

January 26, 2025

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives."



If you could sum up Jesus' mission in just a few words, you might say that he came to set us free. That's what he told the townspeople in the Nazareth synagogue as he read from the prophet's scroll: he had been sent "to proclaim liberty to captives" and "to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18; see Isaiah 61:1).

The people listening to Jesus that day might have thought back to the time when their ancestors were released from Babylonian captivity, or perhaps they envisioned one day being freed from Roman oppression. But Jesus had something much greater in mind. He came to set us free from sin and death itself, and from everything that prevents us from living the abundant life he came to give us.

So what would you like to be set from right now? Perhaps worry has you tied up in knots, casting a shadow over everything you say or do. Maybe it's fear that keeps you awake at night or stops you from taking that next step in following the Lord. You could be feeling discouraged about the state of the world or the state of your family. Or perhaps you're fighting a compulsion that leads you into sin.

We often accept these things as an inevitable part of living as fallen people in a fallen world. But that kind of thinking discounts the power of Jesus' cross and resurrection. He died and rose so that you could be set free from anything that steals your peace and joy!

Today take some time to examine your heart. Is there anything holding you captive? If so, let it go by offering it up to the Lord. Then make an act of faith by telling Jesus that you believe his proclamation to the people of Nazareth. Through his death and resurrection, he really has let the oppressed go free—and that includes every one of us!

~ 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

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

# let us pray.

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Monday, January 27	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Recknage Family + (Sunday 1/26/25—8:30 am)
Tuesday, January 28	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Bernard Tardy (SP) (Sunday 1/26/25—11:00 am)
Wednesday, January 29	6:00 pm	Louis Jacobi +
Thursday, January 30	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Patrick & Terrell Bourgeois + (Wednesday 1/29/2025)
Friday January 31	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Mr. & Mrs. Gaston Caillot + (Saturday, 2/1/2025)
Saturday, February 1	4:00 p.m.	Brandon Butera +
Sunday, February 2	8:30 a.m.	Wally Thurman +
	11:00 a.m.	Kevin & Wendy Gaspard (SP)
	5:30 p.m.	Katsy Squillante + (1/22/25) Bill Bradford + (1/23/25) Sick of the Parish



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January 26	For our Seminarians	
January 27	Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School	
January 28	Retired, extern and deceased Priests, Brothers, and Deacons	
January 29	Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Morin	
January 30	Deacons, Deacon Candidates & those discerning	
January 31	Fr. Charles Arthur	
February 1	Pray for an increase in Vocations	

# For the week of January 27, 2025—February 2, 2025

#### Monday 1/27/2025

- There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.
- Grief Support Group meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

#### Tuesday 1/28/2025

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

#### Wednesday 1/29/2025

- 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
- OCIA (formerly RCIA) at 6:45 p.m.

#### Thursday 1/30/2025

There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

#### Friday 1/31/2025

There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

#### Saturday 2/1/2025

- Confessions prior to 4:00 p.m. Mass—3-3:45 p.m.
- Happy Birthday, Fr. Charles!!!!

#### Sunday 2/2/2025

CCD Classes from 9:45—10:45 a.m.



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

Don McCloskey,
Philip Getske,
Tom Lundin,
Karen Rupp,
Kathy Willis,



Andrew Osbourn, Fr. Charles Arthur, Mike Cunningham, Linda Gavagnie, Huntleigh Manieri

Mass Attendance -	Adults   Children
Saturday, 1/18/2025 at 4:00 p.m	
Sunday, 1/19/2025 at 8:30 a.m	- 91 14
1/19/2025 at 11:00 a.m	.— 75 6
1/19/2025 at 5:30 p.m.	<b>–</b> 30 7
Total—	304 + 34 = 338

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was:
Regular Offertory:
\$4,554.00

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.

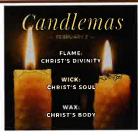
**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED:** We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

Did you know St. Clare is ...?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?

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



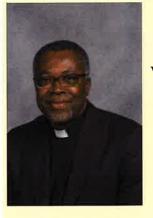
box visibly marked with your name and contact information. You may pick them up during the week following the blessing.

# January Over 50's group happenings \* DATE CORRECTION:

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Tuesday, 1/28—BUNCO—Parish Center begins at 1:00 p.m. bring a snack and something to drink.





#### Happy Birthday, Fr. Charles!!

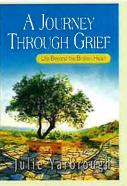
We hope you are having a great visit at home!



#### 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.



## 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.

#### **2024 Contributions Statements**

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



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 for more information.

**Consecration to their guardian angel.** Eleven parishioners and parishioners from neighboring churches were consecrated to their guardian angel last Saturday at the 4 pm Vigil Mass. There was a year of study and prayer in preparation for their consecration.

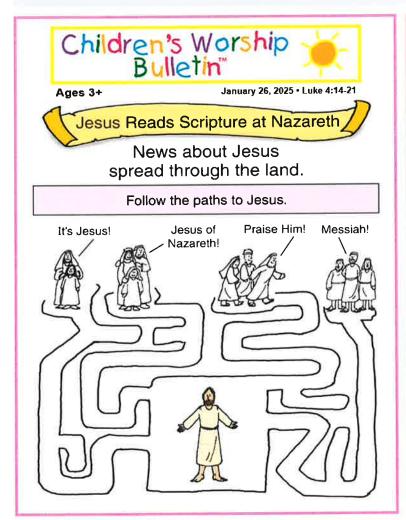


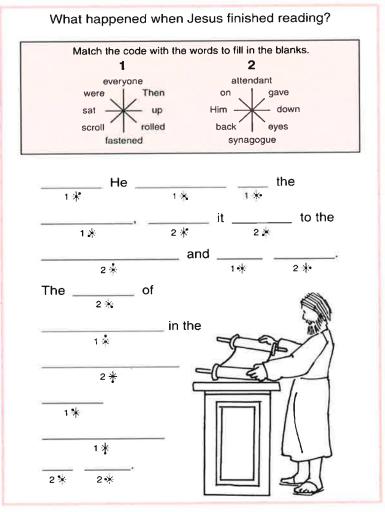














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Majors from 13 cities across the Cost have agreed to perbojant in Extra Table's event, MARCH OF THE MAYORS It's a canned foce drive, a fundraiser and it's Massingpy's Largest Food Box Packing Party's templete with Moon Pers, March Gars bases, volunteers and an event t-shirt all rolled into one jazzy Second Line with a mission to feed hungry Mississippiand.

#### acebook **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.



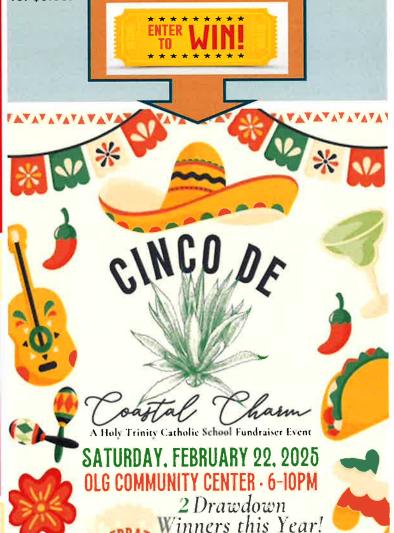
Did you know one of our local grocery stores has a 'reward program' that benefits St. Clare? We collect receipts from Claiborne Hill

(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!!

#### 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.

Page Harder-Forrest will be available before and after all Masses for the next few weeks to give everyone a chance to purchase a ticket to win cash or an all inclusive 4 night stay in Mexico!! Tickets are available for \$5.00.



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# Saint

#### Of the Week



#### St. Marcella

"Glory of the Ladies of Rome"

Feast Day: January 31

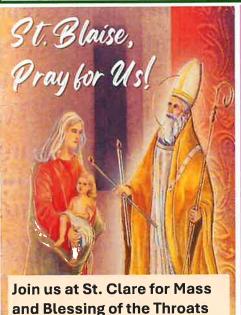
As a child, Marcella loved to hear stories about the ascetic monks of Egypt. The daughter of Roman nobility, she married to please her mother, but her husband died shortly after the wedding. When the Roman consul Cerealis proposed to Marcella, she refused, choosing instead the austere life of Eastern monks.

Marcella began to perform charitable works and turned h er home on the Aventine Hill into a school where noble women could study the Scriptures. She avoided wine and meat and spent her time in prayer, reading and visiting the shrines of martyrs. When the desert monk Jerome arrived in Rome, he agreed to become her community's spiritual leader. For three years, Jerome guided them in prayer, charity and studying the Scriptures.

#### Remarkable Women

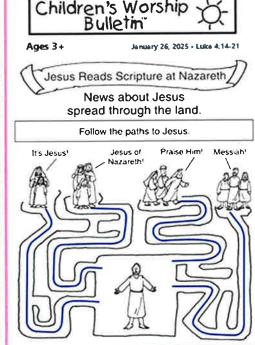
Never before had a distinguished group of Roman women pursued god's Word with such intelligence and enthusiasm. Marcella herself was a person of great intellect who was unafraid to challenger her mentor. When Jerome returned to the desert, she corresponded with him about spiritual matters. He, in turn, described her as the "glory of the ladies of Rome."

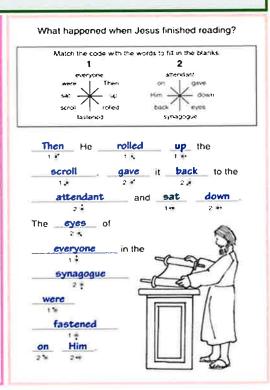
In 410, the Goths invaded Rome, led by Alaric. They tortured Marcella to find her riches, which she had long since given to the poor. In an effort to save her companion Principia, Marcella begged for compassion. The soldiers granted the women sanctuary in the church of St. Paul, but it was too late. Weakened by torture, Marcella gave thanks to God as she died in Principia's arms.



on Monday, February 3rd at

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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

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