



August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***“Great is
your faith!”***



Only once in Matthew's Gospel did Jesus characterize someone as having *great faith*. It wasn't Peter, who professed Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Nor was it Joseph, who obeyed an angel and took Mary as his wife (1:24). No, Jesus reserved this term for an unnamed gentile woman who wouldn't take no for an answer.

Jesus was in the territory of Tyre and Sidon when he met this woman. These cities, located south of modern-day Beirut, Lebanon, were the foremost Mediterranean seaports at the time. Evidently, the news of Jesus' miracles had traveled far beyond the borders of Israel, because this Canaanite mother was determined to approach Jesus personally on behalf of her tormented daughter.

This mother's strong faith stands in stark contrast to the inflexibility of the scribes and Pharisees. They had interrogated Jesus and his disciples about the fact that they didn't wash their hands before eating (Matthew 15:2). They had

standards that Jesus had to meet before they would believe.

Conversely, the Canaanite woman was eager to believe. She was hoping that Jesus would be accommodating toward her despite her religious status. Even when he initially rebuked her, she persisted. Rather than being offended, she remained open. She believed he had the power and the willingness to work a miracle. As a result, she, a Gentile, experienced his love and power: her daughter "was healed from that hour" (Matthew 15:28).

This woman's trust endeared her to Jesus—and to readers of Matthew's Gospel ever since. Just as Jesus commended her faith, he welcomes all of us when we come to him with humble faith. He wants to shower his healing and "mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32). So if you hesitate to bring your needs to Jesus—or to return to the sacraments after time away—let this mother's faith strengthen yours!

~~~~ **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 Ncaise**

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

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## **Our Mission:**

*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, 8/8/2026 at 4:00 p.m.— | 129          | 9         |
| Sunday, 8/9/2026 at 8:30 a.m.—   | 144          | 22        |
| 8/9/2026 at 11:00 a.m.—          | 133          | 23        |
| 8/9/2026 at 5:30 p.m.—           | 78           | 9         |
| <b>Total— 547 =</b>              | <b>484 +</b> | <b>63</b> |

*In the spirit of giving,  
we thank you for  
your generosity!* **Last week's collection was:**  
**Regular Offertory:**  
**\$5,037.00**

**Property Insurance \$1,148.00**

## Upcoming Second Collections:

St. Clare Building Fund—August 15 & 16

Diocesan Support—August 22 & 23

St. Vincent de Paul—August 29 & 30



This weekend's flowers are memory of

**Emilie Scianna**

May she rest in the Eternal Peace of Christ.

*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.





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|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday,<br>August 17    | 8:30 am  | Dot Kersanac +                                       |
| Tuesday,<br>August 18   | 8:30 am  | Bill Kane +                                          |
| Wednesday,<br>August 19 | 6:00 pm  | Emilie Scianna +                                     |
| Thursday,<br>August 20  | 8:30 am  | Marian O'Connor +                                    |
| Friday<br>August 21     | 8:30 am  | Patricia Walsh +                                     |
| Saturday,<br>August 22  | 4:00 pm  | Des Bourgeois +                                      |
| Sunday,<br>August 23    | 8:30 am  | Beverly Emerick (SP)                                 |
|                         | 11:00 am | Wanda Clement (SP)                                   |
|                         | 5:30 pm  | St. Clare Parishioners & the<br>Citizens of Waveland |



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|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| August 16 | Father Alwin Kuzhandai Samy HGN            |
| August 17 | Father James Smith                         |
| August 18 | Fathers Michael Snyder & Michael Somers    |
| August 19 | Fathers S. Kennedy Soosa & Emmanuel Subaar |
| August 20 | Father Truong Q Trinh                      |
| August 21 | Father Joe Uko                             |
| August 22 | Father Adam Urbaniak                       |



**Eugene Connolly, Meghan O'Gwin  
Michael Hannan, Gretchen Darby  
Courtland Piazza, Tricia Richard  
Elizabeth Esteve, Donna Lyons  
Carol Michaels**

## 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:** ([stclaresvp1@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresvp1@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?

## Save the Date!!!

The 5th Sunday Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, August 30. Makes plans to join us!!



## Over 50's Monthly Activities!

**August 18 (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.

**August 30 (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.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the St. Clare Gift Shop!  
Deb Bourgeois is the point of contact.  
Weekends 15 minutes before and after Mass



## Faith Formation

CCD Classes begin Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 am  
***This includes First Communion and Confirmation classes.***

OCIA Classes begin  
Wednesday, September 16  
at 6:45 p.m.

Registration for the 2026-2027 CCD & OCIA is now open. You may register on paper or online. 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. Deacon Charles is the Director of Religious Education and point of contact.

**Please note there is now a \$10 fee to offset the cost of training materials. This may be paid via cash, check, Venmo or through the Church QR code or website at [stclarewaveland.com](http://stclarewaveland.com). Use the dropdown box Donations—Choose one time donation and then arrow the drop down box down to CCD registration.**







## St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul Society

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society serve  
Hancock County neighbors as we can with  
utilities bills and food.

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

We have arrived at the time of the year where the number  
of neighbors visiting and the amount of needs processed  
are increasing.

## 5th Sunday Second Collection to be held August 29 & 30

**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



Bishop Kihneman has authorized the  
implementation of a new  
Diaconate Formation Class  
(Class of 2032).

It will be open to both English and Hispanic  
applicants. Recruitment is soon to begin!  
Information sessions will last from 8:30 a.m.  
until noon on these dates:

**August 22—St. Thomas, Hattiesburg**  
**September 12—St. Mary, Gautier**  
**September 26—St. Thomas, Long Beach**

Questions? Please reach out to Deacon Mike  
Harris at 228-342-1536

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Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of  
the Sick and One-on-One Pastoral Counseling.*

**Wednesday, August 26th**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Holy Family Parish**

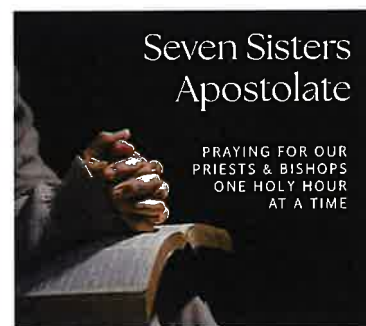
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## Praying for Priests *The Mission of the* Seven Sisters Apostolate

**Attention ladies!!** If you are currently one of  
the Seven Sisters Apostolate at St. Clare, please  
contact Ms. Amy Lynch at 228-254-0313 or  
amylynch518@att.net. Please provide within the  
message your name, phone number, email address  
and the day you spend an hour praying for  
Fr. Braxton at Church or the Adoration Chapel.

If anyone is interested in joining the Apostolate or  
learning more about it, please contact Amy Lynch.  
All ladies are welcome!





Draw down tickets have been mailed out.  
They may be returned in the collection basket,  
to the Parish Office or you may drop in the  
mailbox 'under' the church. Thank you!



# *St Clare*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **\$10,000** DRAWDOWN

**Saturday, September 26, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**



Maximum number  
of tickets sold: **300**



The last ticket  
drawn wins  
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Tickets are \$100 and  
include 2 dinner tickets  
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## **\$10,000!**



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PRIZES**

All proceeds of the drawdown will support  
our school subsidy and needed church improvements.

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**YOUR ST CLARE PARISH!**





# Pope St. Pius X

Feast Day: August 21

Patron of Pilgrims, Bishop, Cardinal and Pope



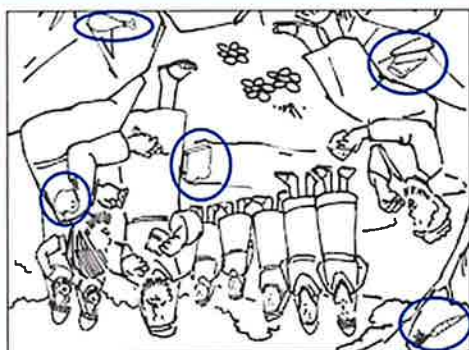
The second child of what would become a family of 12, Giuseppe Sarto was born on June 2, 1835. He was called to the priesthood as a boy. In 1850, he earned a scholarship to study at the seminary in Padua and was ordained in 1858, he was promoted to Cardinal and Patriarch of Venice. Over the years, he became known for his forthrightness and simplicity. In 1904, he was elected Pope and took the name of Pius X.

As many in the Church began to embrace new Modernist ideas and values, which Pius believed would ultimately harm religion, he devoted himself to combating the “new thinking” and adopted a motto for his papacy from 1 Corinthians: “To restore all things in Christ, that Christ might be all in all.”

## Back to Basics

In leading the way back toward a traditional faith, Pius advocated increasing religious education and liturgical reform. He advised Catholics to take Holy Communion more frequently and recommended that children begin to do so at the age of seven, instead of at age 12 or 14. Pius also took steps to restore plainsong, the traditional form of Church music, in place of the modern and elaborate Church music that was becoming fashionable. He established a new, simplified Church breviary, the book of Canonical hours, and revised the Church’s canon law, too.

His fervent resistance to Modernist ideas made him a controversial figure. Yet, Pius was widely loved as a humble and caring pastor, for his worldwide charities and for his efforts to prevent World War I.



Circle the things you can eat hidden in the picture.

Jesus said the food we take in does not make us bad people.

Jesus Teaches, and a Woman's Faith

August 16, 2026 • Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

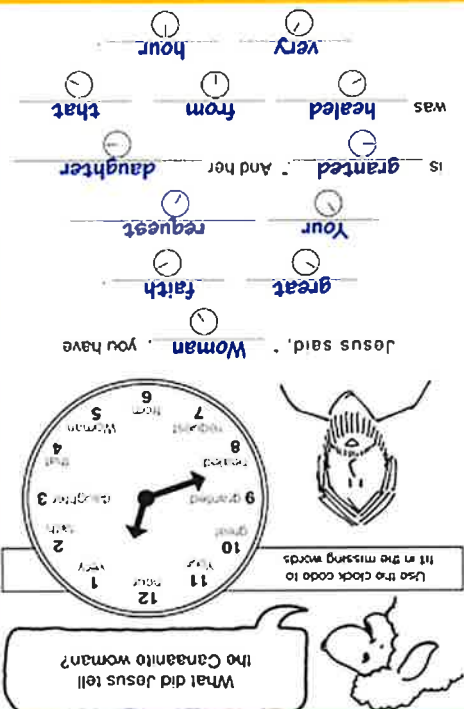
Children's Worship Bulletin



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.





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