



December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

**“God has commanded
that every lofty
mountain be made
low, and that the
age-old depths and
gorges be filled.”**



Today's first reading contains a prophecy of what God would accomplish for the Jewish people as they languished in exile in Babylon. Baruch, scribe to the prophet Jeremiah, proclaims that “every lofty mountain” will be flattened and that “the age-old depths and gorges” will be filled in. So much so that the exiles would have a direct route, straight through the desert, back home (Baruch 5:7).

This was such good news! The only established road between Babylon and Jerusalem took travelers in a long northwesterly arc through the fertile land that surrounded the Syrian desert. But God was so eager to bring his people back to him that he promised to pave a new road directly through the wasteland. And even more amazing, he promised to join them on the journey, “leading Israel in joy...with his mercy and justice for company” (Baruch 5:9)!

What a perfect way to describe the miracle of

Christmas! God didn't wait for us to stumble through the wilderness of sin that separated us from him. He didn't stand on the border of the Promised Land and command us to make the treacherous journey on our own. He crossed that vast expanse to come to us. He entered this fallen world to offer us his “mercy and justice.” Visiting the land of our exile, he now extends his hand and promises to lead us into his heavenly home.

Baruch tells us that God has “commanded” the mountains to flatten out and the chasms to be filled in (5:7). And when God speaks, creation obeys! No amount of pride or selfishness, no matter how tall, can withstand his command. No sin, no matter how grave, can carve a ravine too deep from him to fill. Jesus has paved a “new and living way” so that we can finally come home (Hebrews 10:20)!

~ *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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Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

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

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 9	8:30 a.m.	Charles & Marie Fabert +
Tuesday, December 10	8:30 a.m.	Emile Babin, Sr. +
Wednesday, December 11	6:00 p.m.	Cayce Seal +
Thursday, December 12	8:30 a.m.	Monsignor McGough +
Friday December 13	8:30 a.m.	George & Daniel Proulx +
Saturday, December 14	4:00 p.m.	Isabell Hill +
Sunday, December 15	8:30 a.m.	Harriet Lynch Cloyd +
	11:00 a.m.	Madonna Boos +
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish



December 8	Pope Francis
December 9	Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham
December 10	Fathers Tomasz Powroźnik & Donbosco Puthiyakunnel
December 11	Father J. Maxwell Quaye ** Welcome **
December 12	Father Ken Ramon-Landry
December 13	Father Mark Ropel
December 14	Father Alwin Kuzhandai Samy

Parish Calendar

For the week of
December 9—December 15, 2024

Monday 12/9/24

- Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (moved from Sunday, December 8th).
- Mass time is 8:30 a.m. only.

Tuesday 12/10/24

Wednesday 12/11/24

- 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.
- Red Cross Blood Drive beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. Refer to flyer in this bulletin to make your appointment today!
- Confirmation and OCIA classes meet at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 12/12/24

- 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 12/13/24

- Senior Angels are due back to St. Clare. Our office hours are 10-3:00 p.m.

Saturday 12/14/24

- Advent Retreat beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please join us at any time during the day.
- **Sunday 12/15/2024**—CCD Classes at 9:45 a.m.

Mass Attendance -	Adults	Children
Saturday, 11/30/2024 at 4:00 p.m.—	94	8
Sunday, 12/1/2024 at 8:30 a.m.—	101	6
12/1/2024 at 11:00 a.m.—	90	12
12/1/2024 at 5:30 p.m.—	38	12
Total—	323	+ 38 = 361

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

Last week's collection was:
Regular Offertory:
\$4,652.00

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.

Happy Birthday!

Hannah Farris, Jillian Frommeyer

Aidan McKeon, Ann Gagnard

Lianne Sand, Dino Carlomagno

Deb Cranmer, Clayton Eppes

Stephanie Hardie

Did you know
St. Clare is ...?

Parish News!!

What time is that
meeting?



December 9, 2024
Holy Day of
Obligation

The Mass celebration 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.

We are waiting for our 2025
calendars to arrive any day. Our
apologies for any inconvenience,
as a few have asked about them.
They will be placed out for pick-up
as soon as they arrive.



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

❄️ **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.



Please be aware that text messages
and emails are being sent as though
Fr. Charles sent them. He has not,
nor intends to contact parishioners
with a vague message to send him
gift cards, Apple Pay or anything else.
Please report the number and/or
email and then block them. Of

course it will eventually happen again, so please be warned for
now and future contacts that these are **scammers** taking
advantage of a priest and his parishioners. Please report such
incidents to the Parish Office at 228-467-9275, via text at
228-234-8220 or email at stclarecatholic@yahoo.com, so that a
message can be sent to the Facebook page to inform others.

St. Clare Catholic Church

Invites you to a

One-day Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Beginning 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@StClare-Catholic.com or call 228-467-9275. Please include the name and
contact information for all attendees.

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There are still a few Senior Angels up for adoption.
**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.

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.

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.



The 2025 monthly contribution envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup in the main entrance hallway.



Thank you to everyone who supported the KC food collection which supported the St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry!!!

The KC's thank everyone who supported their fried turkey fundraiser and community support event.

Both groups do great things for St. Clare and our community!!

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+

December 8, 2024 • Luke 3:1-6

John Tells People to Repent

The Word of God came to John.



Write the beginning sound for each picture.

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What else did Isaiah say would take place?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

22	shall	1	the
2	every	3	be
4	The	5	rough
6	hill	7	filled
8	shall	9	crooked
10	Every	11	smooth
12	become	13	ways
14	straight	15	low
16	valley	17	in
18	made	19	mountain
20	roads	21	and
10	16	8	
3	7	17	2
19	21	6	18
15	4	9	20
22	12	14	
1	5	13	11

**PICK UP
AND
DROP OFF
ZONE ONLY**

**NO
PARKING**

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 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.

...And the lucky winner of the hand carved olive wood Nativity was Paula B!!!

Many thanks to all who supported the Ladies Auxiliary raffle for the olive-wood nativity set.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for all they do at St. Clare!!



The St. Clare inaugural paint party was a great success with 22 painters at the party!! We plan to do another, so keep your eye on the bulletin after the start of the new year!



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St. Clare table-top tree #24!!!**

A Claus for Celebration

Annual Holiday Tree

Celebration

Waveland Library

**Thursday ~
December 12
Open House
6pm to 7:30pm
Santa pictures
and scavenger
hunt**



Saint

Of the Week

St. Venantius Fortunatus

Bishop of Poitiers

Feast Day: December 3



Born around 535 near Treviso, a town close to Venice, Venantius Fortunatus grew up in a family that was wealthy enough to send him to Ravenna to be educated. There, he studied rhetoric and law, and seems to have embarked on a career as a scholar. In his late twenties, he contracted a disease that nearly blinded him. He was cured after rubbing his eyes with oil from a lamp burning in front of a statue of St. Martin of Tours.

After his recovery, Venantius decided to make a pilgrimage to Tours, a city in west central France about 150 miles from Paris, to give thanks to the saint. Adept at poetry and possessing courtly manners, Venantius extended this trip to several years, making himself comfortable in a number of houses owned by nobles.

Journey without Return

Venantius never returned home to Italy, which was being battered by petty wars. Instead, he settled in Poitiers, a city south of Tours. There, Queen Radegund, the estranged wife of the king of the Franks, Clotaire I, welcomed him to the monastery of the Holy Cross.

Pampered at Holy Cross, Venantius was persuaded by Radegund to join the priesthood and became chaplain and business and political adviser to the house. He also began to compose religious poems, many of which became the lyrics of well-known hymns. His *Vexilla Regis prodeunt* (The Royal Banners Go Forward), always sung on Good Friday during the Middle Ages, became one of the best-known hymns in the liturgy. In his late sixties, Venantius was appointed Bishop of Poitiers, but only lived a year following his consecration. He died around the year 605.

Christmas Flower Offering


In Memory of _____

Name _____

Address _____

No. _____ Amount _____


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!

Children's Worship Bulletin 

Ages 3+ December 8, 2024 • Luke 3:1-6





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The Word of God came to John.



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22	shall	1	the				
2	every	3	be	4	The	5	rough
6	hill	7	filled	8	shall	9	crooked
10	Every	11	smooth	12	become	13	ways
14	straight	15	low	16	valley	17	in
18	made	19	mountain	20	roads	21	and
10	Every	16	valley	8	shall		
3	be	7	filled	17	in	2	every
19	mountain	21	and	6	hill	18	made
15	low	4	The	9	crooked	20	roads
22	shall	12	become	14	straight		
1	the	5	rough	13	ways	11	smooth



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