



**February 8, 2026**  
The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“...so that your  
faith might rest  
not on human  
wisdom but on  
the power of God.”***



**S**t. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians gives a series of snapshots of this vibrant, growing, and challenging church. He praises their strengths and addresses their struggles, and in today's second reading, he reminds them that their foundation rests, not on any human wisdom, but on the power of God. For Paul, this wasn't some vague kind of power; it was the power of crucified and risen Jesus.

When Paul came to Corinth, he preached and reasoned with Jews and Gentiles alike to bring them to the Lord. He surely encouraged them to search the Scriptures for themselves as well. But the heart of his preaching and the bedrock of his faith was Christ's death and resurrection. The revelation of the risen Lord had opened Paul's eyes and transformed his life. So he wanted the Corinthians' faith to be rooted in God and *his* power to change their lives. He wanted their faith to be deep, dynamic, and life-changing.

Paul never tired of reminding the Corinthians that the wisdom and power of God were their foundation. He would say the same to us because he knows how easy it can be to rely only on our own strength and wisdom. We *need* to look to Jesus, risen and victorious, and place our trust in him.

So let's expand our thinking today and step out, trusting in our mighty God. Let's turn to him *first* when we're concerned about our loved ones. Let's pray boldly for God to work in their lives. And if it takes time to see an answer, let's keep praying! God's power can change hearts far beyond what we can do on our own. Our best preaching or persuading, or even the witness of our lives, can't compare with what the power of God can do. To begin, we need only to trust and pray—and watch to see what he will do.

~~~~~ **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, 1/24/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 72         | 4           |
| Sunday, 1/25/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 99         | 13          |
| 1/25/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 58         | 7           |
| 1/25/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 36         | 9           |
| <b>Total— 298 =</b>               | <b>265</b> | <b>+ 33</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:  
Regular Offertory:  
\$3,292.00**

**Upcoming second collections:**  
**Church Property Insurance—February 7 & 8**  
**Building Fund—February 14 & 15**

**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.



This weekend's Altar Flowers are in memory of Brian Emerson's birthday!

Call the Parish Office for more information about Altar Flowers for your loved ones.

**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 9     | 8:30 am   | Kerri Guichet (SP)         |
| Tuesday,<br>February 10   | 8:30 am   | William Stephens +         |
| Wednesday,<br>February 11 | 6:00 p.m. | JoAnn & Squeaky Hille (SP) |
| Thursday,<br>February 12  | 8:30 am   | Bill Kane +                |
| Friday<br>February 13     | 8:30 am   | Jessica Vo +               |
| Saturday,<br>February 14  | 4:00 pm   | Isabelle Hill +            |
| Sunday,<br>February 15    | 8:30 am   | St. Clare Parish family    |
|                           | 11:00 am  | William Stephens +         |
|                           | 5:30 pm   | Kathleen Westbrook (SP)    |



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| February 8  | Fathers Braxton Necaize & Dominic Njoky, SSJ      |
| February 9  | Fathers Cuddy O'Connell & Michael O'Connor        |
| February 10 | Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Martinez Patino  |
| February 11 | Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham    |
| February 12 | Father Tomasz Powroźnik                           |
| February 13 | Fathers Donbosco Puthiyakunnel & J. Maxwell Quaye |
| February 14 | Father Ken Ramon-Landry                           |



**Ronnie Ferrell**  
**Angel Orgeron**  
**Dee Ingram**  
**Allie O'Gwin**  
**Sandy Rutherford**  
**Kathleen Westbrook**

## 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?

## 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.



## 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.**

Thank you for making our inaugural King Cake Kingdom Meal Social and Surprise Birthday Party a huge success!



**St. Clare has begun the process of incorporating security cameras inside of the building, with future plans to place cameras outside.**

- ◆ Five High-Definition cameras have been installed along with a video server on the network that will support more cameras in the future.

The cost of each camera and the installation is \$250.00. There will be an opportunity to sponsor one or more cameras. In the future cameras will be installed on the exterior of our building also.

Please contact the parish office for more information or to setup camera sponsorship. Thank you for your consideration.



A view of what the camera is able to capture in the entry hallway.



The front view of the camera in the entry hallway.



**St. Clare  
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**Volunteer help needed**

**Description:** Interviewers for helping neighbors with utilities and food.

**When:** Wednesdays—10 am to 1 pm flexible weekly schedules.

**Qualification:** Good hearted, good listener, compassionate, informative, and good steward of finances.

The St. Joseph's Altar is just over five 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.

For all women!!!

A BLESSED IS SHE RETREAT



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AND A NEW SPIRIT  
I WILL PUT WITHIN YOU.

Sat, Feb 21st, 8:30-4  
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Questions?  
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Discernment Retreat for Men  
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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. Fristan Stovall  
Assistant Vocation Director  
Diocese of Jackson

## Why "New Wine"?

The title *New Wine* comes directly from the words of Jesus and points to a core truth of Christian formation: God is always doing something new, and we must be willing to be renewed to receive it.

In the Gospels, Jesus uses the image of wine and wineskins to explain the difference between simply maintaining old structures and allowing true spiritual renewal to take place:

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins... Instead, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." — *Matthew 9:17*

Wine in Scripture often symbolizes joy, abundance, and the life of God. New wine, then, represents the fresh work of the Holy Spirit—new life in Christ, renewed hearts, and a deeper participation in God's mission. But Jesus makes clear that new wine requires new wineskins: hearts and minds that are open, formed, and ready to be stretched.

This imagery is echoed throughout the New Testament. At Pentecost, when the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and begin to proclaim the Gospel boldly, some observers mockingly say: "They have had too much wine." — *Acts of the Apostles 2:13*

What looked like chaos was actually transformation. The apostles—once fearful—were becoming courageous witnesses. The Church itself was being born as new wine poured out for the world.

The New Wine Program takes its name from this biblical vision. It is not about discarding tradition or starting from scratch; rather, it is about allowing God to renew the disciple so that the mission of the Church can be carried forward with clarity, faith, and vitality. Formation shapes us into "fresh wineskins"—leaders who are rooted in the faith, attentive to the Holy Spirit, and ready to serve where God calls.

New Wine is ultimately about this question: Are we willing to be renewed so that God can do something new through us?

*Applications are now open for the August 2026 Cohort of the New Wine Program. Those serving in ministry in parishes and schools who feel called to deeper formation and leadership are encouraged to apply. Additional information and application materials are available at [biloxidiocese.org/new-wine](http://biloxidiocese.org/new-wine). Applications are due Friday, March 6, 2026.*

**Because new wine still needs fresh wineskins—and the Church still needs well-formed leaders ready to say yes.**

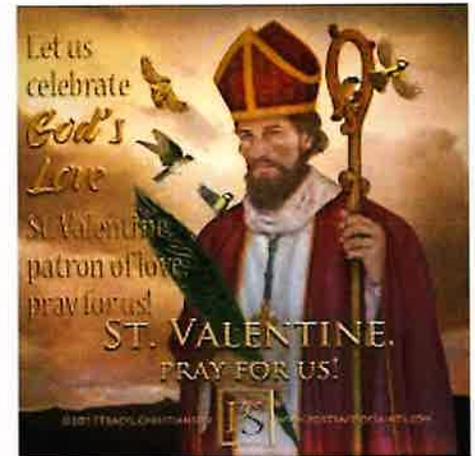
An application may be found online [biloxidiocese.org/](http://biloxidiocese.org/)



## Prayer to Saint Valentine

*O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, Look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor; and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Amen**



## Catholic Charities of South Mississippi Job Opening Mental Health Therapist

### Position Summary

Catholic Charities of South Mississippi is seeking a compassionate and dedicated Mental Health Therapist to join our team. The ideal candidate will provide high-quality mental health services including individual therapy, family therapy, group counseling, and community outreach. This position requires a commitment to serving others with dignity and respect while upholding the mission and values of Catholic Charities of South Mississippi and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

To see full job posting and qualifications visit:

<https://catholiccharitiesofsouthms.org/counseling-program>



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OVER  
50<sup>+'S</sup>  
GROUP

FEBRUARY

## Over 50's Group

- 🕒 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.

# Saint of the Week

## St. Meletius of Antioch

Feast Day: February 12th

Faithful Bishop and Shepherd of Divided People



St. Meletius

"A Servant of God must be patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition"

2 Timothy 2:24

February 12

Born in Melitene, now in modern-day Turkey, Meletius came from a powerful family in Lesser Armenia. But little else is known about his early life. Meletius emerged as a respected officer of the Church just as it was becoming split between Arianism, a school of thought which held that Jesus was not fully God but was created by God the Father, and the Nicene belief of a coequal God the Father and Son. This was a struggle that pitted emperors, popes and bishops against each other, especially in the East, where Arianism was widely accepted.

Meletius himself was in the difficult position of having been ordained by the Arians but believing in the Nicene interpretation of Christ's divinity. He would spend much of his life trying to reconcile the two groups.

### Church Schism

Meletius was appointed Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia but was driven from his diocese. Then he was given the see in the Syrian town of Beroea.

As emperors came and went and power ebbed between the two factions, Meletius was named Bishop of Antioch as a compromise choice. As bishop, he walked a fine line because he was distrusted by the Nicene—until he delivered an interpretation of

Scripture that favored the Nicene Creed. For this, he was banished again by the Arians in power. Believing that peace could only be achieved with Meletius's help, Basil the Great fought to restore him.

### Ecumenical Council in Constantinople

Meletius lived to see his beliefs respected and honored. He was called to an ecumenical council in 381 as the representative of the bishops of the Eastern church, but he died after presiding over the first session.

Be a light in the world. Let others see your good deeds and praise God.

Draw 😊 for good deeds and ☹️ for bad deeds.



### 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.**



Jesus teaches that those who follow His laws will be rewarded. What did He say?

Use this Morse Code to fill in the blanks.

A B C D E F G H I  
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Jesus said, "Whoever

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