



March 1, 2026

The 1st Sunday in Lent

“His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”



Writing about today’s Gospel reading on the transfiguration of Christ, St. Thomas Aquinas used an analogy. He said that if an archer is going to shoot his arrow straight, he needs to see the target. Aquinas also said that we can’t know which road to take unless we know the destination. And when the road is difficult, knowing that we’re headed to a great destination can make the difficult journey worthwhile.

How does all this apply to the transfiguration? Aquinas said that when Jesus was transfigured, he gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse of their own future. They saw Jesus in his heavenly glory, and embedded in that miracle was the promise that all who follow him would also be filled with this glory. As St. Paul told the Philippians, God will “change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body” (3:21).

Jesus knew that he was headed toward his own suffering and death. He knew that the disciples would be shaken to the core by the events of his

passion, and that the road ahead of them would involve hardship and suffering. So he revealed his glory to them to give them a glimpse of where he was headed—and a glimpse of their own target. He gave them a foretaste of their own future glory, and that revelation strengthened them for the difficult path ahead.

Let today’s Gospel do that for you, too! We are at the start of Lent, but we know that the time will come when we will see Jesus, beaten and bloodied, stripped of all dignity, raised up on a cross between two criminals. That’s the time to remember the transfiguration, when his glory shone brightly on the mountain. Even in his suffering, Jesus knew what his destination was: resurrection. And in our struggles, we can look toward our destination—heavenly glory, in union with Jesus!

~~~~~ **The Word Among Us**

# *St. Clare Catholic Church*

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## **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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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, 2/21/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 89         | 5           |
| Sunday, 2/22/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 83         | 14          |
| 2/22/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 136        | 10          |
| 2/22/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 51         | 6           |
| <b>Total— 394 =</b>               | <b>359</b> | <b>+ 35</b> |

*In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory: \$4,874.00**  
**Black & Indian Missions \$669.00**  
**Ash Wednesday (Combined) \$1,284.00**

**Upcoming second collections:**  
**Diocesan Support—February 28 & March 1**  
**Church Property Insurance—March 7 & 8**

**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 will resume on Easter Sunday. In the coming weeks everyone will have an opportunity to help support the purchase of Easter flowers. Thank you!

**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>March 2    | 8:30 am   | Faulk family (SP)             |
| Tuesday,<br>March 3   | 8:30 am   | Allan Murphey +               |
| Wednesday,<br>March 4 | 6:00 p.m. | Nester Anderson family +      |
| Thursday,<br>March 5  | 8:30 am   | Wright family (SP)            |
| Friday<br>March 6     | 8:30 am   | Bill Kane +                   |
| Saturday,<br>March 7  | 4:00 pm   | St. Clare Parish family (SP)  |
| Sunday,<br>March 8    | 8:30 am   | Bill Kane +                   |
|                       | 11:00 am  | St. Clare Youth Ministry (SP) |
|                       | 5:30 pm   | Jackie Yarrington +           |



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| March 1 | Pope Leo XIV                                |
| March 2 | Father Satish Adhav                         |
| March 3 | Father Godswill Agbagwa                     |
| March 4 | Father Vincent O Ajayi                      |
| March 5 | Father Godfrey Andoh                        |
| March 6 | Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihneman III |
| March 7 | Pray for an increase in vocations           |



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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?

The St. Joseph's Altar is just two weeks away! Sale of candles begins this weekend until sold out. Candles are \$5.00 each and will be placed on the Altar and blessed at the opening of the event.

### We still volunteers to help with:

- ✦ Baking of cakes and Italian cookies.
- ✦ Decorating the tables and hall.
- ✦ Tables to be set-up and taken down.
- ✦ Statues, greenery, flowers, etc. to decorate, all items will be returned.
- ✦ Donations of fruits and vegetables, cake mixes and money to help purchase the special icing for the cakes.



## Lent

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

- ✦ 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.

**Anointing of the Sick:**  
**Sunday, March 22 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**

**Parish Penance Service date and time:**  
**Tuesday, March 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us Friday, March 6th following the 8:30 a.m. Mass for Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. Fr. Charles will be available for confessions until 11:45 a.m.



A really BIG thank you to everyone who helped with the sit-down reception last Sunday. The food was delicious! The planning, cooking, set-up, serving, clean-up and hospitality was top notch!!! St. Clare volunteers always do a fabulous job with our events!! Thank you to those who stayed and joined us.



## Lent Dinner Menu- March 6, 2026

**Plates-\$13- Includes 1 Entrée, 2 Sides**

**Hushpuppies and Dessert**

**Drinks are Available for Purchase**

### **Entrees- Choose 1**

**Fried Catfish**

**Fried Shrimp**

**Shrimp Stew**

**Seafood Gumbo**

### **Sides- Choose 2**

**French Fries**

**Potato Salad**

**Cole Slaw**

**Green Bean/Artichoke Casserole**

**Seafood Gumbo \$7**

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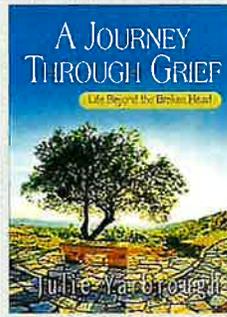
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## St. Clare Church Grief Support Group will meet on Thursdays, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting dates for the  
8-week spring 2026 session are:

(Note these dates may be subject to change.)

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| ◆ March 5  | ◆ April 2  |
| ◆ March 12 | ◆ April 9  |
| ◆ March 19 | ◆ April 16 |
| ◆ March 26 | ◆ April 23 |

Meeting place: St. Clare Catholic Church  
236 S. Beach Boulevard ~ Waveland, MS 39576

Point of Contact: Sherry Ponder at 228-332-0256

The book used for the meetings, "A Journey Through Grief"  
is provided at the first meeting. Please share this  
opportunity with others who may benefit from this support  
as they journey through their grief.

## St. Clare Catholic Church SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE!



Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Drawing to be held at  
St. Clare Seafood Festival  
on May 24, 2026 at 8:30 PM.

Winner need not be present.

## Over 50's Monthly Activities March events!

**March 1 (1st Sunday) - Left, Right, Center Game**  
At St. Clare Parish Center beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bring a  
snack, drink and \$5.00 in quarters to play along!

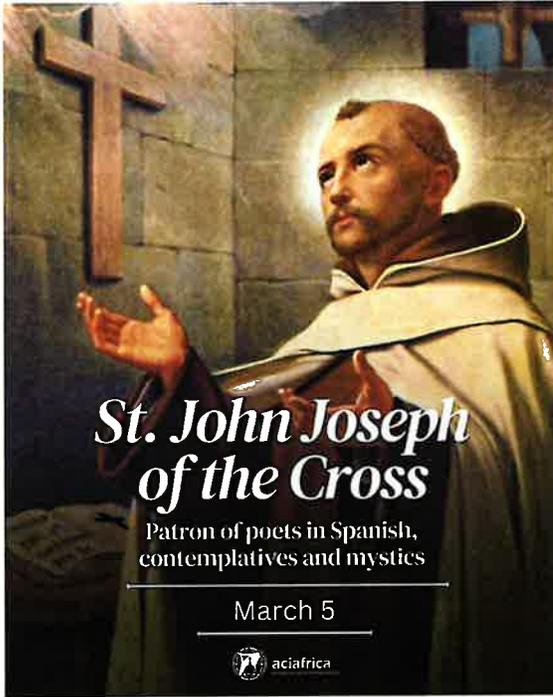
**March 11 (2nd Wednesday) - Luncheon (Dutch Treat)**  
At Yun Long Buffett, meet at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship  
and lunch.

**March 17 (3rd Tuesday) - Bunco**  
At St. Clare in the Parish Center, meet at 1:00 p.m. Bring a  
snack to share, your drink and plan for great fun!



# Saint of the Week

## St. John Joseph of the Cross



On August 15, 1654 Gaetano Calasirto was born to wealthy, charitable parents. Young Carlo used the family's attic as his bedroom so he could pray in solitude. At age 16, he joined the Franciscan order of the Alcantarines, who stressed strict discipline and poverty, and took the name of John Joseph of the Cross.

Especially obedient and austere, John Joseph slept only three hours a night and wore a cross that was studded with nails under his habit. To encourage solitude, the young friar built several hermitages in the woods near the monastery.

John Joseph's dedication impressed his superiors, and they sent him to start a new house for their order in Piedmont. Afterward, John Joseph became a priest and was revered for his wisdom and insight as a confessor.

### A Humble Servant

No matter what position he held, John Joseph always sought the most demanding jobs and eagerly helped others. Outside the monastery, he compassionately aided the less fortunate, feeding the hungry and if necessary, sacrificing his own food.

### Miracle Worker and Gift of Prophecy

John Joseph performed many wondrous miracles and was constantly followed by people begging for advice, his blessing or a scrap of his habit. Although people already hailed him as a saint, the humble friar never took credit for his healings.

John Joseph was also blessed with the gift of prophecy. During one of his last visions, he foresaw his own death. Meanwhile, he calmly continued to carry out his duties until he was stricken by a massive stroke. John Joseph died on March 5, 1734, and he was canonized in 1839.

Nicodemus told Jesus, "I know that ...

Use the code to learn what Nicodemus said



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### 2025 Tax Contribution Statements available.

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- ◇ 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.

Jesus gave Nicodemus an important message. What was it?

Unscramble these words to find John 3:16

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