

March 30, 2025

The 4th Sunday of Lent

"Be reconciled to God."



hese four words from St. Paul are a great summary of what Lent is all about. But just what does it mean to "be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20)?

For Paul, reconciliation with God meant to be restored to God's favor. He taught that we have all turned away from God through sin, but that in Christ, God has brought us back. By coming into this world as a man and offering himself on the cross, Jesus has repaired the breach in our relationship with God. He has done something we could never do on our own. "All this," Paul wrote, "is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:18). Now the Lord asks us to receive the favor he holds out to us.

And what favor it is! We can live as sons and daughters of God; we can experience all the riches of heaven filling our hearts. Sin might cloud our relationship with him, but our heavenly Father continues to offer us his mercy. It's as if we hear

God calling out to us personally as we read Paul's

We can hear our Father's pleas in today's Gospel story of the prodigal son, too. The father of the prodigal stands ready, on the lookout, to welcome his wayward younger son back into the family. And he goes out to beg his resentful older son to join him and experience the fullness of life that is already his.

Lent is a perfect season to lay hold of this restoration in a new and deeper way. And what better way to do it than through the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The examination of conscience on page 74 can help you prepare to receive this sacrament with an open heart. So let your heavenly Father restore you through the life-giving power of Jesus's death and resurrection. Listen to his voice as he pleads with you to receive all the riches of his "home." It's all there-come and receive it!

~ 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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let us pray.

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Monday, March 31	8:30 am	Louis Jacobi +					
Tuesday, April 1	8:30 am	Pam Brown (SP)					
Wednesday, April 2	6:00 pm	Lear & Emile Schindler +					
Thursday, April 3	8:30 am	Beverly Ladner (SP)					
Friday April 4	8:30 am	Merlin & Stella Spiess +					
Saturday, April 5	4:00 p.m.	Al Arnold +					
Sunday, April 6	8:30 a.m.	Erwin Laviolette, Sr. +					
	11:00 a.m.	Des Bourgeois +					
	5:30 p.m.	Parishioners of St. Clare					

	FOR PRIESTS
March 30	Our Seminarians
March 31	Fr. Charles Arthur
April 1	Fathers David Milton H.G.N. & Paddy Mockler
April 2	Fathers Everardo Mora-Tores & Geoge Murphy (Retired)
April 3	Fr. Braxton Necaise
April 4	Mose Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman, III
April 5	An Increase in Vocations

For the week of March 31, 2025—April 4, 2025

Monday 3/31/2025

"No Greater Love" Lenten Video Series 9:30—11 AM

Tuesday 4/1/2025

Altar Society Meeting at 6:00 PM in Parish Center

Wednesday 4/2/2025

- St. Stanislaus HS Retreat from 8—3:30 PM
- OCIA begins at 6:45 PM

Thursday 4/3/2025

- Cleaning day Volunteers are always needed and welcomed to help following the 8:30 PM Mass.
- "No Greater Love" Lenten Video Series 6—7:30 PM

Friday 4/4/2025

- Stations of the Cross at 5:00 PM
- Lenten Dinners from 5—7 PM / Drive-thru only

Saturday 4/5/2025

Confessions prior to 4:00 PM Mass—3-3:45 PM

Sunday 4/6/2025

- CCD classes begin at 9:45 AM
- Over 50's Group—Left, Right, Center in the Parish Center beginning at 1:00 PM



Altar Flowers will return after the Lenten Season has ended. They are a great way to remember and celebrate your loved ones.

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

Susan Kane Russell Bodin John Gruzinskas Valerie Ladner Owen Butcher



Mass Attendance -	Adults Children						
Saturday, 3/22/2025 at 4:00 p.m.—	- 84	7					
Sunday, 3/23/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—	130	10					
3/23/2025 at 11:00 a.m.—	- 100	10					
3/23/2025 at 5:30 p.m.—	39	8					
Total—	353	+ 35 = 388					

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! Last week's collection was: Regular Offertory: \$4,282,00

Little Sisters of the Poor \$1.083.00

Upcoming second collection:
5th Sunday St. Vincent de Paul—March 29 & 30
Catholic Relief Services—April 5 & 6

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?



The next meeting of the St. Clare Altar Society will be held Tuesday, April 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please make every effort to attend as we will be preparing for the upcoming Seafood Festival. If you have not registered to become a member yet, not a problem!! Registration envelopes are available in the back of the Church and the annual fee is just \$5.00.

The Altar Society does lots of behind the scenes work, such as cleaning the church, preparing the St. Joseph Altar, ironing the Altar cloths, keeping up with the 7-day candles, the Gift Shop and so, so much more!!

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.—**St. Vincent de Paul**Friday, April 11th at 5:00 p.m.—**CCD classes**

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Schedule

Weekend Mass times remain the same for Palm Sunday, April 12 & 13.

- ♦ Monday of Holy Week (4/14)
 - -Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- **♦ Tuesday of Holy Week (4/15)**
 - —No Mass at St. Clare, Chrism Mass at BVM Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. all are invited to attend.
- ♦ Wednesday of Holy Week (4/16)
 - -Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Holy Thursday (4/17)
 - -Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday (4/18)
 - —NO Mass / Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m. and Veneration of the Cross to immediately follow.
- ♦ Easter Vigil (4/19)
 - $-{\rm Mass}$ at sundown, 7:30 p.m. (NO 4:00 p.m. Mass)
- ♦ Easter Sunday (4/20)
 - -8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Mass times only. There will not be a 5:30 p.m. Mass.

First Friday

April 4, 2025 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon. Fr. Charles will be available to hear confessions during that time.



Over 50's Monthly Activities

First Sunday—(April 6th)

Game day—Left, Right, Center in the Parish Center.

 Meet at 1:00 p.m. and please bring \$5.00 in quarters for this fun game!

Second Wednesday—(April 9th)

Luncheon at Yun Long Buffett in Waveland

Meet at 11:30 a.m. for a 'Dutch treat" lunch with friends.

Congratulations to our OCIA Candidates who continue their journey to the Easter Vigil Mass when they will join our Catholic Faith.

Please continue to keep Janis Harmon and Gabriella 'Ella' Cris and their sponsors in your prayers.





LENT DINNER MENU-DRIVE THRU ONLY

St Clare Church-236 S Beach Blvd. -Waveland, MS

April 4, 2025 -- 5 until 7:00pm

Plates- \$13- includes 1 Entrée, 2 Sides, Hushpuppies and Dessert Drinks Available for Purchase

Entrees- Choose 1

Fried Catfish Fried Shrimp Shrimp Fried Rice Seafood Gumbo

Sides-Choose 2

French Fries Cole Slaw Potato Salad Corn Casserole

Seafood Gumbo \$7 * Hot Baked or Frozen Shrimp Stuffed Potato \$7



We are half way through this Lenten Season. Provided below are some ways to fulfill the three pillars of Lent.

Prayer-

- Adoration Chapel is open Monday—Friday 10 to 3:00 p.m.
- Daily Mass, with prayers before & after Mass.

Fasting-

- Fast from those things that distract you from the journey and a closer walk with Jesus.
- If possible, physically fast for a period of time; daily, weekly or when you can.

Almsgiving-

- Giving more of oneself through Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy.
- Giving financially to aid in the betterment of others.
 - Lenten Offering Box, monies collected will be used for the Mission Trip led by Charles & Linda Walden late summer 2025.
 - Catholic Sharing Appeal, monies collected provide financial assistance throughout the Diocese of Biloxi.

Lenten boxes and CSA envelopes available on the round table in the back of Church and in the hallway.

Spring has sprung!!

Thanks to Waveland Lowes our grounds have been beautifully decorated with some bright and vibrant colors! We appreciate Bill and Susan Kane and Suzan

Cox for their work in planting and preparing our grounds for Easter.



Spring cleaning and other preparations for Easter!

Join us Thursday, April 17th at 9:00 a.m. to help with some spring cleaning and other preparations for the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday.

A sign up sheet is available on the round table if you wish. We will be dusting, vacuuming, setting up the Parish Center for overflow seating and more.





Join CRAZY4COLOR Paint Parties to Celebrate The Greatest G

Make plans to join us as we celebrate the 'The Greatest Gift'. St Clare Catholic Church has partnered with CRAZY4COLOR Paint Parties, for an Easter Fundraiser. Create a 12" x 12" Canvas painting that represents the Love and Sacrifice, our Lord, Jesus Christ, made for Mankind.

Your finished painting will reflect the 'Crown of Thorns' atop a 3-D Gold Painted Cross with Christ's statement 'It is Finished'. A small gold tone display easel is included.

12"x12" Pre-Sketched Canvas with 3-D Cross and Gold Tone display Easel.



A PAINT KIT can also be purchased for \$25. Scan the QR Code below, and choose PAINT KIT. Your PAINT KIT will be available for pickup at the Fundraiser. A Gold Tone easel is included. You can choose BOTH Party Attendance and Kit!

Date: Mon April 7th Location:

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SCAN the OR Code

6pm - 9pm

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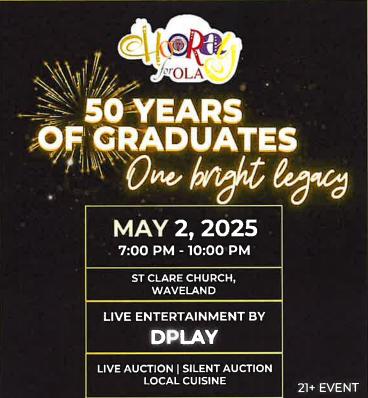


* \$10 of every Registration and/or KIT will be Donated back to St Clare by CRAZY4COLOR Paint Parties.

Choose Paint Party, Kit or Both!

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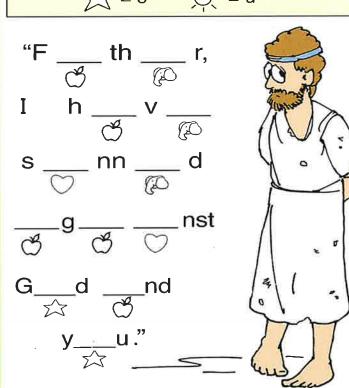
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He came home, saying he was sorry.

Follow the code to fill in the vowels.





The older son was in the field and heard the celebration. When he learned what it was for, he was angry. The father said to the older son, "You are always with me, and everything I have is yours."

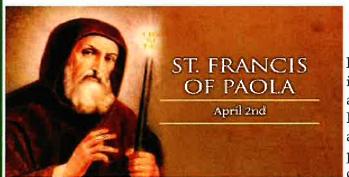
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something to wear on your head		23	33					
a sweet, baked party food		7	43	29				
a toy filled with air and tied on a string		12	30	26	16	31	37	
a creamy frozen party treat		1	19	1	6	2	25	44
party activities		25	61	22	32			
a banquet that rhymes with "least"		9	12	32	17			
warm feeling from the heart		31	28	29				
opposite of little		27	10					
what you do to a Christmas tree		4	1	31	20	12	8	9
a bright color		29	21					
opposite of quiet	3	35	36	24				
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he was 30 31 32 33 and is 34 35 36

Saint

Of the Week



he son of farmers, Francis was born in 1416. Named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Francis of Paola was greatly influenced by him throughout his life. At age 12, Francis spent a year at a Franciscan monastery. While still in his teens, Francis went to live as a hermit, devoting himself to prayer and fasting. Over the years, he would become known for his piety and the miracles he worked to save others from injury or death.

Two neighbors soon joined Francis at his retreat, and local residents built cells for them and a small chapel. Francis attracted more followers, and they called themselves the Hermits of Brother Francis of Assisi. The Order received a papal blessing in 1474. Later, Francis changed the name to Friars Minim, or "least brothers."

Francis demanded the Monks practice penance, charity and humility. The brothers also took a special vow to eat only a Lenten diet—no meat, eggs or dairy products were allowed.

From Solitude to Court

Despite his devotion to solitude, Francis could not escape worldly matters. In 1483, Pope Innocent IV asked him to honor an invitation from France's King Louis XI. Francis went reluctantly and continued to live simply, fasting and sleeping on a board. The monk remained at the French court for more than two decades, serving as both a spiritual and political adviser.

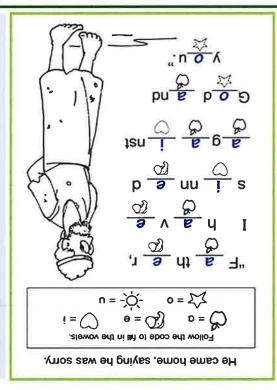
From Solitude to Court

Francis never returned to Italy. He died in France on Good Friday in 1507 and was quickly beatified and canonized. In the 20th century, Francis was declared the patron saint of sailors and other seafarers, because many of his miraculous acts took place at or near the sea.

Youth Group Meeting for April will be held Sunday, April 27th.



Save the date as we prepare a day of learning about Blessed Carlo Actius and end with a









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brothers, sisters & deacons who
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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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