



November 30, 2025

The 1st Sunday in Advent

**“The Son
of Man
will come.”**



Welcome to Advent! It’s a season filled with anticipation as we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas. It’s also a season of waiting and hoping for his return at the end of time. That makes Advent a time both of certainty and uncertainty. It’s a time of certainty because we know for sure that Jesus came into our world over two thousand years ago. But it’s a time of uncertainty because we don’t know when he will return. As Jesus himself told us, “You do not know on which day your Lord will come” (Matthew 24:42).

But even in the midst of this uncertainty, there is one definitive fact that we can rely on right here and right now: we may not know when Jesus will come again, but we do know that “the Son of Man will come” (Matthew 24:44). He can come into our hearts each and every day. He can come and show us his love and care for us. He can heal us. He can give us new insights as we prayerfully read his

word. He can bring peace amid our anxiety. And he can fan into flame our hearts’ longing for him.

And so every year at this time, Jesus urges us to “stay awake” (Matthew 24:42). Because even as we are waiting, he will still be present to us—and he doesn’t want us to miss him!

What can you expect as you look for Jesus’ coming each day? He might come to you in the whisper of an urge to pray as you run errands. He might come in an anxious child who draw you our of yourself to care for them. He might come during a candle lit liturgy as he gives you the comfort and conviction that he will take care of you.

So this Advent, of course prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth as Christmas. And of course be ready for his final coming, whenever that will be. But also be on the lookout for the ways that Jesus will come into your life every day this Advent. Because the Son of Man will indeed come!

~~~~ 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 3:00–3:15 p.m.

or by appointment.

The rosary will be prayed 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass.

**Pastor: Fr. Charles Arthur**

Deacon: Charles Walden

Director of Religious Education: Suzan Cox

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

**Office Hours: Monday–Friday 10 am–3 pm**

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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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|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, December 1</b>    | 8:30 am  | Janet Amie +                  |
| <b>Tuesday, December 2</b>   | 8:30 am  | Seminarian Chris Collins (SP) |
| <b>Wednesday, December 3</b> | 6:00 pm  | Seminarian Ricky Molsbee (SP) |
| <b>Thursday, December 4</b>  | 8:30 am  | Michael Cuevas +              |
| <b>Friday, December 5</b>    | 8:30 am  | Brian "Hootie Adam (SP)       |
| <b>Saturday, December 6</b>  | 4:00 pm  | Al Arnold +                   |
| <b>Sunday, December 7</b>    | 8:30 am  | JoAnn Lagasse +               |
|                              | 11:00 am | Mike Maddox (SP)              |
|                              | 5:30 pm  | St. Clare Parish family       |



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| November 30 | Fr. Charles Arthur                           |
| December 1  | Monsignor John McGrath                       |
| December 2  | Fathers David Milton H.G.N. & Joseph Mensah  |
| December 3  | Fathers Paddy Mockler & Everardo Mora-Tores  |
| December 4  | Father Braxton Necaize                       |
| December 5  | Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihneman, III |
| December 6  | Pray for an increase in Vocations            |

**For the week of  
December 1—December 7, 2025**

**Monday 12/1/2025**

**Tuesday 12/2/2025**

- The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help following the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass.
- The Advent Penance Service begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday 12/3/2025**

- Eucharistic Adoration in the Church
- St. Vincent de Paul will meet with neighbors from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.
- OCIA meets at 6:45 pm in the Parish Center

**Thursday 12/4/2025**

**Friday 12/5/2025**

- There will not be a First Friday Adoration today.

**Saturday 12/6/2025**

- Confessions from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Sunday 12/7/2025**

- CCD Classes resume today at 9:45 a.m.
- Over 50's Left, Right & Center beginning at 1:00 p.m.



Altar flowers will resume following the Advent Season. You may call the Parish Office to get in contact with Gayle Probus, our floral person, if you wish to honor someone with flowers for a week.



**Eugene Piergalski  
Donna Estopinal  
Bob Scheuermann  
Genara Augilar  
Cristina Rupp**

| <b>Mass Attendance -</b>           | <b>Adults</b> | <b>Children</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Saturday, 11/22/2025 at 4:00 p.m.— | 74            | 10              |
| Sunday, 11/23/2025 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 123           | 28              |
| 11/23/2025 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 77            | 11              |
| 11/23/2025 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 34            | 7               |
| <b>Total—</b>                      | <b>364 =</b>  | <b>308 + 56</b> |

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

**Last week's collection was:**

**Regular Offertory:**

**\$3,914.00**

**St. Clare Building Fund**

**\$869.11**

**Upcoming second collection:**

**St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy November 29-30, 2025  
St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul—December 5 & 6, 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) 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 Deacon 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 ?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?

The St. Clare Youth Ministry has an #iGIVECATHOLIC page.

St. Clare is making strides in rebuilding the Youth Ministry and engage our students in diocesan activities. For the first time in many years St. Clare was represented at the Annual Youth Rally held in March of this year as part of the Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention (DBYC).

If you are looking for a ministry to make an end of year donation to, please consider the future of St. Clare and our youth! All monies raised helped to offset registration fees, food, t-shirts, etc. Thank you. Our link is <https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/St-Clares-Parish>  
**Giving for #IGiveCatholic 2025 begins on November 17 and ends on December 2, Giving Tuesday.**



## St Clare - Youth Ministry



**OVER  
50'S  
GROUP**



**December 7 (1st Sunday) - Left, Right, Center** will be held at St. Clare Parish Center. The game begins at 1:00 pm. Please bring \$5.00 in quarters for play, your drink and snack if you wish.

**December 10 (2nd Wednesday) - Lunch at Yun Long Buffet** in Waveland. We meet at 11:30 a.m. for a 'Dutch Treat' luncheon and fellowship.

**December 16 (3rd Tuesday) - In December we have a Christmas gathering instead of Bunco at St. Clare in the Parish Center!** Please bring a plate of party food to share with the group and your drink of choice. If you choose to participate in the 'Dirty Santa' gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift suitable for a man or woman valued at \$10.00. The festivities begin at 1:00 p.m.!!



The next Altar Society meeting will be held Tuesday, December 2nd beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be short, as the Parish Advent Penance Service begins at 6:00 p.m. A big thank you to all who supported the bake sale!!



**Mass will be Monday,  
December 8th at 8:30 a.m.**



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# St. Clare Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Fr. Charles, along with three other priests, will be available for confessions. Plan to join us and bring a friend. This is a great time to be reconciled with God!

## GUIDE TO CONFESSION

### STEP 1

Prepare. Examine your conscience. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

### STEP 2

Once you're in the confessional, follow the guidance of the priest and name your sins. Remember, this is a conversation between you and God!

### STEP 3

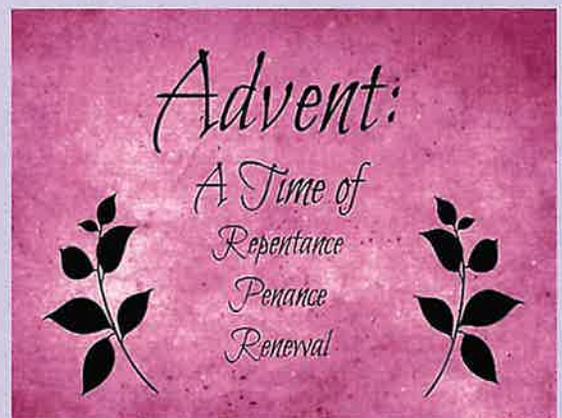
Pray the Act of Contrition.

### STEP 4

Receive absolution. The priest will give you penance. Find a quiet place to do this.

### STEP 5

Give thanks to God!



## 1 JOHN 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

## THE SPIRITUAL EFFECTS OF CONFESSION



Reconciliation with God.



Reconciliation with the Church.



Forgiveness of the eternal punishment for our mortal sins.



Decrease of time in Purgatory (with penance).



Tranquility of our conscience and spiritual consolation.



Increase of spiritual strength for Christian combat.

# The Spirit of Giving Catholic Sharing Appeal, Angel Tree, iGiveCatholic



Our Angel Trees have been decorated with child, teen, senior angels, and envelopes to contribute to the Mission Churches in Ghana to help them provide Christmas for their families. Instructions are provided on each Angel or you may call the Parish Office at 228-467-9275.

Child and teen angels gifts should be returned to the Hancock Resource Center. The address is provided on the tag.

Senior Angels gifts and envelopes for Ghana should be returned to the Parish Office. Thank you all so much!

## 2025 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

# Building a future of Hope

Thank you to all who have contributed to the CSA to date. We have reached the 60% mark of the goal set by the Diocese.

Participation Goal is **390** families. As of October 22nd **58** families (less than 15%) currently.

**DIOCESE OF BILOXI**

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Catholic Diocese of Biloxi  
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## BLESSING OF AN ADVENT WREATH

Lord God, let your blessings come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

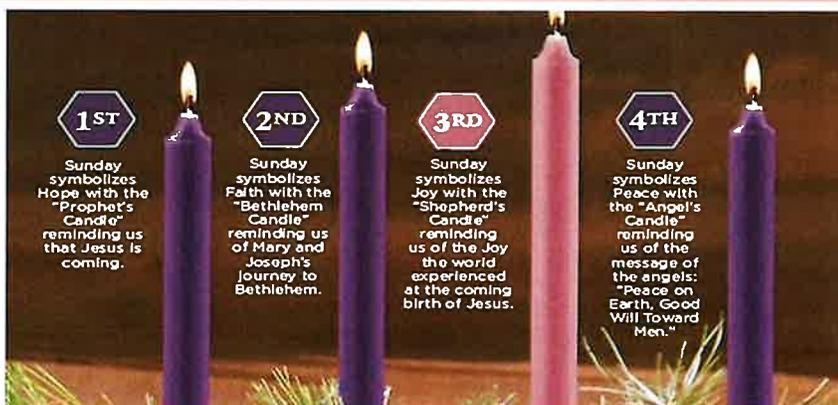
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- From *BOOK OF BLESSINGS*, 1540



## Advent Mission



**Fr. Dan Reehil**

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup>**

**@6pm**

**Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church**



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Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are now available on the round tables to help offset the cost of the flowers purchased for the Christmas Season. Thank you for your generosity!

# Saints

Of the Week

## St. Osmund

**Bishop of Salisbury and Patron of  
Toothaches and Paralysis**

**Feast Day: December 4**



As the nephew of William the Conqueror, Osmund was a member of the king's inner circle when he defeated England in 1066. As with other high-born Normans, Osmund was given a vast estate. The likable nobleman

was also made Earl of Dorset and royal chancellor. He also helped compile the Domesday Book, William's exhaustive census of the country had just conquered.

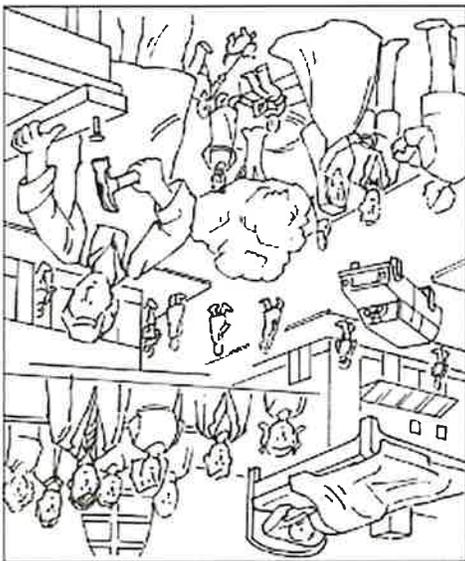
Osmund was part of the delegation that presented the weighty document to the king at a ceremony attended by the principal landowners of the kingdom. Because it was the custom of the Norman kings to appoint their own bishops William chose Osmund as Bishop of Sarum (Salisbury). He was officially consecrated in 1078 by the archbishop of Canterbury.

### Breaking the Mold

The Norman prelates were known for their brutality and greed. They killed Saxons, plundered their shrines and melted down the reliquaries for gold. But Osmund took his new position seriously, devoting himself to the growth of his see, untainted by ambition.

He built a magnificent new cathedral and also wrote a liturgy known as the "Sarum Use," parts of which are still said today. His reputation for chastity and good works was unsurpassed, and he happily participated in the laborious task of copying and binding books alongside his monks.

Just before he died, Osmund humbly knelt before Anselm seeking forgiveness for past disagreements.



Jesus said, "The Son of Man will come when you do not expect Him."  
Find Jesus in the picture.

Thanksgiving  
Prayer

by Ralph Waldo Emerson

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

For flowers that bloom about our feet;  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;  
For song of bird, and hum of bee;  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Start at the center and follow the arrows beneath the letters to find out  
Son of Man will return - except who?  
Jesus said that no one knows when the

The Coming of the Son of Man

November 30, 2025 • Matthew 24:36-44

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