



July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Take my
yoke
upon you.”**



According to ancient tradition, observant Jews were encouraged to take up the “yoke of the Torah,” or the “yoke of the law of the Lord.” This meant placing their highest priority on study and contemplation of the Law. This practice of prayerful study was so wonderful that it was said that anyone who took it up would experience interior freedom from the yokes of oppression and worldly concerns. It’s just as the psalmist proclaimed, “The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul” (Psalm 19:8).

So when Jesus told his disciples to take his yoke upon them, they would have understood what he meant: *Take up my teaching. Immerse yourself in my words. Let what I have taught you become your highest priority and greatest treasure.* They would have also known why he said that his yoke is “easy” and his burden is “light”: anyone who takes up his yoke will find relief and “rest” from their other concerns and burdens (Matthew 11:30, 28).

We often think of a yoke as a burden: a heavy instrument that weighs us down and restricts our movement. We might even think this way about the practice of pondering Jesus’ teachings. But he promises the exact opposite: dwelling on his words in Scripture raises our hearts and minds to heaven. It opens us up to the presence of his Spirit, who wants to heal our wounds, strengthen our wills, and shape our desires. It helps us to understand that the life he calls us to is a joy and a privilege.

Jesus is a shepherd who wants only what is the best for us. His words are filled with wisdom and guidance. They have the power to shape our hearts and minds after his own image. So let’s study them. Let’s contemplate them. Let’s invite his Spirit into our hearts so that his yoke becomes easier and his burden lighter every day.

~~~~~ **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.**

**Parochial Administrator: Fr. Braxton Necaise**

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*

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**\*With Humility**

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

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| Mass Attendance -                 | Adults       | Children        |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Saturday, 6/27/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 84           | 0               |
| Sunday, 6/28/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 131          | 24              |
| 6/28/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 134          | 12              |
| 6/28/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 66           | 4               |
| <b>Total—</b>                     | <b>455 =</b> | <b>415 + 40</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$3,480.00**  
**Peter's Pence** **\$681.00**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
Church Property Insurance—July 4 & 5  
Diocesan Support—July 11 & 12  
St. Clare Building Fund—July 18 & 19



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.

**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.

**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>July 6    | 8:30 am  | Marcia Hebert (SP)                                    |
| Tuesday,<br>July 7   | 8:30 am  | Poor Souls in Purgatory                               |
| Wednesday,<br>July 8 | 6:00 pm  | Bill Kane +                                           |
| Thursday,<br>July 9  | 8:30 am  | Billy Monti, Sr. +                                    |
| Friday<br>July 10    | 8:30 am  | Wally Thurman +                                       |
| Saturday,<br>July 11 | 4:00 pm  | Isabelle Hill +<br>Dr. Jerri Laube +                  |
| Sunday,<br>July 12   | 8:30 am  | Wayne Allain (SP)                                     |
|                      | 11:00 am | Parishioners of St. Clare &<br>the people of Waveland |
|                      | 5:30 pm  | Nancy Cornelius (SP)                                  |



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|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| July 5  | Pope Leo XIV                              |
| July 6  | Father Vincent O. Ajayi                   |
| July 7  | Father Godfrey Andoh                      |
| July 8  | Father Anthony Arguelles (Retired)        |
| July 9  | Fathers Charles Arthur & Philip J. Audet  |
| July 10 | Father David Milton Maria Augustin H.G.N. |
| July 11 | Father Mike Austin                        |



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Joey Celino, Brandon Mitchell  
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Wayne Allain**

## 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). **ON SUMMER BREAK FROM MAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2026.**

**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:** 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!!

What time is that meeting?



**Welcome Fr. Braxton!!!  
We are excited to have you with us!!**

**Following all Masses on the weekend of July 4 & 5 there will be a reception in the Parish Hall welcoming Fr. Braxton. We hope you will stop by to say hello and introduce yourself.**

*“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7*



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

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society assists Hancock County neighbors who are in need.

Our office hours are Wednesdays from 10 am until 1 pm. We are a walk-in office with a first-come, first-served policy. Our office may assist with utilities and we have a small food pantry. A copy of the utility bill and a photo ID are needed for the visit.

**We currently have a need for the following grocery items:**

- Peanut Butter & jelly
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Instant mashed potatoes
- One-pound boxes or bags of sugar

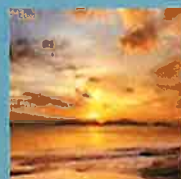
## **Over 50's Monthly Activities!**

**July 5 (First Sunday) Left, Right and Center** at the St. Clare Parish Hall. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters to a fun afternoon.

**July 8 (Second Wednesday) Lunch at Yun Long Buffett** in Waveland. Join us at 11:30 for a 'Dutch treat' luncheon and fellowship.

**July 21 (Third Tuesday) BUNCO** at St. Clare Parish Hall at 1:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, your drink and plan to have a great time with the group! The cost is \$2.00 to play.

**July 26 (Last Sunday) Sunset on the Beach** at the Waveland Lighthouse. We meet around 5:30 p.m. for a relaxing afternoon. Bring a snack, your drinks, chairs and enjoy the company of others.



One of the most popular questions this time of the year is....

Is St. Clare going to have a rummage sale this year?

We are, but please read the next few lines very carefully.

- ◆ The first date to drop off donations is **Monday, July 13th**. Please do not bring items any sooner, as we are not prepared to accept items at this time. We are still trying to get Fr. Braxton all moved in!
- ◆ Donation do's and do nots—
  - >>We do not accept clothing.
  - >>We are not able to provide a pick-up Service.
  - >>Drop off days and times are, Monday—Friday 11 am until 2:00 p.m.
  - >>**Please do not bring items before Monday, July 13th.**
  - >>Items that are not sale worthy will be thrown away.
- ◆ We welcome the help of volunteers. The time spent volunteering can be counted as service hours. Volunteers may help with accepting donations, sorting, pricing, setting up items, sale days and clean-up.
- ◆ Contact the Parish Office for more information at 228-467-9275. Thank you!



**Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1 times to be announced closer to the sale.**



## Faith Formation

Registration for the 2026-2027 CCD & OCIA classes will begin the weekend of July 11 & 12.

Early registration is highly encouraged so that we may have enough supplies for all.

Our youth programs range from grades P-K through 12th grade.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The first part of the program is designed to answer questions about our faith. The second part of the program is the preparation to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Deacon Charles is the Director of Religious Education and point of contact.

**Save  
the  
Date**

**ANNUAL WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**October 4, 2026, 2:00 pm**

*Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

We invite all married couples celebrating special anniversaries to register and join us for Mass and receive a blessing from Bishop Kihneman, with a reception to follow.

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**Wednesday, July 22nd  
6:30 p.m.**

**Holy Family Parish  
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**Road to Emmaus Men's Retreat**

Men, put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and be part of the upcoming men's "Road to Emmaus" retreat the weekend of July 24-26, 2026. The retreat is held on the Gulf Coast at W. J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay Saint Louis, MS. The retreat is based on the scripture passage which includes Jesus' appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting spiritual experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 4pm Friday and ends after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Please don't ignore this opportunity, but pray on it instead. Something special awaits you on the Road to Emmaus. Website registration can be done here: <https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus>. Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulken 504-401-6990.

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

**ABIDE**

A WOMEN'S RETREAT  
INSPIRED BY SAINT THÉRÈSE  
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# Saint of the Week

## St. Veronica

Feast Day: July 12

Model of Compassion



One of the most enduring—and inspiring—stories of a saint is that of Veronica. Little is known about her life, but she lived at the same time as Jesus and was present during his trials on Good Friday.

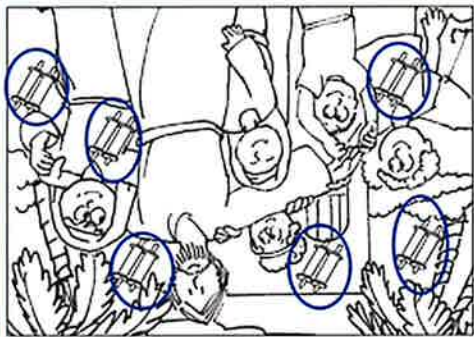
While Jesus carried the cross, he was shouted at and spit upon by a furious, almost uncontrollable crowd; his face was covered in sweat, blood and mud, and he was having difficulty remaining on his feet. Watching Jesus fall was so painful for Veronica that she stepped out of the angry throng, despite the risk to her own life. With true compassion, she knelt in front of Jesus and used her veil to gently wipe his face clean. This simple act of kindness still resonates all over the world. In fact, this is commemorated on the sixth station of the cross (a series of images depicting scenes in Christ's Passion).

### *The Image of Christ*

After soldiers pushed her away, Veronica went home and discovered that Christ's face was imprinted on her veil. It is believed Veronica later traveled to Rome, leaving the veil in the care of Pope Clement I and his successors. Her name and legend is said to have come from the words *vera icon* (true image), which is what the veil was called.

### *An Enduring Story*

Throughout history, Veronica herself as well as her veil have been part of various legends. According to a popular Italian legend, the veil was used to cure the Roman emperor Tiberius of an illness. French legend holds that Veronica came to the region of Bordeaux shortly after the Ascension of Christ, and preached there for many years. In all its many forms, Veronica's story is a lesson about selfless compassion, and inspires us to show love for each other.



Find 6 scrolls hidden in the picture.

Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, and show them to little children."

Jesus Speaks and Prays

Ages 3+ July 5, 2026 • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

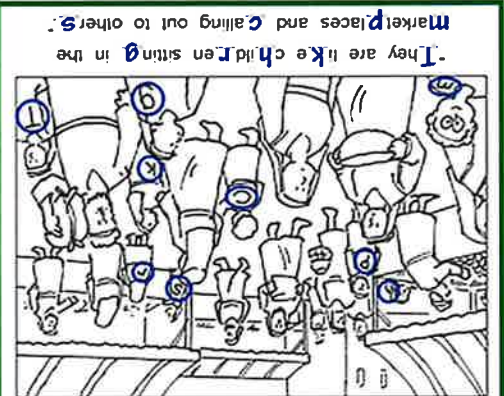
Children's Worship Bulletin



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.



Find the children in the picture below. Each has a letter. Use these letters to fill in the blanks.

Jesus said, "To what can I compare this generation? How did he answer his own question?"

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they enter your Heavenly  
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