



February 15, 2026

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,...God has revealed to us.”



That’s quite a bold statement! St. Paul is saying that, through Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit has revealed something that no one had ever seen or heard of before. Paul calls that something “God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages of our glory” (1 Corinthians 2:7).

For our glory. That’s not just a throwaway phrase. It’s the actual revelation that God has made manifest: the promise that everyone who believes in Christ can be glorified, just as Jesus, “the Lord of glory,” is now glorified (1 Corinthians 2:8)!

Sit with that truth for a moment. Prophets and kings from the past, great saints like Abraham, Isaiah, and Moses, all had amazing revelations about the Lord and his plans. But only now, after Jesus’ resurrection, has *our own* resurrection become so clearly revealed!

It’s easy to reduce the gospel to message about

right living and adherence to a moral code that we have to try hard to follow. It’s easy to reduce it to a set of self-help principles that we can adopt. It’s easy to reduce it to any number of things. But once you start hearing about God’s plan “for our glory,” you know that Jesus has done something for us that we could never do ourselves. His death defeated our death. And his resurrection has opened heaven—for all of us.

This is part of the “mysterious, hidden” plan that God has now revealed in Christ. Jesus, the risen and glorified Lord, is our true destiny. He has made us for heaven!

Today is the perfect day to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal this glorious plan to you a little more. Read today’s second reading slowly and prayerfully. Let the words sink into your heart and fill you with hope. You were created for glory!

~~~~~ **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

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

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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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| Mass Attendance -                | Adults     | Children    |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Saturday, 2/7/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 106        | 3           |
| Sunday, 2/8/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 100        | 17          |
| 2/8/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 50         | 7           |
| 2/8/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 27         | 2           |
| <b>Total— 312 =</b>              | <b>283</b> | <b>+ 29</b> |

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

**Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory: \$3,215.00**  
**Church Property Ins. \$1,205.00**

**Upcoming second collections:**  
**Building Fund—February 14 & 15**  
**Ash Wednesday / Eastern Europe & Africa February 18**  
**Black and Indian Missions—February 21 & 22**

*Mass*  
**INTENTIONS**

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 Parish 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 Gift Shop 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>February 16    | 8:30 am                | Howder family (SP)        |
| Tuesday,<br>February 17   | 8:30 am                | Fred & Sharon DeMetz +    |
| Wednesday,<br>February 18 | 8:30 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m. | James San Fillippo (SP)   |
| Thursday,<br>February 19  | 8:30 am                | Foy family (SP)           |
| Friday<br>February 20     | 8:30 am                | Donna & Russel Bodin (SP) |
| Saturday,<br>February 21  | 4:00 pm                | Mary Ann Becnel (SP)      |
| Sunday,<br>February 22    | 8:30 am                | St. Clare Parish family   |
|                           | 11:00 am               | Confirmation Class        |
|                           | 5:30 pm                | Claudia Devine (SP)       |



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|-------------|------------------------------------------------|
| February 15 | Father Mark Ropel                              |
| February 16 | Fathers Alwin Kuzhandai Samy HGN & James Smith |
| February 17 | Fathers Michael Snyder & Michael Somers        |
| February 18 | Fathers S. Kennedy Soosa & Emmanuel Subaar     |
| February 19 | Father Truong Q Trinh                          |
| February 20 | Father Joe Uko                                 |
| February 21 | Fathers Adam Urbaniak & Peter Varghese C.M.I.  |



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## 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 the parish office 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?

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 the church will close for the Mardi Gras holiday. We will have two Masses on Wednesday February 18th for Ash Wednesday. Although it is not a holy day of obligation, it is the perfect way to begin the journey through Lent. We hope you will join us.

## Confirmation

All are invited to attend the celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation to be held Sunday, February 22, 2026 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III will be the main celebrant. A sit-down reception will be held following the Mass in the Parish Hall.

A sign-up sheet is available on the round table in the hallway for those who are able to help with this event in a variety of ways. The point of contact for the reception is Mary Ann Pucheu. We greatly appreciate any amount of help you are able to give to the success of this special event.

We will not have Adoration on Ash Wednesday, February 18 .

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CANCELED**



*Happy Birthday  
Bishop Kihneman, III*

February 17, 2026

The St. Joseph's Altar is just over four weeks away. The Altar Society will need lots of help for this



event. A sign-up sheet is available on the round table, Thank you for any amount of help you can provide. Susan Ferry is the person to contact.

Lenten almsgiving boxes are available in the hallway. All are invited to take a box home to pray and sacrifice with in your family. Lent is a time of repentance, sacrifice and prayerful reflection.



## Lent

**Lent begins February 18, 2026**

**Ash Wednesday Feb. 18 Mass times are:**

✠ 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross dates and times are:**

✠ Friday, Feb. 20 at 5:00 p.m.

✠ Friday, Feb. 27 at 5:00 p.m.

✠ Friday, Mar. 6 at 5:00 p.m.

✠ Friday, Mar. 13 at 5:00 p.m.

✠ Friday, March 20 at 5:00 p.m.

✠ Friday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.

**Parish Penance Service date and time:**

**Tuesday, March 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**



## Lent Dinner Menu- February 20, 2026

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

### Entrees- Choose 1

**Fried Catfish**  
**Fried Shrimp**  
**Shrimp Alfredo**  
**Seafood Gumbo**

### Sides- Choose 2

**French Fries**  
**Potato Salad**  
**Cole Slaw**  
**Potato Salad**  
**Italian Green Beans**

**Seafood Gumbo \$7**

**Hot Baked or Frozen Shrimp Stuffed Potato \$8**

**St. Clare is entering into a stretch of events that will require lots of work. We ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering with one or more of the three events that are upon us now.**



**The sit-down reception with the Bishop after the 11:00 am Confirmation Mass on Sunday, February 22 in the Parish Center.**

Sign-up sheet is on the round table for those attending and those who can lend a hand.

Mary Ann Pucheu is the point of contact for those signing up to volunteer for set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up.

**St. Joseph Altar March 19, 2026 in the Parish Center.**

A sign-up sheet is on the round table, as the preparations have begun for this event. The areas of help range from baking, bringing fruits and vegetables the day before the altar is opened, set-up, decorating, greeting, breakdown and clean-up following the event.

Susan Ferry is the point of contact for this event.

**Lenten Dinners begin Friday, February 20th and continue through Friday, March 27th.**

There are many needs for the dinners also. Cooking prior to and during the day of the meal. Dish washing and kitchen clean-up during the meal day and much more.

A sign-up sheet will be available or just show up Friday evenings around 4:00 p.m.

**In the New Testament James tells us that “So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” 2:17.**



**DIOCESE of BILOXI**  
**VOCATIONS**

**Discernment Retreat for Men**  
**Ages 16 and Up**  
**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 Diocese of Jackson**

## WHAT IS LENT?

It begins on **Ash Wednesday**, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a **40-day fast** (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.



**PREPARE**



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**ALMS-GIVING**

### WHAT IS FASTING?



Fasting is a form of penance that imposes limits on the kind or quantity of food or drink.

### WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?



Abstinence refers to refraining from certain kind of foods or drink.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Catholics who are 14 years old until death are bound to practice the law of abstinence.

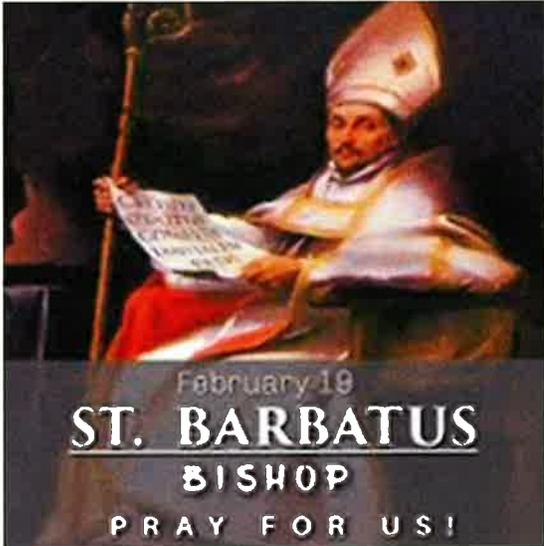


Catholics who are 18-59 years old are bound to practice the law of fasting.

# Saint of the Week

## St. Barbatius

Feast Day: February 19th  
Patron of Benevento, Italy



**B**arbatius was born in Benevento, about 30 miles northeast of Naples, during a time of great political religious turmoil. Goths had destroyed the city about 60 years before his birth, only to have invading Lombards seize the throne, which their own vassal then wrested from them. Meanwhile, the nominally Christian people had been swayed by the heresy of Arianism. To make matters worse, some also followed a pagan cult which involved worshipping a golden serpent and venerating a holy tree. The new king, Grimold, was devoted to the Archangel Michael, but his son, Duke Romuald believed in the old superstitions. When Barbatius, known as a gifted preacher, exhorted the people to return to orthodox Christianity, they responded with violence.

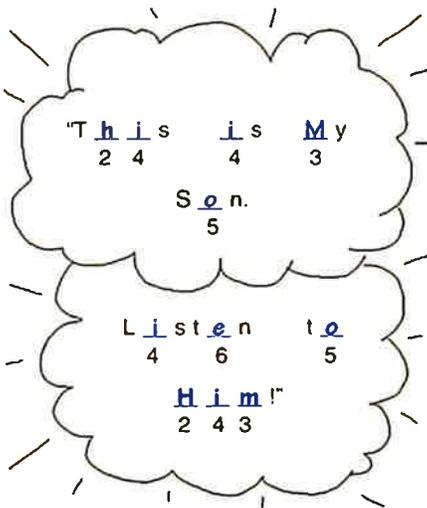
### A Change of Heart

Barbatius worked tirelessly to overturn idolatry. He also predicted that the armies of the Emperor Constans, which had just landed in Italy, would bring them trials and tribulations. Only after Constans laid siege to the city, did the panicked population begin to listen to Barbatius's message.

Barbatius told them that if they repented, Constans would be repelled. The siege was lifted, and the people flocked back to the true faith. Barbatius then melted down the golden serpent (which he made into a chalice for the church) and cut down the idolized tree with his own hands. Because the bishop had died during the siege, Barbatius was now elected in his place. During his 19 years as bishop, Barbatius rooted out all vestiges of paganism. He died after attending an important council in Constantinople as the Pope's representative.

A voice came from a cloud.

To see what the voice said, fill in the missing letters.  
2=h 3=m 4=l 5=o 6=e



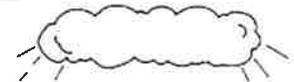
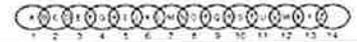
### 2025 Tax Contribution Statements available.

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.**

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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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