

December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

"I will raise up for David a just shoot."



appy Advent! This season of waiting and preparation is just what we need to get ready to welcome the Lord at Christmas. Yet Advent can so quickly become filled with parties, gift buying, and card writing, as well as apprehension or fears concerning difficult family situations. So how can we better embrace this season and the grace God has in store for us? Today's first reading gives us a beautiful image that can help us: "a just shoot" rising up to give us new life (Jeremiah 33:15).

Jesus, the true "just shoot," wants to help us embrace a sense of peaceful waiting and joyful expectation in the midst of all the busyness and crowds. As we set aside time to be with him, he can help us lift our eyes to the heavens and ponder the star that is approaching Bethlehem and the empty manger that is waiting for the Savior.

He can also help us "prepare the way of the Lord" in our hearts (Luke 4:1) as we consider the ways in which our lives have become cluttered with self-centeredness or anger or pride. Jesus, the "just shoot," can give us the grace to see our sins and our anxieties more clearly and to bring them to him for forgiveness and healing.

If you're feeling the weight of the expectations and perhaps the tensions of the coming weeks, you're not alone. Say yet to God's invitation—to the disarming, gentle, "just shoot" that can bring you new life. Say yes to the One who longs to give you rest in the midst of the pressures in your life.

This Advent, commit yourself to trusting in Jesus, the "just shoot." Let him meet you where you are, lead you to deeper surrender, and make you ready to receive his presence at Christmas!

~ 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.

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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 *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor

*Simply

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, December 2	8:30 a.m.	Madonna Boos +		
Tuesday, December 3	8:30 a.m.	Benton & Persis Williams +		
Wednesday, December 4	6:00 p.m.	Alan Noonan +		
Thursday, December 5	8:30 a.m.	Claire & Jeff Hansell (SP)		
Friday December 6	8:30 a.m.	Robert Higdon Colman, Jr. +		
Saturday, December 7	4:00 p.m.	Irene C Thibodeaux +		
Sunday, December 8	8:30 a.m.	Brandon Butera +		
	11:00 a.m.	Al Arnold +		
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish		

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS					
December 1	Fr. Joseph Mensah—Welcome				
December 2	Fathers Paddy Mockler & Everardo Mora-Tores				
December 3	Father Braxton Necaise				
December 4	Fathers Cuddy O'Connell & Mike O'Connor				
December 5	Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Martínez Patiño				
December 6	Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman III				
December 7	Pray for an increaser in vocations				



For the week of December 2—December 8, 2024

Monday 12/2/24

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

Tuesday 12/3/24

 Painting class—"The First Noel" for those who registered in advance. Please bring a snack to share. Class begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Wednesday 12/4/24

- 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 and OCIA classes resume at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 12/5/24

Cleaning the church and spaces we use regularly.
 Please consider volunteering for an hour or two! We begin following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Friday 12/6/24

 First Friday Adoration beginning after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12:00 Noon. Fr. Charles will be available to hear confessions.

Saturday 12/7/24

 Sunday 12/8/2024—CCD Classes resume at 9:45 a.m.

Happy Birthday!

Eugene Piergalski
Donna Estopinal
Bob Scheuermann
Genara Augilar
Cristina Rupp
Janis Vezzoso

Mass Attendance -	Adults	I Children
Saturday, 11/16/2024 at 4:00 p.m.	— 75	8
Sunday, 11/17/2024 at 8:30 a.m.—	98	21
11/17/2024at 11:00 a.m	- 77	5
11/17/2024 at 5:30 p.m	- 35	2
Total—	285	+ 36 = 321

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was: Regular Offertory: \$2,907.00

St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy \$482.00

Upcoming second collection: 12/7 & 12/8—Retired Religious

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?



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**Monday, December 9, 2024 -- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary(Moved from Sunday, December 8, 2024)

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

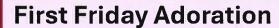
Mass time for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Clare will be Monday, December 9th at 8:30 a.m.





Santa & Mrs. Claus are coming to St. Clare!! Visits and photo opportunity

times are following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 8th.



December 6, 2024 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12:00 noon

Fr. Charles will be available to hear confessions.





The Angels have arrived! When you adopt an angel, please write your name and a good way to contact you on the sign-up sheet on the oval table. Note the unwrapped gifts Children Angels are to be returned to the Hancock Resource Center by December 4th.

Once again we have adopted the Hancock Senior Center patrons and Notre Dame Senior Apartment residents. The Senior Angel gifts should be wrapped and returned to St. Clare Parish Center by Friday, December 13th 3:00 p.m.

We are starting a new tradition this year. If you would like to make Christmas brighter for families in Fr. Charles' home country of Ghana, please remove an envelope and make a monetary donation to be sent to St. Stephen's Parish Mission Churches in the Central Region of Ghana.

PICK UP **DROP OFF ZONE ONLY**

NO

We must ask that drivers please do not block the driveway under the church. We understand there is a need to drop off parishioners closer to the elevator due to mobility restrictions. Please move PARKING vehicles to another parking location to allow others to

safely enter and exit the driveway area following drop off and pick up. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this request.

SiCk and you visited -Matthew 25:36

Do you know someone in need of home visits for the Sacraments of Confession and/or Communion?

Please be in contact with Charles Walden at 985-285-2997.

st. Clare Youth Ministry

The next one-hour meeting of the St. Clare Youth Ministry will be held Sunday, December 15th from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. We are thankful for those who have come to the meetings! Also we are happy to announce the number of youth increased at our second meeting!! At the close of our meetings we plan for the future. Some of our plans include a visit to Dunbar Village Nursing Home and a youth party to kick-off the Mardi Gras Season. If you are interested in attending, volunteering, planning or helping in some way, please contact the Parish Office at 228-467-9275 or stop by during office hours of 10-3:00 p.m.

Please keep this vital ministry in your prayers as we work to build the future of St. Clare Catholic Church. This one hour gatherings will be packed with scriptural learning, fun, and friendly competition. All 6th through 12th grade students are invited to join us in the Parish Center. Information about future events at St. Clare and throughout the Diocese will be provided to all in attendance. Contact the Parish Office at 228-467-9275 or by email, stclarecatholic@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King and modern day Superheroes, how are these two similar?



Fr. Charles visits with our youth to talk about the miracles of Jesus. Also, how we are challenged by Jesus to help our neighbors.





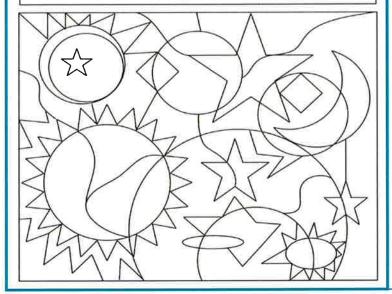
Ages 3+

December 1, 2024 • Luke 21:25-36

Jesus Speaks about the Future

Jesus said that near the end there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars.

Find and shade in ODAAA.





Find important words below that were spoken by Jesus.

First, in each line, unscramble 5 of the 6 letters to answer the definition.

Then, write the one letter that remains on the line below.

1	Opposite of old	OYNUGB	
•	Opposite of old	CLUOED	
2	Holds rain in the sky		
3	Strength and might	POWRAE	·
4	The Son of God	EUJSLS	
5	Power	LRYGOW	
6	Fabric	ATLOCH	
7	Furniture to sit at	BAELYT	
8	Food made from grain	ESABRD	
9	Quench your thirst	IRKDNO	
10	Furniture to sit on	CNRHIA	
11	Currency	YONTEM	
12	Hues, shade, dye	OOLRHC	
13	Breezy	IDEYNW	-
14	Glow	WHISEN	
15	The Holy Book	IELBBA	
16	Give to others	RHTASE	-
17	Shine in the night sky	TCSSRA	
18	A means of travel in desert	MAELHC	
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St. Clare Catholic Church

Invites you to a

One-day Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 14, 2024 Reginning at 10:00 a.m.



Fr. Charles Arthur, Pastor, at St. Clare, will lead us in a day of prayer time, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, a talk and reflection time. Lunch will be provided; therefore, we encourage everyone to register with us so we can have an accurate count of those planning to attend. The retreat will close around 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to stay and join us for the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Registration options: sign-up sheet in the Church hallway, send an email to Michelle@SiClare-Catholic.com or call 228-467-9275. Please include the name and contact information for all attendees.

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The Over 50's Group is open to all who are ages 50 and above! They invite you join them for their monthly activities.

December

- Sunday, December 1st the group meets in the Parish Center at 1:00 p.m. to play

 Left, Right or Center. You will need to bring

 \$5.00 in quarters to play.
 - Wednesday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m.
 Lunch at Yun Long Buffet.
 - Tuesday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m.
 Instead of BUNCO, they will have a Christmas
 Party and play a different game. Please bring a
 \$10.00 gift suitable for a man or woman and a
 snack to share. To play Left, Right or Center
 you will need to bring \$5.00 in quarters.

Janis Vezzoso is the contact person 228-324-8715 for the Over 50's Group.



ST. CLARE PARISH

BLOOD DRIVE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024 HOURS: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM LOCATION: PARISH HALL 236 S. BEACH BLVD., WAVELAND, MS 39576



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WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED-WINTER DRIVE

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based inilitative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any women who finds horself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources sha needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian Ifiendship and ongoing support.

We here at St. Clare have helped many mome with different needs from resources to dispers, formula, baby clothing and transportation.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference," Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

I am reaching out on behalf of Walking with Moms in Need—A Pro-Life Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. We have recently begun our winter donation campaign (see below). Our Thanksgiving flyer has been shared online and with the Gulf Pine Catholic as of last week. Please, contact Linda Walden, OFS at 228.304.2305.

Thank you for your generosity, and God Bless!



Saint

Of the Week



St. Francis Xavier
Patron of Missions
Feast Day: December 3

The youngest of a large family, Francis was born in a castle in Navarre, Spain, in 1506. At 18, he went to college in Paris, where he met Ignatius Loyola and joined Ignatius's new order, the Society of Jesus. Soon Francis was sailing to the East Indies as the first Jesuit missionary.

The dangerous voyage took 13 months. When Francis arrived in India, he was shocked at the brutality of the Portuguese Christians

toward the natives. He started preaching to the lower caste (class) Indians, ministering to the sick and conducting worship services for lepers. At the end of each day, he rang a bell to gather children for a catechism lesson. He even wrote "catchy" tunes as an easy way to learn the Christian truths, and these were sung by people everywhere.

A Tireless Worker

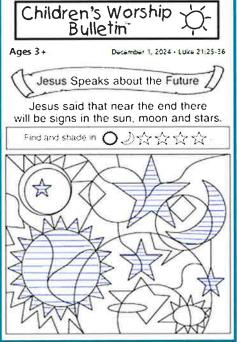
For 10 years, Francis traveled all over the East, including Japan, sleeping on the ground in huts and eating only rice and water. He performed many miracles, such as healing the sick, and his gentle nature won over people. Wherever Francis went, he created Christian communities. In fact, he baptized so many thousands of people that at the end of some days he could barely lift his arms. He worked during the day but happily spent even more time in prayer every nights.

So Little Time

Francis never gave up on his mission to bring Christianity to the world. But just before he reached mainland China in 1552, he became ill and died. His life was not long — only a tireless and powerful preacher like Francis could have touched so many people in so short a time.



Christmas flower 'in memory of' offering envelopes are available in the back of the Church for those who wish to contribute to the flowers to be purchased for the Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity!









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