



January 25, 2026
The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Is
Christ
divided?”**



Today is the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For the past week, believers from virtually every Christian tradition have been praying for an end to all division among Christians: an end to the division between the Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic churches; an end to divisions between Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic believers; and an end to divisions within churches and parishes.

What a perfect reading, then to close out this week! In it, we get a glimpse of St. Paul’s inspired insights into causes of division. When he learns that factions are threatening the church at Corinth, he goes right to the heart of the problem. “Is Christ divided?” he asks, almost sarcastically (1 Corinthians 1:13). In other words, *How can you take sides like this when you were all baptized into the one Lord, Jesus Christ?*

Paul understood that divisions happen when we focus too much on our own opinions and selfish desires and not enough on Jesus. We might favor

one church leader over another (1 Corinthians 1:12). We might prefer our wealthy brothers and sisters over those who are struggling (11: 18-22). Or we might be more impressed with those who seem spiritually gifted and less so with the ones who seem “ordinary” (12: 4-7). But in each case, one crucial truth gets obscured: “In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,” the body of Christ (12:13).

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, former preacher to the papal household, once said, “If we will turn to Christ and go forward together toward him, we Christians will draw closer to each other” (Sermon, March 18, 2016). The closer we get to Jesus, the more he heals our wounds and leads us to repentance. And the more we are healed and forgive, the easier it becomes to love and reconcile with each other.

No, Christ is *not* divided. So let’s all draw closer to him and ask him to make us one!

~~~~ **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: Charles Walden

Director of Religious Education: Dcn. Charles Walden

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

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## Our Mission:

*To live a Gospel way of life*

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*Let us pray.*

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults     | Children    |
|-----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Saturday, 1/17/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 82         | 6           |
| Sunday, 1/18/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 109        | 25          |
| 1/18/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 82         | 14          |
| 1/18/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 45         | 3           |
| <b>Total— 366 =</b>               | <b>318</b> | <b>+ 48</b> |

*In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$4,133.57**

**Upcoming second collection:**  
*Churches in Latin America and Saltillo Mission*  
**January 24 & 25, 2026**

**Mass Intentions** can be for a special intention, such as a birthday or anniversary. They are also for remembering those who have passed away. The recommended donation per Mass is \$10.00. A card can be sent when requested. Contact Michelle in the Partish Office to arrange Masses or for questions.



Altar flowers are a great way to celebrate a loved one. Flowers are a beautiful gift for the deceased as well as for those celebrating a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion. You may call the Parish Office to get in contact with Gayle Probus, our floral person, or make a request on one of the flower envelopes in the back of the church with a recommended donation of \$40.00 or more.

**PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY.** As a friendly reminder, please do not leave vehicles parked in the driveway area. Many of our parishioners use this driveway as a means to drop off individuals to use the elevator. Blocking the driveway also poses a hazard in the event emergency vehicles are required. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this request.



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| Monday,<br>January 26    | 8:30 am   | Ingeborg Felder +       |
| Tuesday,<br>January 27   | 8:30 am   | Fred & Sharon DeMetz +  |
| Wednesday,<br>January 28 | 6:00 p.m. | Kellie Anderson (SP)    |
| Thursday,<br>January 29  | 8:30 am   | Fr. Mark Beard +        |
| Friday<br>January 30     | 8:30 am   | Fr. Peter Mockler +     |
| Saturday,<br>January 31  | 4:00 pm   | Isabelle Hill +         |
| Sunday,<br>February 1    | 8:30 am   | Fr. Charles Arthur (SP) |
|                          | 11:00 am  | Ursula San Fillippo +   |
|                          | 5:30 pm   | St. Clare Parish Family |



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| January 25 | Fathers Ryan McCoy & Henry McInerney                                            |
| January 26 | Our Seminarians                                                                 |
| January 27 | Our deceased Popes and Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin                     |
| January 28 | Our retired, extern & deceased Priests, Brothers and Deacons                    |
| January 29 | Our Priests & Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School |
| January 30 | Our Deacons and those discerning                                                |
| January 31 | Fr. Charles Arthur                                                              |



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Tom Lundin, Karen Rupp  
Kathy Willis, Drew Osbourn  
Miller Piazza, Mike Cunningham  
Fr. Charles Arthur**

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$10.00 membership. Meet the 1st Tuesday of each even month.

**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?

## Palms for Ash Wednesday

All are invited to drop off blessed palms in the basket by the Parish Office door. These palms will be burned and the ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday.

**We ask that you please drop them off by Sunday, February 8th.**



**Altar Society meeting  
Tuesday, February 3rd  
at 6:00 p.m. in the  
Parish Center.**

## FEBRUARY

### Over 50's Group

- ☺ Sunday, February 1st—Beginning at 1:00 pm in the Parish Center join us for a game of Left, Right Center. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters.
- ☺ Tuesday, February 10th—BUNCO will be a week earlier this month, due to the Mardi Gras Day conflict. Meet in the Parish Center at 1:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and your drink.
- ☺ Wednesday, February 11th—Luncheon at Yun Long Buffet beginning at 11:30 am. Join us for a 'Dutch Treat" Fellowship luncheon.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generosity and your giving hearts during the Advent and Christmas Seasons. The Angel Trees were filled with local children and seniors in need, as well as envelopes to bring joy to the families in Ghana. Graciously and generously you all provided for many during some tough economic times.

I was also the recipient of your kindness and giving spirit. Thank you for the gifts, cards and delicious edible goodies I received.

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, for the administration of this public service is not only the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God." *2 Corinthians 9:11-12*

God is good all the time and all the time God is good!!



Fr. Charles Arthur

# St Clare Kingdom Meal "King Cake Social"



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Prayers of Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
Anointing of the Sick and  
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**Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
6:30 p.m.**

**Holy Family Parish  
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# St. Dominic Faith Life

**Emmaus Men's Retreat  
January 30-February 1, 2026**



Men, put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and be part of the upcoming men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of January 30-February 1, 2026.

The retreat is held on the Gulf Coast at W. J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay Saint Louis. The retreat is based on the scripture passage which includes Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting spiritual experience that has a profound effect on men's spiritual lives.

The retreat begins at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday.

Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church.

Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something special awaits you on the Road to Emmaus. <https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus>.

Please contact the following men for additional information: Rick Valadie @504-655-8932  
Norm Madere@ 504-481-0411  
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For all women 20+

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Friday February 20- Sunday February 22, 2026**



Come join us at Camp Wilkes in Biloxi  
for a discernment retreat led by  
Fr. Tristan Stovall  
Assistant Vocation Director  
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# Saint of the Week

## St. Thomas Aquinas

### Feast Day: January 28th

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**B**orn in southern Italy, in about 1225, St. Thomas Aquinas was of noble descent, and was educated at the best schools. At the University of Naples, he showed exceptional ability in speech and logic. Influenced by the Dominicans, Thomas entered the religious life, which was unheard of for a person of his noble stature; his family, especially his mother, did not support his decision to become a poor friar. And when the Order sent Thomas to Rome, his brothers kidnapped him, at their mother's insistence, and detained him in the hopes of changing his mind. They even tempted him with women, but Thomas's virtue was too strong. During his two-year confinement, his sister brought him books on religion and philosophy, so that he could continue to learn.

### ***A Holy and Academic Life***

Realizing the futility of his imprisonment, his mother finally set Thomas free. He took his vows and was sent to Cologne to study. Thomas received his bachelor of theology in Paris and gained a reputation as an influential speaker. Before receiving his degree of Doctor of Theology, he successfully argued a case before the Pope, to

excuse the friars from taking an oath with which they did not agree but which was mandated by the University.

### ***A life of Theologic Blessings***

Through his preaching and writings Thomas demonstrated that faith and reason could abide together. He was in great demand, but continued to write his *Summa Theologica*, a key treatise that helped fashion the theological language of the Catholic church. He even turned down the archbishopric of Naples so that he could lecture and write. Even on his deathbed in 1274, he continued to dictate his clear-minded ideas.

Jesus went throughout Galilee. He taught, He preached and He healed.

Find  Jesus in each picture.



### 2025 Tax Contribution Statements available.

If you wish to receive a statement of your donations in 2025, please follow these steps:

- ◇ Send an email request to [finance1@stclare-catholic.com](mailto:finance1@stclare-catholic.com) including your name and envelope # if applicable.
- ◇ Check SPAM/JUNK mailboxes if the email has not arrived in the time allotted.
- ◇ In person and phone call requests may also be made.
- ◇ **Please allow 5—7 working days for the request to be processed.**

### Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7+

January 25, 2026 • Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins to Preach and to Call Disciples

Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. He saw 2 brothers, Peter and Andrew. They were casting a net for they were fishermen. What did Jesus say to them?

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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.

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