024 at 4:00 p.m.	<b>—</b> 83	9
Sunday, 10/27/2024 at 8:30 a.m.—	100	9
10/27/2024at 11:00 a.m.–	- 124	6
10/27/2024 at 5:30 p.m.—	38	9
Total—	340	+ 30 = 370

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was:
Regular Offertory:
\$3,011.00

#### **Upcoming second collection:**

11/2 &3 St. Clare Building Fund

11/8 & 9 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:** Meetings are held on Fridays beginning at 10:00 a.m., but will not meet on First Fridays. : 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 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:

(stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry. In-person interviews Wednesday (only) 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.

Did you know St. Clare is ...?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?



#### News & upcoming events!

- Bake Sale to be held just in time for Thanksgiving over the weekend of November 23 & 24th
- ◆ They need volunteers who would like to participate in the a bake day during the week of November 18—22.
- Those who prefer to bake at home, please consider preparing extra goodies to donate to the Altar Society for this sale.
- The next Altar Society Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.
- Membership is open all year and open to women and men. The membership fee is \$5.00 annually.



Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Begins: November 4th and continues through Consecration Day on December 9th, Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Contact persons are Terry Calhoun —228-671-8063 terrylcalhoun858@gmail.com or

> Susan Marino Kane— 504-401-4266



# The Ladies Auxiliary raffle sales continue through Sunday, December 1st!

They are raffling a 19 piece hand-carved olive wood "mountain landscape" creche (Nativity scene).

The creche is from the Holy Land and is valued at \$5,000.00.

The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

The cost per ticket is \$10.00 or 6 tickets for \$50.00.

A table will be set up in the hallway during weekend Masses, or you may contact a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for your tickets.

#### Thank you for your support!!

The Nativity scene was donated by Fr. Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM to the Ladies Auxiliary for a raffle fundraiser. The Ladies Auxiliary supports many missions within St. Clare, as well as in the community.

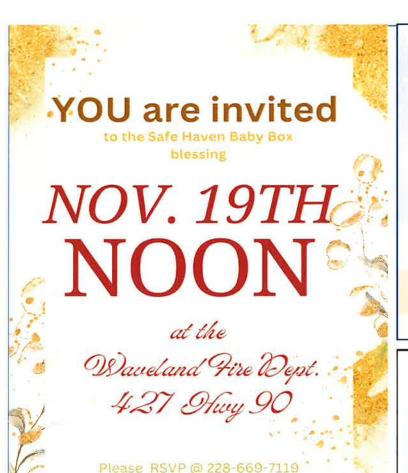


## Celebrating the Altar Servers with a pizza

party!! We gathered on Saturday, October 26 for pizza and pictures. If you would like to be an altar server, please contact Charles Walden, Suzan Cox or Fr. Charles.







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Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your ...."



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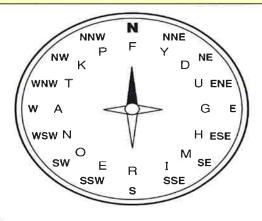


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The man agreed with Jesus' answer. When Jesus saw that the man had answered wisely, how did Jesus reply?

Use this compass code to fill in the blanks.



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# The season of Advent

# is less than one month away!

A few weeks ago we held a ministry fair. We hope you took time to visit the tables and learn about the different ministries representatives. As we get closer to Advent the amount of volunteers needed to 'prepare the way' increases. Any amount of time you can give will be very helpful and welcomed.

The St. Clare Gift Shop is a very busy shopping spot, but not just on the weekends. During the week Deb Bourgeois spends time organizing, pricing new items, bring out seasonal items and more. If you have time to help her during the week or could give 15 minutes before or after the weekend Masses, please call her at 985-285-1625.

Every year we host Angel Trees for children and senior citizens. The trees will be put up and will need to have the ornaments hung by the weekend of November 23 & 24th. If you are available to help Michelle Fleming with this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 228-467-9275 or send her an email to Michelle@stclare-catholic.com.

Cleaning windows, dusting, vacuuming the pews and rugs and much more are just some of the items on the cleaning list. If you cannot be here on a Thursday, please contact the Parish Office to coordinate another day to do what you can.

We always have lots of visitors during the weekdays and weekends as we get closer to the holiday season. Having a welcoming and clean place of worship is something we strive for daily.

Thank you for prayerfully considering being part of one of these ministries.



A Healing Mass Service will be held on Friday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church 216 Saucier Avenue Pass Christian, MS. 39571

Please bring your friends and those who need special prayers of healing.

#### **Seven Sisters Apostolate**

Praying the Holy Hour

Offer this hour of solely for the intentions of the priest. Pray for the priest's deepening devotion to Mary. Resolve to honor the commitment to a Holy Hour.

Amy Lynch is the point of contact for this ministry.

amylynch5180@att.net or 228-254-0313

#### What is the "Church Suffering?"

In purgatory, our brothers and sisters in Christ prepare to be wholly united with God and His saints.

Right now in heaven, there is a banquet filled with souls who have reached the beatific vision. These saints are those members of the Body of Christ who have been made perfect and now enjoy complete communion with God. We call this part of the Communion of Saints the *Church Triumphant*, since they have joined Christ in His triumph over sin and death.

Those of us living, who have not yet conquered death and still suffer temptation and decay, are not in complete communion with God and the saints. However, God in His goodness still invites us into the Body of Christ on earth through the Holy Catholic Church. As members of His earthly Church, we must still suffer death and decay, undergo temptation, and fight the spiritual battle for our souls. This is why the Holy Catholic Church on earth is called the *Church Militant*.

There are other souls, those who have left earth but are not yet in a state of total communion with God. These souls are members of the *Church Suffering* in purgatory. As the Catechism states:—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1030

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are

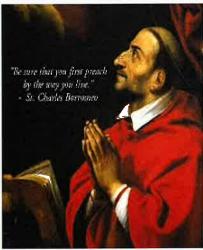
indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

The Church gives the name *purgatory* to this final purification of the elect. Because these holy souls in purgatory are separated from God, they feel a deep pain of longing for Him. However, this pain is bearable because it is through it that holy souls will enter into the banquet of heaven. As purgatory is the necessary reality for certain souls to enter heaven, it is still a holy place and is referred to as being adjacent to heaven. Since the souls in purgatory will one day be united to God and the Church Triumphant, they are still members of the Holy Church. Hence, these holy souls are referred to as the Church Suffering.

During November, we honor the Church Suffering and dedicate the month to their honor. It's a particularly fruitful and appropriate time to offer all we can as remedies for these precious souls. As we understand the very real possibility of one day experiencing purgatory ourselves, let us be greatly attentive to the needs of the holy souls in purgatory and cultivate a devotion to them.

# Saint

#### Of the Week



#### St. Charles Borromeo

Patron of Catechumens, Bishops, Catechists and stomach ailments Feast Day: November 4

On October 2, 1538, Charles Borromeo was born to a noble family in the castle at Arona on Lake Maggiore in northern Italy. Charles received his basic education from the Benedictines and went on to earn a doctorate in civil and canon law in 1559. That same year, his uncle became Pope Pius IV.

The new Pope made 22-year-old Charles a cardinal, although he was not yet a priest, as well as administrator of the archdiocese of Milan. However, before Charles could go to Milan, he was also given several other Church positions, including one that made him, in effect, the Pope's secretary of state. Because of his numerous responsibilities, Charles was forced to let auxiliaries run the Milan

archdiocese, which covered much of Italy and most of Switzerland.

#### The Council of Trent

Charles was the force behind the Council of Trent's final session in 1562, and he personally drafted the council's catechism. Finally, in 1563, he was ordained a priest and bishop.

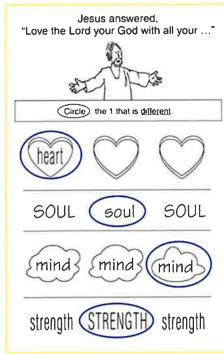
After Pope Pius IV died in 1566, Charles went to Milan to initiate the Council of Trent's reforms in his archdiocese, where he founded seminaries that became models for others. He also set up a confraternity of Christian Doctrine through which thousands of catechists taught children in Sunday schools.

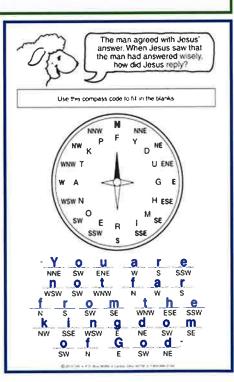
#### The Council of Trent

Charles traveled throughout his archdiocese, teaching and preaching—despite a speech impediment. In tumultuous times riddled with the devastating effects of famine and plague, he saw to it that the people were fed and cared for at whatever cost, ignoring the mounting serious debts. But Charles wore himself out with work and died in 1584 at the age of 46.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to intercede on our behalf to your Son, Jesus, to protect all who are in danger of hurricanes and other destructive weather. May His calming powers keep us safe and alert through this Hurricane season. Let us pray to the Lord.











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#### God Our Father,

Watch over our priests,
brothers, sisters & deacons who
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this life and the Joy of eternal
life, when they enter your
Heavenly Home. We ask this
through Christ our Lord, Amen

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