



April 27, 2025
Divine Mercy Sunday

***“Do not be
afraid.”***



An anyone would have been afraid! Most Jews believed that if they saw the glory of God face-to-face, they would die. This explains why St. John, who wrote the Book of Revelation, collapsed to the ground when he was brought into the presence of the “one like a son of man” (Revelation 1:13). Even John, who had walked with Jesus, witnessed his transfiguration, laid his head on Jesus’ breast, and watched as he ascended to heaven, was overwhelmed!

Jesus’ response to John is perfect for today’s celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday: “Do not be afraid” (Revelation 1:17). He didn’t tell John that there was *no reason* to fear; he touched him, offered a word of encouragement, and raised him up. That expression of love and intimacy overcame John’s fears and enabled him to stand before his glorious Lord. That’s what mercy is all about! It’s the perfect love of God, which “drives out fear” (1 John 4:18).

This is the same mercy Jesus showed to

Thomas in today’s Gospel. Thomas doubted the resurrection because he hadn’t seen it with his own eyes. But Jesus came and invited Thomas to touch his wounds and “believe” (John 20:27). Like John, Thomas experienced a mercy that saw his unworthiness and still drew him close.

We can experience that mercy, too. Jesus knows that in the light of his glory, we are all frail and flawed. He knows that in the light of his truth, we often doubt and distrust. He knows we are not worthy to come to him on our own merits. Yet in his power and holiness and glory, he is patient with us. As he did for Thomas, he sees our weakness and shores up our faith. As he did for John, he calms our fearful hearts and assures us of his love.

So don’t be afraid to come to Jesus today. Don’t be afraid to let him see you as you truly are. Come and hear him say, “Do not be afraid.”

~ 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:

Director of Religious Education: Suzan Cox

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

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Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

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***With Humility**

***Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

Let us pray.

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Monday, April 28	8:30 am	Louis Jacobi +
Tuesday, April 29	8:30 am	Shirley & Jimmy Spiess +
Wednesday, April 30	6:00 pm	Esperance family +
Thursday, May 1	8:30 am	Pope Francis +
Friday May 2	8:30 am	Pam Brown +
Saturday, May 3	4:00 pm	Des Bourgeois +
Sunday, May 4	8:30 am	Gladys "Rita" Martin (SP)
	11:00 am	Linda M Fayard +
	5:30 pm	St. Clare Parishioners (SP)



April 27	Priests and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School
April 28	Our Seminarians
April 29	Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze & Roger Mornin
April 30	Father Charles Arthur
May 1	Fathers Goodwill Agbagwa & Jude Thaddeus Awe
May 2	Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F. Kihneman III
May 3	Pray for an increase in Vocations

**For the week of
April 28, 2025—May 4, 2025**

Monday 4/28/2025

Tuesday 4/29/2025

Wednesday 4/30/2025

- Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Chapel

Thursday 5/1/2025

- Cleaning day following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us to an hour or two in keeping our Church home clean and beautiful

Friday 5/2/2025

- First Friday Eucharistic Adoration following morning Mass until 12 Noon. Fr. Charles will be available for confessions.
- "Hooray for OLA" **fundraiser** under the Church 7:00 pm til 10:00 pm See the bulletin for ticket info.

Saturday 5/3/2025

- Confession available from 3:00—3:45 pm before the 4:00 Vigil Mass.
- Kingdom Meal and celebration for Deacon Mike Saxer following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday 5/4/2025

- Over 50's Group—Left, Right, Center game in the Parish Center at 1:00 p.m.

Mass Attendance -	Adults	Children
Saturday, 4/19/2025 at 4:00 p.m.—	105	11
Sunday, 4/20/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—	327	53
4/20/2025 at 11:00 a.m.—	212	32
4/20/2025 no Mass —	0	0
Total—	644 +	96 = 740

*In the spirit of giving,
we thank you for
your generosity!*

Last week's collection was:

Regular Offertory:

\$4,583.00

Holy Thursday \$738.00 Good Friday \$432.00

Upcoming second collection:

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal—April 26 & 27
St. Clare Building Fund—May 10 & 11**

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) 467-9275. 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.



A great way to remember and celebrate your loved ones.

Contact the Parish Office or see someone in the Gift Shop for an envelope.

**Judee English, Leslie Sackett, Jr.,
Joey Cunningham**



Did you know
St. Clare is ...?

Parish News!!

What time is that
meeting?



Lots of exciting things going on at St. Clare Catholic Church. On May 3, 2025, we will have a "Kingdom Meal" following the 4pm Mass. We will have a crawfish boil, along with hamburgers and hotdogs.

We will be honoring Deacon Michael Saxer for his years of service here at St Clare. In order to make sure we have enough food there is a sign-up sheet on the round table in the hallway. Side dishes and desserts are welcome!



First Friday Adoration



May 2nd from 9 am to 12 pm.
Fr. Charles will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CCD and First Communion News!

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion
will be received by our students on
Sunday, May 11th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Please keep these young people in your prayers!

Sunday, May 4th is the final CCD class
for the 2024-2025 academic year!

Many thanks to our DRE, teachers, parents and
students who made this year a great success!!

Join us as we honor our
Blessed Mother with a
special May Crowning
Ceremony on Sunday, May 4
during the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
This beautiful tradition is a
sign of our love and devotion
to Mary the Queen of Heaven
and Mother of our Lord. We will crown Mary and bring her
flowers. All parishioners, families and children – especially
those who will be making their First Holy Communion –
are encouraged to participate.



Let us come together to ask for Mary's intercession and to
give her the honor she deserves in this month dedicated to her.

On Sunday, May 18th
we will celebrate our
graduating St. Clare
parishioners at the
8:30 a.m. Mass.



Please submit the names
of your graduate to the Parish Office no later than
Monday, May 12th to stclarecatholic@yahoo.com.
Please indicate the student's name along with the
school they are graduating from. College graduates
please indicate the degree you are obtaining and the
college name.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual St Clare Seafood Festival will be held May 23rd through May 25, 2025. Check out our lineup on our FB page. We will have lots of volunteer opportunities and the sign up sheets are available in the hallway.

ST CLARE ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL



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MAY 23 THRU MAY 25, 2025

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FRIDAY- Cajun Night

Hours- 5 til 10pm

Tribute to Military -5 PM
Wreath Presentations
Swampland Revival
7 til 10 pm
Cajun Specialties- Pastalaya,
Boudin Eggrolls and More

SATURDAY

Hours- 11am til 10 pm

Classic Car Show 8-2 pm
Nick Perkins "Elvis Tribute
Artist" 11 til 1
The Kings of Neon 7 til 10 pm

SUNDAY

Hours. Noon til 10pm

EPIC Band - 2 til 4:30 pm
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Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Annual Liquor Basket Raffle has begun!

Each weekend until the Sunday of the Seafood Festival (May 25th) you may purchase raffle tickets before and after all Masses for \$5.00 for one ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets.

Thank you for helping our Auxiliary. These fundraisers help to improve our Church home. Most recently, the blinds that were installed in the Parish Center were purchased from our 2024 Liquor Basket Raffle proceeds!



Over 50's Monthly Activities

Fourth Sunday—(April 27)

- Sunset on the Beach returns! Meet up at the Waveland Lighthouse at 4:00 p.m. Bring a chair and your snacks!

First Sunday—(May 4)

- Left, Right, Center game at St. Clare in the Parish Center beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bring \$5.00 in quarters to play this fun game.

Second Wednesday—(May 14)

- Luncheon at Yun Long Buffett in Waveland at 11:30 am Join us for friendship and fellowship. Dutch treat!



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Ken Conrad @ 228-342-8121

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CAMPFIRE VBS

St. Clare Catholic Church
June 23-27, 2025

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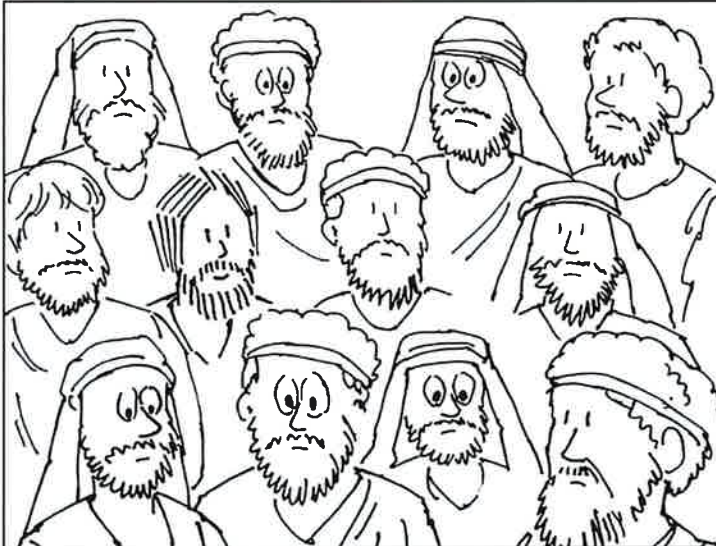
Ages 3+

April 27, 2025 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The disciples were in a locked room.
Suddenly Jesus was among them.

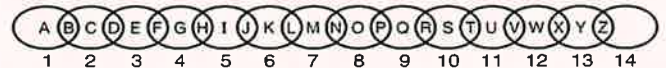
Find and circle Jesus in the picture.



A week later Jesus returned
to show Himself to Thomas.
What did Jesus tell him?



Find the letters in the circles to fill in the blanks.



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4,5 1 11,12 3 10 3 3 7,8 7 3 13 8 11

4,5 1 11,12 3 1,2 3 6,7 5 3 11,12 3 2,3

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Saint

Of the Week

Patroness of Italy and Women Involved in Catholic Action



Catherine was born in the mid-14th century into a large, wealthy family in Siena, Italy. From an early age, she chose to devote herself to Christ rather than marry and seek material comforts, despite her parents' strong objections. Once Catherine chose this path, she experienced numerous divine visions. In one extraordinary experience, she felt she had actually exchanged her heart for Christ's. In another, she believed that she had received the stigmata, even though she prayed for the marks to remain invisible.

Throughout her life, as a sign of her spiritual devotion, Catherine ate barely enough to sustain her. She was driven in her commitment to reach out to everyone. Although she could not write, she dictated many letters, offering spiritual advice to rich and poor alike.

Ambassador for God.

Catherine became well known for her spiritual conviction and wisdom, which proved immensely valuable, especially during The Great Schism when the Church was beset by conflict and corruption. The clergy had imposed heavy taxes to maintain their luxurious lifestyles. Italians were further upset because the Church was centered in Avignon, France, rather than in Rome. When the Italian state of Florence rebelled against the Papacy, Pope Gregory XI chose Catherine as an ambassador to mediate.

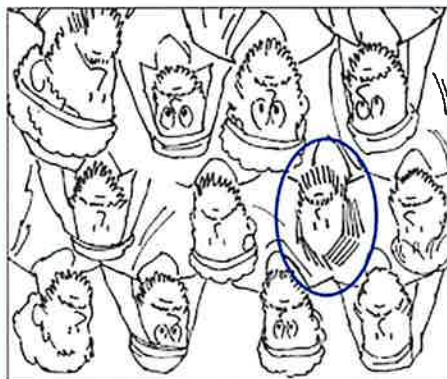
Catherine succeeded in persuading the Pope to return to Rome. While she stood up for the Pope, she still encouraged Church reforms, denouncing the indulgent lifestyles of the clergy. Meanwhile, she continued to communicate her deepest spiritual thoughts and feelings, dictating prayers and meditations that have become classics of Italian religious literature.

JOB OPENING

Administrative Assistant

The position of Administrative Assistant, in the Office of the Bishop, has become open. The job description is available at <https://biloxidiocese.org/employment>

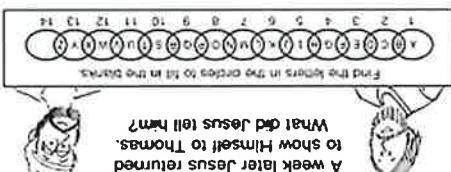
All applications will be completed and processed online via the diocesan website portal.



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Suddenly Jesus was among them.
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