



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

**“Truly, this
was the
Son of God!”**



If Jesus were the star of a Hollywood movie, his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem would surely be the end of the film: a joyous celebration of the Messiah receiving the recognition and honor that he deserves. The movie would show how Jesus lived a sinless life, how he spent three years proclaiming and demonstrating that the kingdom of God was at hand, and how he trained his disciples. An in spite of some misunderstandings during his time of ministry, at last the crowds would finally acknowledge who he really was: the Son of God, the promised Messiah. The end.

But as we read in today’s Gospel, Palm Sunday was actually the *beginning* of one of the most significant weeks in history. Although it seemed as if things took a turn for the worse as the week went on—with Jesus’ betrayal, abandonment, torture, and death—God’s plan of salvation for the world was unfolding.

In a homily on Palm Sunday, St. Bernard of Clairvaux remarked,

How different the cries that now are calling him “King of Israel” and then in a few days’ time will be saying, “We have no king but Caesar!” What a contrast between the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they are stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them.

As you begin Holy Week, join the crowds in shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” (Matthew 21:9). Then stay with Jesus all week as he prepares to suffer and die. Take some time each day to consider this one realization in today’s Gospel: “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (27:54). Jesus, the Son of God, suffered and died for you—and that is better than any Hollywood ending.

~~~~~ **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

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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, 3/21/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 79         | 6           |
| Sunday, 3/22/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 101        | 22          |
| 3/22/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 116        | 12          |
| 3/22/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 57         | 11          |
| <b>Total— 404 =</b>               | <b>353</b> | <b>+ 51</b> |

*In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$4,325.00**

**St. Clare Building Fund \$865.00**

St. Vincent de Paul (St. Clare) - March 28 & 29  
 Holy Land—Good Friday, April 3  
 Church Property Insurance—April 4 & 5

**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.

Easter Sunday is next week. In preparation we have placed Flower offering envelopes on the round tables. Donations are being accepted 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!



**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 30   | 8:30 am   | Christine Thomas Barnes (SP) |
| Tuesday,<br>March 31  | No Mass   | No Mass                      |
| Wednesday,<br>April 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Mary Louise +                |
| Thursday,<br>April 2  | 7:00 p.m. | Bill Kane +                  |
| Friday<br>April 3     | No Mass   | No Mass                      |
| Saturday,<br>April 4  | 7:30 pm   | OCIA class of 2026           |
| Sunday,<br>April 5    | 8:30 am   | Aaron Sands (SP)             |
|                       | 11:00 am  | Terry & Kathleen Asher (SP)  |
|                       |           | No Mass                      |



**Emery Mitchell, Cady Wolf  
Susan Kane, Beverly Ladner  
Russel Bodin, John Gruzinskas  
Valerie Ladner, Owen Butcher**

## 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.



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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| March 29 | Retired Extern & Deceased Priests, Brothers, & Deacons. |
| March 30 | Deacons and those discerning                            |
| March 31 | Father Charles Arthur                                   |
| April 1  | Monsignor John McGrath                                  |
| April 2  | Father Joseph Mensah                                    |
| April 3  | Most Reverend (Bishop) Louis F Kihneman, III            |
| April 4  | For an increase in Vocations                            |

Did you know ?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?

## Important Dates to remember:



### † *Holy Week Schedule*

- † **Monday, March 30** = Mass at 8:30 am.
- † **Tuesday, March 31** = No Mass at St. Clare (Chrism Mass at The Cathedral)
- † **Wednesday, April 1** = Mass at 6:00 pm.
- † **Holy Thursday, April 2** = Mass at 7:00 pm (No 8:30 am Mass) with Adoration until 11:00 pm in the Parish Center after Mass.
- † **Good Friday, April 3** = No Mass / Stations of the Cross at 3:00 **The Parish Office will be closed.**
- † **Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4** = Mass at 7:30 pm (No 4:00 pm Mass today)
- † **Easter Sunday, April 5** = Morning Masses only at 8:30 and 11:00 am (No 5:30 pm Mass)



## Save the date!!!

St. Clare Easter Egg Hunt following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5.

Bring your baskets and plan to join in the fun! Coffee and donuts will be served downstairs.

**Thank you to the many helping hands, bakers, decorators, greeters and visitors.** All donations to the St. Joseph Altar are given to ministries and organizations who help the community in which we live.

If you purchased a candle and have not picked it up, they are available in the Parish Hall through Palm Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass. They will then be moved to the Adoration Chapel and used as the Sanctuary Light.



# Thank you!



Our youth have put their thanks into words. Please take a moment to read their 'thank you' card. It is located in the hallway near the parish center.



**The next Altar Society meeting will be held Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. We are accepting new members, with a membership fee of \$10.00 annually.**



New Parishioner

Are you new to St. Clare?

St. Clare welcomes all new families and visitors. Parish registration forms are available on the round table in the hallway. The form may be dropped off in the collection basket, at the office, or sent via email or regular mail. Addresses provided on the registration form.



### \$500.00 Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary are showing our gratitude to our parishioners by offering for the first time a \$500.00 scholarship to a St. Clare high school graduate.

The graduate must be an active parishioner of St. Clare. The scholarship may be used for any type of higher education and any type of educational need.

Applications are available on the round table in the hallway or you may contact Janis Vezzoso at 228-324-8715.

**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.



### St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society

**The 5th Sunday Second Collection will be this weekend March 28 & 29. As always, we thank you for your generosity!**

**Pantry item need: One (1) pound bags of sugar.**

**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.)

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

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

St. Clare Catholic Church

# SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE!

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

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

**Winner need not be present.**

St Clare Church and Winner split the winning pot. Scan to purchase your ticket

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# HOORAY for OLA

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## SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026  
6:00 - 10:00 PM  
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**\$10.000 DRAWDOWN**

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS

Thank you to everyone who took home a 'Lenten Sacrifice & Almsgiving box' during the Lenten season. Please return your gifts during Holy Week. They may be turned in to the Parish Office or with the ushers during collections.



## Over 50's Monthly Activities April events!

**April 8 (2nd Wednesday) Luncheon at Yun Long Buffet**  
Join us for a 'Dutch treat' lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.

**April 12 (Date change due to Easter) Left, Right, Center**  
At St. Clare in the Parish Center at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters.

**April 21 (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. Irene

Feast Day: April 3 ~ ~ Martyr



Irene and her older sisters, Agape and Chionia, were the daughters of pagan parents. The three young women owned a number of volumes of the Holy Scriptures that they read and studied daily. In 303, Emperor Diocletian issued a decree that made owning Christian writings a crime punishable by death. Rather than give up the sacred texts, Irene, Agape and Chionia fled to the mountains without their father's knowledge.

Upon their return, the three were arrested for refusing to eat food that had been offered to the pagan gods. Irene, Agape and Chionia declared that they would rather die than offend God. They also denied possessing copies of the Scriptures. Even so, Agape and Chionia were burned alive, and the youngest, Irene, was imprisoned.

### Resolute Faith

After the executions, the emperor ordered a search of the women's house. When Christian writings were discovered there, Irene was brought before the emperor. This time, she was found guilty of not only offending the pagan gods, but also of owning Christian Scriptures. Diocletian condemned Irene to die slowly by being chained in a brothel.

Miraculously, the soldiers left her alone. But when Irene again refused to deny her Christian faith, she was put to death on April 3, 304. Her courage, even more heroic because of her youth, inspired many Christians suffering persecution in the centuries that followed.

### Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3+

March 29, 2026 • Matthew 27:11-54

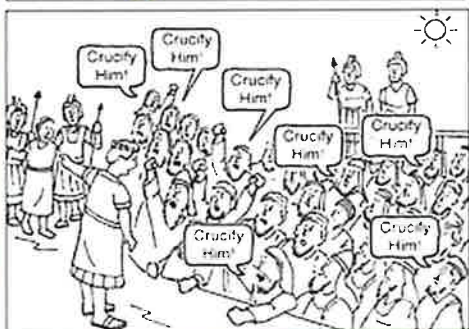
#### The Crucifixion of Jesus

Jesus was arrested.  
Pilate asked the crowd, "What shall I do with Jesus?" What did the crowd say?

Count the number of people yelling

6 7 8 or 9 ?

Crucify Him!



### 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 happened next?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

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