

February 9, 2025

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I saw the Lord."



If ow would you feel if you saw the Lord? Amazed? Afraid? Even ashamed? That's what happened to Isaiah in today's first reading. He beheld almighty God, seated on his heavenly throne, with angelic beings shouting, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!" (6:3). Overwhelmed, Isaiah cried, "Woe is me!" and confessed that he was unworthy to stand before the Lord (6:5).

Peter had a similar experience in today's Gospel. Weary from a long, unsuccessful night of fishing, he was cleaning his nets when Jesus told him, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch" (Luke 5:4). Peter must have grumbled as he cast his empty nets yet again. But once he saw the miraculous catch of fish, Peter fell to his knees, pleading, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (5:8).

How wonderful that God didn't leave Peter and Isaiah in their fear and shame! Instead, he called them closer! God touched Isaiah and cleansed him of his sin. Even more, God invited him to speak to

his people. And Jesus patiently reassured Peter, saying, "Do not be afraid," and welcomed him to join in his mission of "catching men" (Luke 5:10).

He will do the same for you. Today, you have the chance to see the Lord—at Mass, as you ponder his word, or as you gaze upon the beauty of this natural world. In the brightness of his glory, you may become more aware of your darkness and sinfulness. But you will also realize that God is far more holy and loving than you have ever imagined. He will offer you his mercy and invite you to follow him more closely.

Whenever you feel inadequate or afraid in God's presence, remember Isaiah and Peter. Don't allow those feelings to hold you back or paralyze you or make you feel disqualified from following Jesus. He loves you perfectly. He is so holy, so merciful, so good. You don't have to be afraid.

~ The Word Among Us

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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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Monday, February 10	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Bedouin family +		
Tuesday, February 11	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Barbara Platz +		
Wednesday, February 12	6:00 pm	Lucy Sperier +		
Thursday, February 13	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Suzi Lee (SP)		
Friday February 14	No Mass or Comm. Svc	Erwin & Joann Hille (SP)		
Saturday, February 15	4:00 p.m.	Michael Brooks +		
Sunday, February 16	8:30 a.m.	Brian Emerson +		
	11:00 a.m.	Erwin Laviolette, Sr. +		
	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Clare		

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS				
February 9	Fathers Dominic Vu & Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham			
February 10	Fathers Tomasz Powroźnik & Donbosco Puthiyakunnel			
February 11	Father J. Maxwell Quaye			
February 12	Father Ken Ramon-Landry			
February 13	Father Mark Ropel			
February 14	Father Alwin Kuzhandai Samy			
February 15	Fathers Jacob-Matthew Smith, OFM & James Smith			

For the week of February 10, 2025—February 16, 2025

Monday 2/10/2025

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

Tuesday 2/11/2025

- There will not be a Communion Service or Mass
- KC's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2/12/2025

- Moved to the Chapel—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Benediction.
- St. Stanislaus student retreat 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.
- We will have a 6:00 p.m. Mass
- OCIA (formerly RCIA) at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday 2/13/2025

• There will not be a Communion Service or Mass.

Friday 2/14/2025

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Saturday 2/15/2025

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

Sunday 2/16/2025

- CCD Classes from 9:45—10:45 a.m.
- Youth Group Meeting 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

Angel Orgeron

Dee Ingram

Sandy Rutherford



Mass Attendance -	Adults	Children
Saturday, 2/1/2025 at 4:00 p.m.—	85	4
Sunday, 2/2/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—	119	11
2/2/2025 at 11:00 a.m.—	93	15
2/2/2025 at 5:30 p.m.—	40	10
Total—	303	+ 37 = 340

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was: Regular Offertory: \$4,985.00

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.

Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?



It is time to start planning for VBS 2025!! We are looking for volunteers, especially



leaders for the program. Please contact Suzan Cox at Suzan@stclare-catholic.com or call the Parish Office at 228-467-9275 to let us know you are interested in the planning stages of this year's VBS. At this time VBS dates have not been set.

Over 50's Monthly Activities!

Second Wednesday beginning at 11:30 (Feb 12th)

 Lunch at Yun Long Buffett in Waveland—Dutch treat luncheon.

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

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

Ash Wednesday is just a few weeks away.

Please bring in your blessed palms to be burned into ashes for our two Masses on Ash Wednesday.



Struggling in prayer? Want a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Lord, Teach me to Pray is a

- 12 week series for women.
- Prayer series based on Ignatian Spirituality.
- · Way to deepen prayer life.

Meetings will be Mondays at 10:30 am beginning February 10th at Our Lady of the Gulf.

Contact Lori Alderman (719) 322-1328 or Holly McNaughton (337) 349-8640 to register or for more information.



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 suzan713@gmail.com.



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

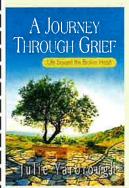
(Waveland or Picayune location) and receive 1% of the total amount we submit for the reward. The receipts may be turned in at the Parish Office, dropped in the collection basket or left on the table near the prayer intention book. We appreciate all who have saved receipts for us!!

Youth Ministry Group Meeting Sunday, February 16, 9:45—10:45 a.m. in the Parish Center

Parents, we need you at this meeting if your child is going to the Middle School Youth Rally on March 16, 2025.



We used raw spaghetti, marshmallows, tape and yarn to learn some ways to build our faith and learned about the importance of a stable *foundation*.



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
- March 10th
- March 17th

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

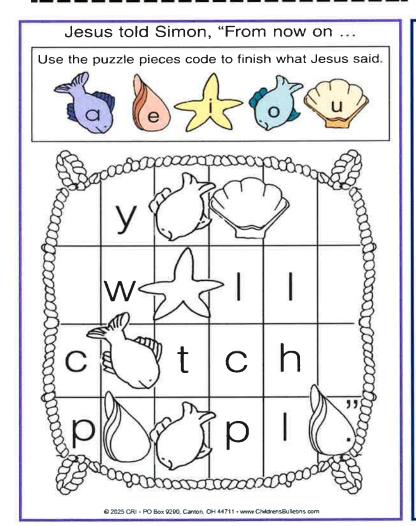
Point of Contact: Sherry Ponder at 228-332-0256

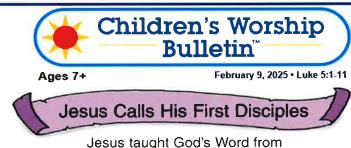
The book used for the meetings, "A Journey Through Grief" is provided at the first meeting. Please share this opportunity with others who may benefit from this support as they journey through their grief.



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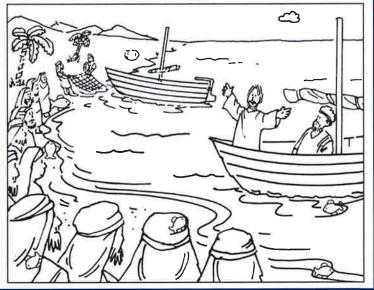






Simon's boat on Lake Gennesaret.

Find 6 objects in the picture that contain the letter "T" as in Teacher. Find 6 hidden fish.





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.

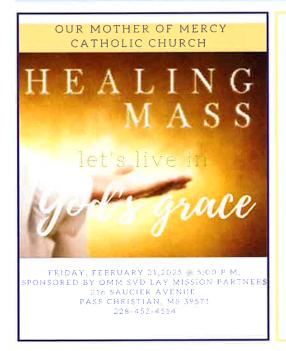
March 9th is our next Children's Mass

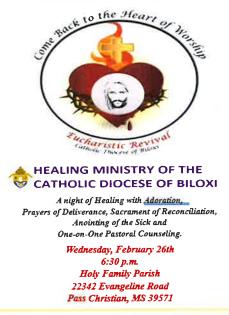
Children of the parish will participate and serve as lectors, ushers and gift bearers. Parents, older siblings or grandparents are invited to assist.

- ⇒ 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. Agabus Feast Day: February 13

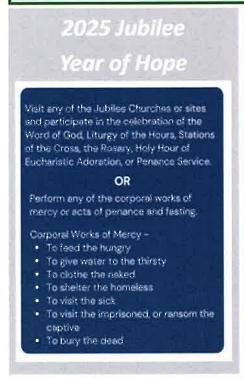
Agabus was a Christian prophet who is mentioned in the Book of Acts. He was a member of the Christian community of Jerusalem in the first century. He is sometimes considered one of the 72 early disciples of Jesus described by the Apostle Luke in his Gospel. Like other biblical prophets, Agabus was blessed by the Holy Spirit with the gift of prophecy. Both of his predictions, recorded in Acts, came true.

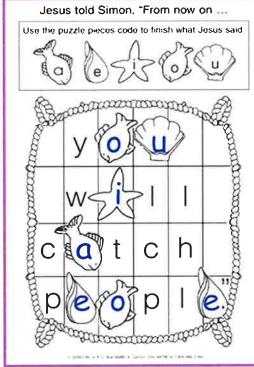
Sometime around 40, Agabus traveled to Antioch, in Syria, with other prophets. He warned the Christians of the city to prepare for a famine. Five years later, a devastating famine struck the area. Having heeded Agabus's prediction, the Christians of Anitoch were able to send food to the believers in Jerusalem.

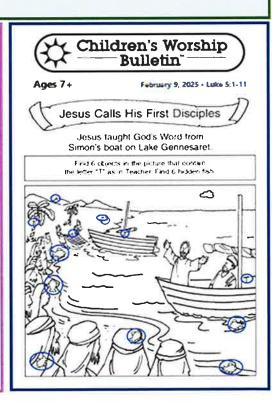
A Second Prophecy

Years later, Agabus again used his gift of prophecy in the city of Caesarea, where he met the Apostle Paul, who was on one of his many missions to spread the Word of Christ. Agabus took off Paul's belt and wrapped it around his own hands. The bound prophet then said, "This is the way the Jews will bind the owner of this belt in Jerusalem, and they will hand him over to the Gentiles." (Acts 21:11) Trusting that the Spirit spoke through Agabus to deliver a warning, Paul's followers begged their leader not to return to Jerusalem, but he went anyway. Once more, Agabus's prophecy was fulfilled.

Agabus tried to use his prophetic skills to help other Christians, which is one reason for his sainthood. By some accounts, he was also a martyr, sacrificing his life for his faith in Antioch.











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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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