



**April 12, 2026**

Divine Mercy Sunday

**“...in his  
great  
mercy.”**



**A**s he opens his letter, St. Peter blesses God, whose “great mercy” has given us “a new birth” (1 Peter 1:3). On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let’s look at some of the blessings that God’s mercy has won for us.

*A living hope (1 Peter 1:3).* Jesus, risen in glory, has opened heaven! We aren’t doomed to a life of hopelessness marked by sin and death. Now freed from these forces, we can live every day in the sure knowledge that the God of heaven is walking with us. We can know a *living hope* that assures us that we can be “transformed...from glory to glory” as we stay connected to him (2 Corinthians 3:18).

*An inheritance that is imperishable (1 Peter 1:4).* Just as parents leave their children an inheritance, Jesus has left one for us—an imperishable one. Silver and gold, valuable though they may be, can give us only earthly security. But Jesus has left us with the gifts of faith, hope, and love, and these last forever

(1 Corinthians 13:13). They sustain us and lift us up in good times and in bad, in plenty and in need. They bind us to the God who loves us without end.

*A salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time (1 Peter 1:5).* We often look at divine mercy as a gift for today, but God takes a longer view as well. He promises that in “the final time,” at the very end, he has a great salvation waiting for us. As we enter into eternity, “we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). All pain, suffering, temptation, sadness, and sin will be wiped away, and we will enter the new creation to live forever in the presence of the Lord.

A living hope. An imperishable inheritance. A final salvation. Our God is merciful beyond compare. May we never cease to praise him!

~~~~~ **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, 4/4/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 97           | 6               |
| Sunday, 4/5/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 260          | 60              |
| 4/5/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 280          | 31              |
| 4/5/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | No           | Mass            |
| <b>Total—</b>                    | <b>734 =</b> | <b>637 + 97</b> |
| <b>Holy Thursday 4/2/2026</b>    | <b>79 =</b>  | <b>75 + 4</b>   |
| <b>Good Friday 4/3/2026</b>      | <b>67 =</b>  | <b>64 + 3</b>   |

*In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**

**Regular Offertory:**  
\$7,007.00

**St. Clare Property Insurance \$1,153.00**

**Holy Thursday \$417.00**

**Holy Land—Good Friday \$295.00**

St. Clare Building Fund—April 11 & 12  
Diocesan Support—April 18 & 19  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal—April 25 & 26



**Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor and remember loved ones. The recommended donation for a flower arrangement for a week is \$45.00. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church or in the Gift Shop. If you have questions, you may contact the Parish Office.**

**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.



|                        |          |                                 |
|------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Monday,<br>April 13    | 8:30 am  | Sr. Anne Fleming (SP)           |
| Tuesday,<br>April 14   | No Mass  | <b>Priest's retreat no Mass</b> |
| Wednesday,<br>April 15 | No Mass  | <b>Priest's retreat no Mass</b> |
| Thursday,<br>April 16  | No Mass  | <b>Priest's retreat no Mass</b> |
| Friday<br>April 17     | 8:30 am  | Earl Raboteaux +                |
| Saturday,<br>April 18  | 4:00 pm  | Des Bourgeois +                 |
| Sunday,<br>April 19    | 8:30 am  | Erwin Laviolette, Sr. +         |
|                        | 11:00 am | Anne Prendergast (SP)           |
|                        | 5:30 pm  | St. Clare Parish family         |



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|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| April 12 | Father Tomasz Powroźnik                           |
| April 13 | Fathers Donbosco Puthiyakunnel & J. Maxwell Quaye |
| April 14 | Father Ken Ramon-Landry                           |
| April 15 | Father Mark Ropel                                 |
| April 16 | Fathers Alwin Kuzhandai Samy, HGN & James Smith   |
| April 17 | Fathers Michael Snyder & Michael Somers           |
| April 18 | Fathers S. Kennedy Soosa & Emmanuel Subaar        |



**Kathy Brooks, Angie Farve  
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Daniel Dieckhaus, Micha Piazza  
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Sheryl Colson, Madelyn Sullivan  
Patrick Ryan**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lwalden855@gmail.com).

Did you know ?

# Parish News!!

When is that event?

## The Diocese of Biloxi

### Priest's Retreat April 13—16, 2026

We will not have Mass Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (April 14—April 16)

Please keep our Priests in your prayers.

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 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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## Over 50's Monthly Activities April events!

**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!

**April 26 (Last Sunday) - Sunset at the Beach**  
At the Waveland Lighthouse, meet at 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and plan for a relaxing afternoon!

# Freedom



## Save the Date for

### VBS

**JUNE 8-12, 2026**

**GRADE LEVEL: PK-6**

**REACH OUT TO SABRINA MOORE IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE IN THIS MINISTRY, (601) 408-4037.**



# ST CLARE ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL



SILVER SLIPPER

**MAY 22 THRU MAY 24, 2026**

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## **FRIDAY-**

Hours- 5 til 10pm

Tribute to Military -5 PM  
Wreath Presentations  
The Epic Band -  
7 til 10 pm

## **SATURDAY**

Hours- 11am til 10 pm

Classic Car Show 8-2 pm  
Joni Compretta and  
Baytown Groove 11 til 1  
The Kings of Neon 7 til 10 pm

## **SUNDAY**

Hours Noon til 10pm

Jeepin by the Beach Bash 1 til 4  
Dragos Grilled Oysters 5 til  
Foret Tradition 7 til 10

**Fireworks!**

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**JEM**



**PINCHERS**

**Thank you to all of our Sponsors!**

Just 42 days and counting before the 2026 Seafood Festival kicks off!!

- \* Silent Auction items needed: Gift Certificates, Gift Baskets, Art, Memorabilia, Home Décor, Items for Grilling, Fishing, Yard Ornaments, etc. Please include the value/description of the item (s) when donating. A form will be provided. We ask that the donations be new items. Garage sale type items will not be accepted. Items may be dropped off at the office until noted otherwise. Thank you!
- © New this year “Jeepin by the Beach Bash” on Sunday, May 24th 1—4 pm!!
- \* Stay turned for volunteer forms in the coming weeks.



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# HEALING MASS

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2026  
5:00 P.M.

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# CAR WASH

## CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Support Our Mission Trip

Our St. Stanislaus Missionaries are raising funds for an upcoming mission trip where we will serve those in need and grow in our faith. We invite you to support us by stopping by for a car wash!

📅 Saturday, April 18th

🕒 Starting at 9 a.m.

📍 St. Stanislaus Car Line

💰 Donations Appreciated

All proceeds will go directly toward mission trip expenses, helping make this opportunity possible for our students.

🙏 Thank You for Your Support!

Your generosity and prayers mean so much to us. Please help us spread the word and come out to support our mission.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." - Matthew 28:19 (NAB)



MEDITERRANEAN NIGHTS

Coastal Charm

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026  
6:00 - 10:00 PM

OIG COMMUNITY CENTER - BAY ST IDIS

\$10.000 DRAWDOWN

SCAN QR CODE FOR TICKETS



# Scholarships

## \$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. **Scholarship deadline June 7, 2026**

# Saint of the Week

## St. Bernardette Soubirous

**Feast Day: April 16 ~~ Patroness of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, and Lourdes, France**



**M**arie Bernarde Soubirous was born in 1844 in Lourdes, France. Bernadette, as she was called by her family, was the oldest of six children in a very poor family. She was a sickly child, who suffered from asthma.

Early in 1858, Bernadette's quiet life changed when she experienced a series of visions in a nearby cave. She claimed to have seen a young woman who asked Bernadette to come back every day for two weeks, which the teenager did. Seen only by Bernadette, the "Lady" asked the 14-year-old to pray for sinners. When Bernadette asked who she was, the Lady said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Even though the woman never promised the sick people who visited would be healed, she asked for people to visit the site and for a chapel to be built there.

### Convincing Disbelievers

Initially, Bernadette's statements faced disbelief from both Church and civil authorities; they were viewed as hallucinations of a simple girl. But her sincerity prevailed. In 1862, a chapel was built at the cave, and thousands flocked there.

Bernadette became a novice in 1866 at the convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Nevers. She spent the rest of her life as a nun and was called Sister Maria Bernarda. From 1875 on, her health deteriorated. Her asthma worsened; and she suffered from a painful bone disease, which she faced with stoicism and resignation until her death in 1879. She was canonized as Maria Bernarda in 1933; not for her vision, but for her humble life of prayer; devotion and obedience to the Lord.

A basilica was eventually erected by the cave. By the 1990's, 3 million people were visiting the shrine each year and hundreds of sick were cured.

Circle the hidden objects in the picture below.

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."

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.

Write the word that fits the definition on the line to greet the disciples?

Transfer the numbered letters to the boxes.

The part of the arm below the wrist? **H A N D**

An adult lamp? **S H E L P**

Weep? **C R Y**

A spider's handwork? **W E B**

A part of the foot? **T O E**

Frozen water? **I C E**

Earth's star? **S T A R**



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