



March 15, 2026

The 4th Sunday in Lent

**“Live as
children
of light.”**



It's no wonder St. Paul uses the analogy of light when he exhorts us to live in a manner worthy of our calling as disciples. Light is necessary to sustain life. It's essential for the photosynthesis process so that plants can provide us with food and produce the oxygen that we need to breathe. Light helps to regulate our sleep cycle, our mood, and our hormones, and it strengthens our immune system. Put simply, it's light that keeps us alive.

Paul tells us that before we were baptized into Christ, we lived in darkness, but now that we have received his Spirit, we have his light within us. We still live in a fallen world, however, and it might seem at times that we are surrounded only by darkness. But Paul is clear about who we are in Christ: We are now “light in the Lord” (Ephesians 5:8). We aren't just recipients of his light; we *are* light. That means that we need to “take no part in the fruitless works of darkness” (5:11). We can reject sin and commit

to loving God and our neighbor.

So Paul gives us some advice on what living as “children of light” looks like. He tells us to “learn what is pleasing to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:8, 10). And how do we do that? By being consistent in prayer, by pondering the Scriptures, and by staying “awake” to the Spirit (5:13). When we let Jesus shed his light into our hearts, we experience greater freedom and healing from sin. As we allow his light to shine *through* us, we are able to guide others to him.

In the same way in which natural light is essential for our physical life, we need the spiritual light of Christ to keep our inner lives healthy. And when his light shines through us, we will produce “every kind of godness and righteousness and truth” (Ephesians 5:9).

~~~~~ **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.

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Deacon: Charles Walden

Director of Religious Education: Dcn. Charles Walden

Secretary: Michelle Fleming

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*To live a Gospel way of life*

**\*Simply**

**\*With Humility**

**\*Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

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| Mass Attendance -                | Adults     | Children    |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Saturday, 3/7/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 104        | 4           |
| Sunday, 3/8/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 95         | 10          |
| 3/8/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 77         | 11          |
| 3/8/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 52         | 8           |
| <b>Total— 361 =</b>              | <b>328</b> | <b>+ 33</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$5,350.00**

**Church Property Insurance \$1,012.00**

**Upcoming second collections:**

Catholic Relief Services—March 14 & 15  
St. Clare Building Fund—March 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**

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 16    | 8:30 am   | Fred & Sharon DeMetz+    |
| Tuesday,<br>March 17   | 8:30 am   | Fr. Cuddy O'Connell (SP) |
| Wednesday,<br>March 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Fr. Thomas C. White +    |
| Thursday,<br>March 19  | 8:30 am   | Altar Society members    |
| Friday<br>March 20     | 8:30 am   | Msgr. Joseph Mercier +   |
| Saturday,<br>March 21  | 4:00 pm   | Jack Schornick +         |
| Sunday,<br>March 22    | 8:30 am   | Fr. William Norvel +     |
|                        | 11:00 am  | Richard J Fayard, Sr. +  |
|                        | 5:30 pm   | St. Clare Parish Family  |



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|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| March 15 | Fathers Ruben Covos & Joe Dilettuso (Retired)        |
| March 16 | Father Adam Frey                                     |
| March 17 | Monsignor Dominick Fullam                            |
| March 18 | Fathers Martin Gillespie & Tomaz Golab               |
| March 19 | Father Martin Herrera, S.V.D.                        |
| March 20 | Father Robert Higginbotham (Retired)                 |
| March 21 | Fathers Rofinus Jas S.V.D. & Ignacio Jimenez-Morales |



**James Butcher, Rose Marie Ginn  
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Jennifer Piazza, Christine Sory  
Kenny Conrad, Rylen Hunt**

## 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:** (stclaresvp1@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?

**St. Joseph Altar ~ March 19 from 9 to 5 in the Parish Hall  
All are invited to join us for this beautiful event!**



Easter Sunday is four weeks away. In preparation we have placed Flower offering envelopes in the pews to help defray the cost of the flowers purchased and used to decorate the Altar for the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. When the plants have been removed from the Altar, we offer them to be planted to enjoy for years to come. Thank you for generosity!



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

- ✠ 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.**

## Holy Week Schedule

- ✠ Monday, March 30—Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- ✠ Tuesday, March 31—No Mass
- ✠ Wednesday, April 1—Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- ✠ Holy Thursday, April 2—Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- ✠ Good Friday, April 2—Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m., followed by Veneration of the Cross and Communion Service.
- ✠ Easter Vigil, April 4—Mass at 7:30 p.m.
- ✠ Easter Sunday, April 5—Mass at 8:30 & 11 a.m. We will not have the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

## Over 50's Monthly Activities March events!

**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!





## Lent Dinner Menu- March 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 Stew (Back by popular Demand)**

**Seafood Gumbo**

### Sides- Choose 2

**French Fries**

**Potato Salad**

**Cole Slaw**

**Cabbage Casserole**

**Seafood Gumbo \$7**

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



**The Waveland Civic Association  
St. Patrick's Day Parade will  
be held on Saturday, March 21.**

The start time is 1:00 p.m. on Bienville and N. Beach Blvd. Those going to Saturday Vigil Mass may want to access the church parking lot by traveling down Central Ave from either Waveland Ave. or Coleman Ave to Vacation Lane.

All are welcome to come early, bring a chair and enjoy the parade as it passes by St. Clare! Come catch some groceries!

## **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.

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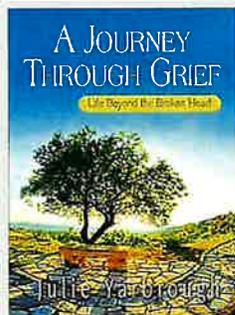
# SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE!



**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.**



**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.)

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| ◆ 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.



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**Thank you to all who have generously contributed to the sponsorship of cameras.**

The High-Definition cameras that are being installed provide an extra security to the interior and exterior of our Church. Sponsorship of these cameras allows us to 'look' beyond the building area. This will be very helpful during the festival and other big events.

The cost of each camera and the installation is \$250.00. Please contact the parish office for more information or to setup camera sponsorship. Thank you for your contributions and consideration.



# Saint of the Week

## St. Gabriel Lalemant

Feast Day: March 17 ~ North American Martyr



As a young man of 22, Gabriel joined the Society of Jesus, just as his two uncles had done before him. For years he longed to follow them to New France in Canada and become a “blackrobe,” missionary to Native Americans. After ordination, however, his frail physical condition convinced the Jesuits to keep him in France, where he supervised studies at Bourges.

Gabriel persisted, though, and finally his superiors changed their minds. In 1646, he joined his uncle in Quebec. But Gabriel was not satisfied. He pleaded for a more demanding mission among the Native Americans—believing that Jesus had also suffered and died for them. After two years, his uncle allowed him to travel with Jean de Bréuef to Huronia, located near Georgian Bay.

### Martyrdom

Life in the wilderness was dangerous. The Iroquois people were at war with the Hurons. Gabriel arrived at the mission in January 1649. He was only 38 years old and brimming with enthusiasm for his new work.

On March 15, the Iroquois attacked the Huron settlement. Although the two priests could have escaped, they stayed to protect the frightened women and children while the Huron men tried to defend their village. But the Iroquois outnumbered them. They set fire to the Village, killing nearly all of the inhabitants.

Father Bréuef and Gabriel were captured and tortured to death. Gabriel’s only cry was: “Jesus, have mercy on us!” Both joined the growing list of martyrs who died while bringing Christianity to the New World.

The Pharisees questioned the healed man.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

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“H ow   did

Jesus

open   your

eyes?”

### 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.**

What did the blind man say?



Use the Braille alphabet to read his words.

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