

January 19, 2025

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"His disciples began to believe in him."



In today's Gospel, John tells how Jesus rescued a wedding reception by changing water into wine. This was Jesus' first miracle, and John tells us that when the disciples saw Jesus do it, they "began to believe in him" (John 2:11).

Of course they began to believe in him! Jesus had just done something that seemed impossible. How could they not be moved? Not only did Jesus reveal his ability to perform miracles, but he revealed his concern for the father of the bride, who was about to be humiliated before all his guests.

But John also makes it clear that this was the beginning of the disciples' journey of faith, not the end. That journey would include times when they trusted in Jesus' power and his compassion—like when they decided to stay with him after everyone else walked away (John 6:60-69). And it would include times when fear, pride, or sin caused them to doubt him—as Peter did when he denied knowing the Lord (18: 15-18, 25-27).

Like the disciples, we, too, are on a journey of faith marked by highs and lows. We all have times when we trust that Jesus can do what seems impossible—and we have times when we fail to trust in his power and compassion.

Take this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, for instance. Throughout the week, believers from all Christian traditions will come together to pray for an end to divisions in the body of Christ. It takes faith to join with people whose traditions and worship look different from ours and pray that God will make us one. We may think that unity is impossible, even for God. Or we may personally not want to extend Jesus' compassion and care to those who are divided from us.

Jesus can do the impossible! So let's believe his promises. Let's take a step of faith and join with our brothers and sisters this week in praying, "Lord, make us one!"

~ 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

*Simply

weekend Mass.

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Deacon: Michael 'Mike' Saxer

Director of Religious Education: Suzan Cox

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Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life
*With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor

Let us pray.

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Monday, January 20	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Evelyn Bodine + (announced at the 8:30 Mass 1/19)	
Tuesday, January 21	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Those Consecrated for the Guardian Angel (announced at the 11:00 Mass 1/19)	
Wednesday, January 22	6:00 pm	Katsy Squillante + Bill Bradford +	
Thursday, January 23	No Mass or Comm. Svc		
Friday January 24	No Mass or Comm. Svc		
Saturday, January 25	4:00 p.m.	Donald Sperier + (1/24) Brandon Butera +	
Sunday, January 26	8:30 a.m.	Louis Smolensky + Recknage family+ (1/27)	
	11:00 a.m.	Emily LaFontaine + Bernard Tardy (SP) [1/28]	
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish	

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS				
January 19	Fathers Fintan Kilmurray & Bartosz Kunat			
January 20	Father Clyde Mahler (Retired)			
January 21	Father Michael Marascalco			
January 22	Fathre Chinnappa R. Mark, HGN			
January 23	Fathers Ryan McCoy & Henry McInerney			
January 24	Monsignor John McGrath			
January 25	Fr. Joseph Mensah			

For the week of January 20, 2025—January 26, 2025

Monday 1/20/2025

There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

Tuesday 1/21/2025

- There will not be a Communion Service or Mass
- Over 50's BUNCO beginning at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Wednesday 1/22/2025

- St. Stanislaus High School Retreat in the Parish Center and Church from 8:30 until 3:00 p.m.
- Moved to the Chapel—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Benediction.
- We will have a 6:00 p.m. Mass (weather permitting)
- OCIA (formerly RCIA) at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 1/23/2025

There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

Friday 1/24/2025

There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

Saturday 1/25/2025

Confessions prior to 4:00 p.m. Mass—3-3:45 p.m.

Sunday 1/26/2025

- CCD Classes from 9:45—10:45 a.m.
- Youth Ministry meeting from 9:45—10:45 a.m. in the Parish Center.



The Altar flowers this week are in memory of Katsy Schindler Squillante's birthday.

Gayle Probus is the contact person to have your special arrangement done. 228-342-3025.

Terry Rutledge
Beverly Cooper
Emma Webb



Mass Attendance -	Adults	Children
Saturday, 1/11/2025 at 4:00 p.m	- 84	2
Sunday, 1/12/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—	108	17
1/12/2025 at 11:00 a.m	- 95	8
1/12/2025 at 5:30 p.m.—	38	13
Total—	325	+ 40 = 365

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was: Regular Offertory: \$5,249.00

Upcoming second collection:

Church in Latin Am. & Saltillo—January 25 & 26

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:

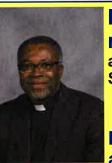
(stclaresvdp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry. In-person interviews Wednesday (only) 10 am-1 pm.

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?



Fr. Charles will return to Ghana January 19th for one month to renew his VISA and visit family. Please keep him in prayer for safe travels, a productive visit and a safe return. While he is away he will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, February 1st with his mother and extended family!!

Please take a moment to read these announcements and updates provided below and pass the word.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

- ⇒ We will have Mass every weekend, with Fr. George and Fr. Joe covering the Saturday and Sunday Masses.
- ⇒ We will have Mass on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather or other emergency, we will send out notices via Facebook and email.
- ⇒ Per the direction of the West Coast Deanery, Vicar Forane, Fr. Mike O'Connor, we will not have the previously announced Communion Services in lieu of Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays or Fridays while Fr. Charles is away.
- ⇒ **NOTE:** We will have a priest available on the Feast Day of St. Blaise on Monday, February 3rd at 8:30 a.m. for the Blessing of the Throats. (This is the only scheduled daily 8:30 a.m. Mass during Fr. Charles's time away.)
- ⇒ If there is a spiritual emergency, you may call the Parish Office during work hours Monday—Friday, 10—3 p.m. at 228-467-9275,contact Deacon Mike Saxer directly at 228-216-5028, or the spiritual emergency line 24/7 at 228-234-8220 (if no answer, please leave a voicemail or you may send a text).

All are invited to bring in candles Sunday, February 2nd to be blessed on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. If you are unable to be here on February 2nd, please feel free to leave your candles in a bag or



box visibly marked with your name and contact information. You may pick them up during the week following the blessing.

Blessed palms for Ash Wednesday



A box or basket will be set up on the pew outside of the Parish Office to collect blessed palms to be burned and used on Ash Wednesday. The collection will continue through the end of February.

facebook LIVE Streaming

Effectively immediately, St. Clare will have only two Mass times for Facebook Live Streaming, and they are the Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The 11:00 a.m. Mass will no longer be live streamed on Facebook. All Masses are archived on Facebook to be watched at a later date and time.

The new Pictorial Directory has arrived!!

Please contact Michelle in the Parish Office to pick up your copy (if you came in for photographs in May 2024,) or if you wish to purchase a copy for \$15.00.

The great nephew of Fr. Michael J Costello, the founding pastor of St. Clare, stopped by this week while vacationing here from Iowa. We were delighted to be able to provide him with a pictorial which includes the history of St. Clare and Fr. Costello's role in our great parish!!

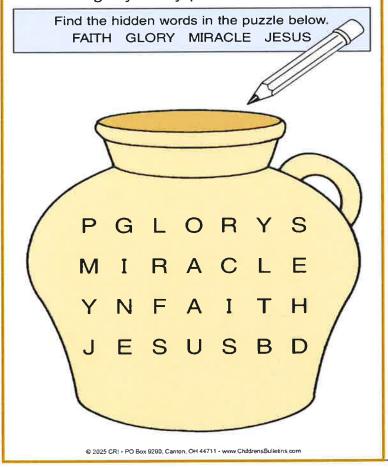
i. Glare Youth IV

Our next monthly meeting will be held Sunday, January 26th from 9:45 to 10:45. All 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us!

March 16, 2025 is the Middle School Youth Rally at the Coast Coliseum. The cost per student to attend is \$25.00. There may be an opportunity to sponsor a student to attend this very memorable vouth event. More information to come.....

Please keep this vital ministry in your prayers as we work to build the future of St. Clare Catholic Church. 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.

This was Jesus' first miracle. His disciples saw His glory. They put their faith in Him.



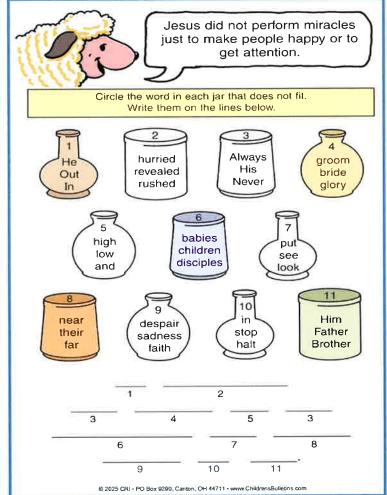
THE HEALING FACE OF JESUS

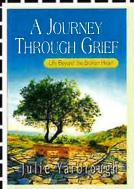




A night of Healing with Adoration, Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and One-on-One Pastoral Counseling.

> Wednesday, January 22, 2025 6:30 p.m. Holy Family Parish 22342 Evangeline Road Pass Christian, MS 39571





St. Clare Church Grief Support Group

returns January 2025.

The group will meet on Mondays, with a new start time of 3:30 p.m.

The meeting dates for the first 8-week session are:

(Note these dates may be subject to change.)
Meeting place: St. Clare Catholic Church

- January 27th
- February 3rd
- February 10th
- February 17th
- February 24th
- March 3rd
- March 10th
- March 17th

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Point of Contact: Sherry Ponder at 228-332-0256

The book used for the meetings, "A Journey Through Grief" is provided at the first meeting. Please share this opportunity with others who may benefit from this support as they journey through their grief.

Children's/Youth Mass at 8:30 a.m. On the 2nd Sunday each month.

February 9th is our next Children's Mass

Children of the parish will participate and serve as lectors, ushers and gift bearers. Parents, older siblings or grandparents are invited to assist.

- ⇒ Lector (Reading)
- ⇒ Usher (Collections with the basket)
- ⇒ Gift Bearers (carrying up the gifts and collection)

Contact Suzan Cox at 601-209-6811 for more information.

St. Vincent De Paul's Friends of the Incarcerated

Friends of the Incarcerated sponsored by St. Vincent De Paul will be collecting hygiene items. These items will be donated to Hancock Detention Center, where St. Clare has ministered for the last few years. Items being collected are bars of soap, deodorant (STICK ONLY), shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and hand lotions. The goal is to collect 250 of each. A box has been placed in the hall for all donations. Contact person for this drive is Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811.

2024 Contributions Statements

Are available by request. Please send an email to **finance1@StClare-Catholic.com** requesting this information be sent to you.



January Over 50's group happenings

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Tuesday, 1/21—BUNCO—Parish Center begins at 1:00 p.m. bring a snack and something to drink.



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Did you know one of our local grocery stores has a 'reward program' that benefits St. Clare? We collect receipts from Claiborne Hill (Waveland or Picayune location) and

receive 1% of the total amount we submit for the reward. The receipts may be turned in at the Parish Office, dropped in the collection basket or left on the table near the prayer intention book. We appreciate all who have saved receipts for us!!

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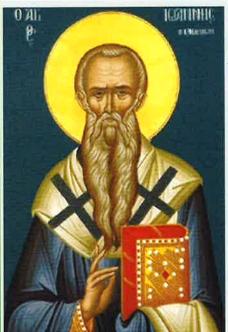
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Saint

Of the Week



St. John, the Almsgiver

Patriarch of Alexandria

Feast Day: January 23

John was born into a wealthy, noble family on the island of Cyprus around 550. He led a life typical of Cypriot nobility, marrying a woman of high standing and having several children. But sadly, his wife and all his children died before John was 50 years old.

Then, in about 608, John was named Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt. Upon his arrival, John asked his officials for a list of all of "his masters." Not understanding, they asked him who were "his masters?" John, then, simply replied, "the poor." He was given a list of 7,500 people whom he gladly took under his special protection. One of John's first official acts was to give away 80,000 pieces of gold that he found in his church treasury. This was the first of so many generous acts that he became known as the Almsgiver or the Almoner.

A Man for All People

Every Wednesday and Friday, John sat on a bench in front of his church so he would be available to everyone. He visited the hospitals three times each week, freed many slaves, forbade his officers and servants to accept gifts to avoid bribery, and build more than 60 churches in Alexandria.

John lived a simple life. In one instance, a man discovered that John had only a scraggly blanket to cover himself at night. The man gave John an expensive blanket, but John sold it and gave the money to the poor. The donor repeatedly gave John new blankets, and John continued to dispose of them the same way.

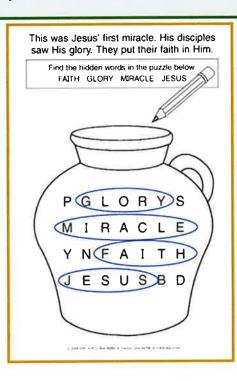
When the Persians attacked Jerusalem, John took in refugees. He also sent funds and 1,000 workmen to help rebuild the city's churches. But eventually, the Persians invaded Alexandria, and John was forced to flee to his homeland of Cyprus, where he died peacefully.

Do you feel called to serve as an Extraordinary minister of the Holy Communion (EM)?

You will offer the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ to those who receive communion and fully participate in the life of the parish and the wider community. You must have a willingness to be formed in the ministry of the Church and an abiding reverence for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. You should be a communicant and in Good Standing with the Church.

This is a commitment to making yourself available through a monthly schedule. Training will be provided.

Please pray to God and discern if you are called to this ministry. Contact Charles Walden, 985-285-2997 if you are interested. We are in need of servers for Saturday, 4 pm Vigil Mass and Sunday, 11 am Mass.









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God Our Father,

Watch over our priests, brothers, sisters & deacons who have labored long in your Kingdom. Give them Peace in this life and the Joy of eternal life, when they enter your Heavenly Home. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Sponso red by:

Bill Kane, "the Grounds Keeper."

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