

February 16, 2025

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# "Blessed are you who are poor."



C an you imagine telling someone without a job or a place to live, "Look at how much God has blessed you!" That's not something anyone should do, and it's not what Jesus is doing in today's Gospel. He is doing two things: he is proclaiming God's care and concern for those who are materially poor, and he is announcing blessings on "his disciples," who have "left everything and followed him" (Luke 6:20; 5:11). He is blessing all those who have accepted the poverty, the hardship, and the rejection they are experiencing as followers of Jesus.

The Greek word that is translated as "blessed" in today's Gospel carries a number of meanings, including "happy," "fortunate," or "enjoying divine favor." So Jesus is reinforcing for his disciples that the life they have chosen is ultimately a life of happiness. He promises them "the kingdom of God" (Luke 6:20). He promises them that the day is coming when they, along with all those trapped in poverty, will "laugh" and "leap for

joy" (6:21, 23).

He makes the same promises to you. Jesus knows how challenging it can be to live out the call to discipleship. He knows there are days when you feel as if you're always swimming against the current of the world. He sees the sacrifices you make to be generous with your resources. He sees your humility as you strive to forgive those who have hurt you.

If this describes you in any way, then know that Jesus calls you blessed. Know that he is promising you all the joys of his kingdom. And know that he is blessing you *right now*. As Jeremiah proclaimed in today's first reading, he is making you as strong as a "tree planted beside the waters" (17:8). Even if you don't feel particularly blessed today, you can still take heart because Jesus is faithful to all his promises.

~ 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:

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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.

Al Ferry, Alice Donellan, Alice Richardson, Alicia Baber, Andrew Nelson, Anna & George Bentz, Annette Haas, Arden & Addie Quigley, Arleigh Ladner +, Arlene Johnson, Ava Hirstius, Barrett & Finley family, Beverly Emerick, Blake Alligood, Bob & Donna Martin, Brenda Scianna, Brian Roe, Bruce Cranmer & family, Bruce Necaise, Camilla S + and family, Carmencita Baker, Carole Allen, Cathy Smith, Chad Brewster, Chandler Piazza family, Charles & Emily Piazza and family, Charles & Linda Walden, Charles Biesecker, Charles Crawford, Charlotte & John Johnson, Charlotte & Larry, Chaz Piazza family, Christen Maddox, Christian Hannah, Chuck Ferry, Chuck Tucker, Cindy Russel, Connolly family, Corey Rogers, Courtland Piazza family, Dan Oakes & family, Danny & Daren Reinhart, Danny Dorsey, Danon Froman, Darnell Cuevas, Deb Cranmer; Deb, Jim & Jimmy Bourgeois, Debbie Lee, Debbie Smith, Deidrich family, Dempsey Milton, Dian Walker, Diane Perkins, Dominic Pitts, Donna & Ken Kennedy; Donna & Roger Estopinal and family, Donna Kay Scianna, Donnie Thomas, Doris Chandler +, Edward Harrison, Elaine Favre, Elisa Aaron, Ellen Palmer, Elyssa Favre, Emily Scianna, Eric Cranmer, Erica Palmer; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd, Fr. Charles, Fr. George, Fr. Jacob-Matthew, Fr. Joe, Fr. Trinh, Gail France, Gavin Mings, Gayle & Rex Probus, Gaytona Bradley, Gene Ferry, Gene Piergalski, George McCann, George Roig, Gladys Bastian, Glenn Mitchell, Gretchen Fleming, Gwen & Rusty Price, Harriet Bellone, Hope Rios, Jake Lizana, Janet & Deacon Mike Saxer, Janet Palmer, Jason Estopinal, Sr. & family, Jean Dubuisson, Jeanne Baxter, Jimmy Ferry, Jimmy Smith, Joachim family, John Cranmer & family; John, James & Michael, Jon Olivier, Joseph Stone +, Joshua Johnson, Jude Ferry, Judy Christo, Judy Gomila, Judy Therrell, Judy Yarborough, June Ledet, Karen King, Karen Rezza, Kathleen Westbrook, Kathryn Manning, Kay Wingate, Kealey Skinner, Kevin Nicosia & family, Kevin Ramond, Laura F White, Laura Knapp, Laurie Lusk, Layla Harrison, Linda & Paul Pitts, Lindsey Piazza family, Lou Samuels, Louis Bayhi, Jr., Louis Bourgeois, Lucy Pat +, Maconnelly Piazza, Maddox family, Magruder child, Makenzie Piazza family, Marcy & Bruce Morreale, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Smith, Marlena Clements, Martha & Ken Conrad, Mary Ann & John Pucheu, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Gambino & family, Mary Ann Pagano, Mary Camille & Ed, Mary Gillen, Mary Kae Maushardt, Matthew Murphy, Mary Leggat, Michelle Harrison, Mike Benson, Mike Fitzgerald, Make Maddox & family, Moock family, Murray Lirette, My The Dang, Nikie & Ken Martin, Nona Mumme, Nona Noonan, Ofelia Heavner +, Pam & Paul Brown, Patrica P, Patty Steele, Peggy Covington, Peggy Parker, Peter Smith +, Phillip Haas family, Phyllis Acevedo, Priscilla Gates, Raelyn Rose, Ralph Nix, Ren Foerstr, Rita Martin, Roland & Linda Cuevas, Rolnald Zoerner, Roxanne Colson, Ruth Anne Ragusa, Sammy Burch, Sara & family, Scott Fayard, Shannon Kelly, Shawn Wortmann, Shirley Noonan, Sue Bassett & family, Tara Stewart & family, Tim & Yolanda Ruppel, Tom Worrel, Tony DeMichael & family, Tony Waltman +, Traweek family; Val, Anthony & Elijah, Vivian Piergalski, Wayne Shinskie, William Caddell, William Hale, Zoey Rios.



Monday, February 17	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Louis Jacobi +		
Tuesday, February 18	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Bernard Tardy (SP)		
Wednesday, February 19	6:00 pm	Joseph Stone +		
Thursday, February 20	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Wally Thurman +		
Friday February 21	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Monsignor McGough +		
Saturday, February 22	4:00 p.m.	Brandon Butera +		
Sunday, February 23	8:30 a.m.	Louis Smolensky +		
	11:00 a.m.	Al Arnold +		
	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Clare		

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS				
February 16	Fathers Michael Snyder & Michael Somers			
February 17	Fathers S. Kennedy Soosa & Emmanuel Subaar			
February 18	Fathers Anil Thomas SVD & Truong Q Trinh			
February 19	Fathers Joe Uko & Adam Urbaniak			
February 20	Father Peter Varghese C.M.I.			
February 21	Father Khoa Phi Vo			
February 22	Father Marcin Wiktor			

# For the week of February 17, 2025—February 23, 2025

#### Monday 2/17/2025

Grief Support Group meeting at 3:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday 2/18/2025

• There will not be a Communion Service or Mass

#### Wednesday 2/19/2025

- 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 2/20/2025

There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

#### Friday 2/21/2025

- There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.
- Our Lady Academy student retreat 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
- Fr. Charles begins his travels back to Waveland.
   Please keep him, the crew and all other passengers in your prayers for safe travels home.

#### Saturday 2/22/2025

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

#### **Sunday 2/23/2025**

NO CCD Classes today or next Sunday



The Altar Flowers for this week are in memory of Brian Emerson and Michael Brooks.

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

Ashlynn Lassiter,
Oliver Lassiter,
Randall Shanks,
Addison Cunningham,
GiGi Gonzalez, Lisa Ladner,
Paula Carlomagno, Elizabeth Garcia,
Tina Musacchia, Allison Manieri,
Athena Augilar

Mass Attendance -	<b>Adults</b>	Children
Saturday, 2/8/2025 at 4:00 p.m.—	91	4
Sunday, 2/9/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—	96	6
2/9/2025 at 11:00 a.m.—	73	4
2/9/2025 at 5:30 p.m.—	28	6
Total—	288	+ 20 = 308

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was:
Regular Offertory:
\$2,533.00

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

St. Clare Building Fund—February 15 & 16, 2025

# **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.

What time is that meeting?

### Vacation Bible School Leader Needed

We are looking for a leader to head-up this year's VBS. We need a leader before we can go forward with planning. Contact Suzan Cox at Suzan@stclare-catholic.com or call the office at 228-467-9275 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

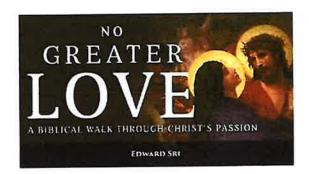




Preparation plans for St. Clare's, St. Joseph Altar have begun.

There are many opportunities to be part of making the altar beautiful. A fun opportunity is to bake cookies from passed down cookie recipes from past St. Joseph Altars!

Other ways to help are to bake cakes, decorating cakes, the initial setup of tables and table cloths, selling candles after Masses, cleanup after the closing of the altar, purchasing items like vegetables and fruit. If you are interested in volunteering in any way or need more information, please call or text Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811 or email her at suzan713@gmail.com.



# St Clare Catholic Church Lenten Video Series

## No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Join us and experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you.

Six 30-minute video sessions filmed on location in the Holy Land, presented by Dr. Edward Sri and featuring Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

Times: (Monday mornings (930am-1100am) / Thursday nights (6pm-730pm)

#### Dates (Morning):

## Dates (Evening):

Thursday, 13 Mar 2025 Monday, 10 Mar 2025

Thursday, 20 Mar 2025 Monday, 17 Mar 2025

Thursday, 27 Mar 2025 Monday, 24 Mar 2025

Thursday, 3 Apr 2025 Monday, 31 Mar 2025

Thursday, 10 Apr 2025 Monday, 7 Apr 2025

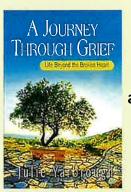
#### No Greater Love

A Biblical walk through Christ's Passion

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A sign-up sheet is available on the round table in the hallway. Please help us assure we have enough seating by indicating if you will attend the morning (Monday) or evenings (Thursday) sessions.

Invite your friends and family to journey through Lent with St. Clare Parish.



# St. Clare Church Grief Support 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.)

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

Meeting place: St. Clare Catholic Church 236 S. Beach Boulevard ~ Waveland, MS 39576

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.

## Over 50's Monthly Activities!

Third Tuesday beginning at 1:00 p.m. (Feb 18th)

 Bunco at St. Clare—bring a snack and \$2.00 to play!

#### First Sunday beginning at 1:00 p.m. (March 2nd)

 Left, Right, Center—will need \$5.00 in quarters bring a snack!

Second Wednesday—Luncheon at Yun Long Buffett (March 11th)

Meet at 11:30 a.m. for a Dutch treat Lunch.

Please bring in your blessed palms no later than Thursday, February 28th. The ashes from the palms will be used at both Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



For people who are poor, hungry or sad, Jesus promised blessings.

Match the shapes.













Jesus looked at His disciples and said ....

In the puzzle below, find and circle the words that are underlined. They are up, down, backward and diagonal.

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh."





In this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, we have opportunities to receive a Jubilee indulgence.

Thank you to Our Lady of the Gulf for preparing a pilgrim passport and sharing with us.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.

# Making a Pilgrimage and Plenary Indulgences

An indulgence is the remission before God of temporal punishment for sins whose guilt is already forgiven. (Code of Canon Law 992)

## The simplest way to receive a Jubilee Indulgence -

- Be purified by the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days,
- Be refreshed by Holy Communion at a nonobligatory Mass at OLG Church or any Jubilee Pilgrimage Church and
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis (the usual prayers offered for the intentions of the Holy Father are one Our Father and one Hail Mary).

## There are six Jubilee Pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Biloxi -

- · Our Lady of the Gulf (Bay St. Louis),
- The Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Marian Chapel (Biloxi).
- Our Lady of Victories Parish (Pascagoula).
- · Sacred Heart Parish (Hattiesburg),
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine at St. Paul's Chapel (Pass Christian).
- Our Lady of La Vang Shrine at Vietnamese Martyrs (Biloxi).



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

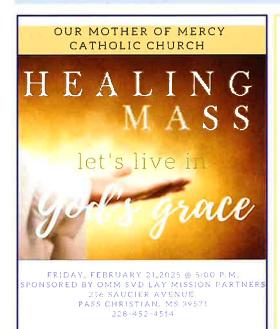
#### March 9th is our next Children's Mass

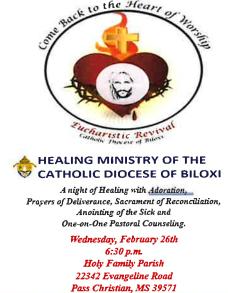
Children of the parish will participate and serve as lectors, ushers and gift bearers. Parents, older siblings or grandparents are invited to assist.

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

Contact Suzan Cox for more information.







THE HEALING FACE OF JESUS



# Saint

Of the Week



## St. Serenus the Gardener Feast Day: February 23 Martyr & Patron of Gardners

Serenus was born in Greece in the third century during the rule of Emperor Maximian. A devout and holy man, he decided to give away all his material possessions and dedicate his life to virtue and prayer.

Serenus was a highly skilled gardener and lived off only what he grew in his garden in Syrmium, in present-day Croatia. For a time, he enjoyed a quiet life, praying and tending to his crops, but the Christians once again became a target of persecutions by a Roman emperor, and Serenus was forced to flee for his life. He went into hiding for several months, and when he finally returned home, he found all the Christians had been either exiled or killed.

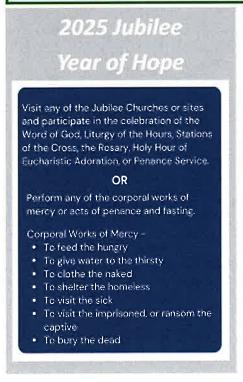
Alone, he lived his life dedicated to his faith, spending time working in his garden and praying.

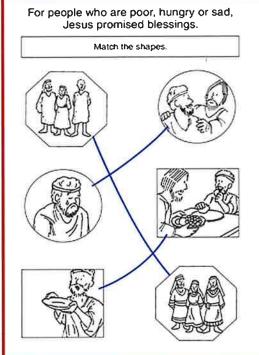
#### Faithful and Innocent

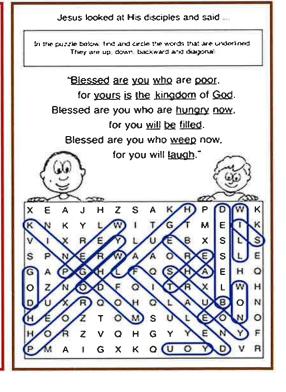
Still a handsome, hardworking youth, Serenus caught the attention of the wife of one of the emperor's guards. Serenus rejected the lady's advances, telling her that infidelity would dishonor her and her husband. This angered the guard's wife, and in retaliation she complained to her husband that the gardener had insulted her.

The guard went to the governor, and Serenus was made to stand trail. The young man made such a brilliant defense in court that the woman's husband believed Serenus and was convinced of his wife's guilt. The charges were dropped, and Serenus was acquitted.

The trial, however, aroused the governor's suspicions that someone what was as scrupulous as Serenus must be a Christian. The gardener was ordered to offer a sacrifice to the pagan gods, but he refused and without hesitating professed his true faith. The quiet, faithful man was immediately beheaded.











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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

Sponsoired by:

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