



**April 5, 2026**

Easter Sunday

**“He saw  
and  
believed.”**



**A**lleluia! Chris is risen! Today we celebrate the culmination of the longing of God’s people through the ages. In today’s Gospel, we hear that when John looked into the empty tomb, he “saw and believed” (John 20:8). His eyes were opened, and he was able to respond to what he saw with faith. As we consider the empty tomb today, let’s ask the Lord to open our eyes and give us the grace to respond with faith as well!

Throughout Lent, our Sunday Gospel readings have been preparing the way for us:

- We saw Jesus defeat the devil, clinging to Scripture to overcome his temptations (Matthew 4:1-11). We now know that Jesus has freed us from Satan’s power.
- We saw Jesus manifest his glory and give the disciples a glimpse of what was in store for them (Matthew 17:1-9). And we now believe that Jesus is inviting us into heavenly glory.
- We saw Jesus give living water to the

Samaritan woman, showing us that as Messiah, he came for all people (John 4: 5-42). So now we recognize that Jesus brought God’s promises to fulfillment for every person.

- We saw Jesus heal a man born blind, opening the man’s eyes to recognize him as the Son of Man (John 9:1-41). We believe now that our spiritual blindness can be healed and that we can see Jesus for who he is.
- And we saw Jesus raise his friend Lazarus from the dead, showing that he has power over death itself (John 11: 1-45). We now know that we are freed from the fear of death and that death is not the end for us.

Today as you rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, rejoice in all its effects—both in your own life and for everyone. He has conquered sin and death and the devil! All our hopes have been fulfilled in 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**

Parish Office: 228-467-9275

Spiritual Emergency: 228-234-8220

Parish Email: [stclarecatholic@yahoo.com](mailto:stclarecatholic@yahoo.com)

Parish Website: <https://stclarewaveland.com>

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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, 3/28/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 122          | 8               |
| Sunday, 3/29/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 114          | 22              |
| 3/29/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 106          | 9               |
| 3/29/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 38           | 10              |
| <b>Total—</b>                     | <b>429 =</b> | <b>380 + 49</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$4,118.00**

**St. Clare -St. Vincent de Paul \$997.00**

**Holy Land—Good Friday, April 3  
Church Property Insurance—April 4 & 5  
St. Clare Building Fund—April 11 & 12**

*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 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, April 6    | 8:30 am  | Joyce & Darryail Whittington (SP) |
| Tuesday, April 7   | 8:30 am  | Marie & Booker Mosley +           |
| Wednesday, April 8 | 6:00 pm  | Pamela Aiavolasiti +              |
| Thursday, April 9  | 8:30 am  | Fred & Sharon DeMetz +            |
| Friday April 10    | 8:30 am  | Poor Souls in Purgatory           |
| Saturday, April 11 | 4:00 pm  | Isabelle Hill +                   |
| Sunday, April 12   | 8:30 am  | Bill Kane +                       |
|                    | 11:00 am | Allan Murphey +                   |
|                    | 5:30 pm  | St. Clare Parish family           |



**Shirley Piazza, Glenn Melville  
Lana Noonan, Troy Tallent  
Dawn Frommeyer  
Diane Perkins**

## 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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|----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| April 5  | Pope Leo XIV                                     |
| April 6  | Fathers Paddy Mockler & Everardo Mora-Tores      |
| April 7  | Father George Murphy (Retired)                   |
| April 8  | Fathers Braxton Necaise & Dominic Njoky, SSJ     |
| April 9  | Fathers Cuddy O'Connell & Michael O'Connor       |
| April 10 | Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Martinez Patino |
| April 11 | Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham   |

Did you know ?

# Parish News!!

What time is that meeting?

## Easter Blessings

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

**venmo**

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

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

## 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!

**April 26 (Last Sunday) - Sunset at the Beach**  
At the Waveland Lighthouse, meet at 4:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and plan for a relaxing afternoon!



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.

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



#### Pantry item need:

One (1) pound container(s) of sugar.




**Volunteers are welcome to join our team!**

**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.



**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.**




**Many thanks to everyone who supported, volunteered, donated, dined with us and helped in anyway with the Lenten Dinners throughout Lent. St. Clare has the best volunteers!!!**

**Happy Easter!**

# Grace & Grits

**Women's Day Event**  
**April 11, 2026 | 8 AM—2 PM**

**Our Mother of Mercy**  
**Catholic Church**  
**216 Saucier Ave.**  
**Pass Christian, MS 39571**

**Open to ladies ages 14 and up. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Contact Bea Mitchell at 901-857-5851 to register.**

**Breakfast and Lunch will be served.**



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The Society of the Divine Word Lay Mission Partners of  
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## HEALING MASS

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

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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.



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MEDITERRANEAN NIGHTS

*Coastal Charm*  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2026  
6:00 - 10:00 PM  
OIL COMMUNITY CENTER, BAY ST. LOUIS  
**\$10,000 DRAWDOWN**

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**\$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.

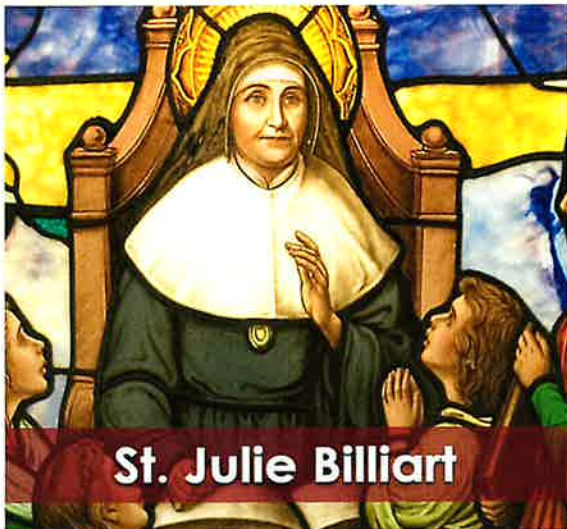
The graduate must be an active parishioner of St. Clare. The scholarship may be used for any type of higher education and any type of educational need.

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

# Saint of the Week

## St. Julie Billiart

Feast Day: April 8 ~~ Patroness against Poverty and Sickness



St. Julie Billiart

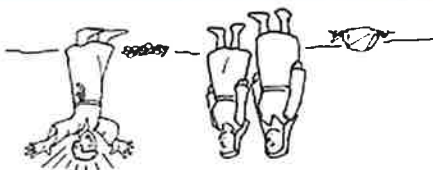
**B**orn to shopkeepers, Marie Rose Julie attended her uncle's school, where she learned her catechism and taught her "lessons" to her friends. When she was 16, her parents developed financial problems, and Julie had to work in the fields. An optimist, she saw it as a way to teach God's message to the farm workers.

Then tragedy struck. Julie was 22 when a robber fired a pistol at her father, causing her such trauma that she lost the use of her legs. She hobbled on crutches for a while, but the paralysis spread, and eventually, Julie was bedridden. She was far from discouraged, though. She made altar linens for a living and invited local children to her bedside for catechism lessons. Meanwhile, Julie's growing wisdom and holiness began to draw people who wanted her advice.

### A Narrow Escape

The French Revolution came and religious persecution followed. When the authorities discovered Julie was hiding priests in her home, they planned to burn her alive, but she escaped to Amiens, hidden in a carload of straw. She lived with Françoise Blin de Bourdon, a wealthy countess, who helped her found the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. The revolution had destroyed France's once impressive educational system and their goal was to rebuild it by caring for poor children, educating girls and training religious teachers. Julie taught her teachers, "You are not here just to train children in science, in literature, in handwork....What matters is the care of souls...putting children in the way of salvation.

Then, a miracle occurred. After 22 years in bed, Julie was suddenly cured during a novena to the Sacred Heart. She spent the last 12 years of her life traveling extensively to lay the groundwork for her Order.



... H e is not here; H e has risen, just as H e said. Come and see the place where H e lay. Then go quickly and tell H is disciples: 'H e has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see H im.' Now I have told you."

Write the letter "H" on each of the lines below.  
The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ..."



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.



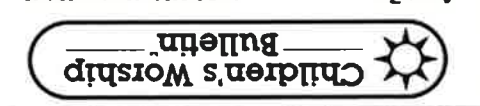
... for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white.

Write the first letter of each picture on the line above it.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, ...

Jesus Is Risen

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