

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



St. Clare Catholic Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Monday: 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Times may vary on Holy Days of
Obligation, Feast Days and Solemnities.

Confession: Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
or by appointment.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR:

Fr. Braxton J Necaise

Deacon:

Charles Walden

Director of Religious Education:

Charles Walden

Secretary:

Michelle Fleming

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Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply**

***With Humility**

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

“To me life is Christ, and death is gain.”

When he wrote these words, Paul wasn't just creating a catchy slogan for the Christian life. He was sharing his deepest conviction - how he was torn between the prospect of being united with Jesus in heaven and continuing to fulfill the mission God had called him to during his earthly lifetime. His heart and mind were so united to Jesus that he was consumed by these two seemingly conflicting desires: “to depart this life and be with Christ” or to “remain in the flesh.” (Philippians 1:23, 24).

Most of us would probably rather not think of death. Perhaps it makes us recall the loved ones whom we miss. Or maybe thinking about our own death makes us consider how we will be separated from our friends and children, or from the purpose and satisfaction we feel in serving the Lord in our parish or in our community. In either case, death certainly doesn't seem like a real “gain.”

So what can we learn from St. Paul's perspective? First, heaven is something that we can wholeheartedly look forward to. While we may initially think of all that we might lose when we pass away.

Second, we can experience a foretaste of the joy that awaits us in heaven right here and now. We can be so consumed with Christ that we say, with Paul, “To me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). How can we be consumed with Christ? Like Paul, we can spend our lives in “fruitful labor,” serving others and pointing to Jesus in all we do (1:22). As Paul delighted in seeing people grow in their faith, so, too, can we find joy in seeing our lives draw others closer to Jesus, even as we await the fullness of life in heaven.

~~~The Word Among Us~~~

# 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 at 6:00 pm. President - Mikelle Williamson

**BAPTISM:** To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call Sabrina Moore at (601) 408-4037. Parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism class.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY:** Meetings are held on Fridays starting at 9:30 am. A group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina and incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY 2<sup>nd</sup> group:** Meetings are held on Saturdays from at 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Following the Dr. Bryan Thatcher guidelines, the St. Faustina's Diary, Sacred Scripture and the Catechism, join us with prayer petitions and pray with us. Contact Terry Calhoun (228) 304-5276.

**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:** Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—7:00 pm meeting. The Assembly meets on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. Grand Knight - Ricky Manieri, Sr.

**LADIES AUXILIARY (Knights of Columbus) KCLA:** meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm. President - Janis Vezzoso

**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 six (6) months in advance.

## **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults):**

Those wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith are invited to attend an OCIA meeting on Wednesdays beginning at 6:45 pm. Deacon Charles Walden is the point of contact at (985) 285-2997.

**OVER 50'S GROUP:** All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). We have an activity on the first, second, third and last week of each month. Call Janis Vezzoso for details (228) 324-8715.

**Religious Education (Pre-K thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Meets on Sundays from 9:45 am until 10:45 am. Deacon Charles Walden is the Director of Religious Education (DRE). This includes Confirmation and First Communion.

**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!

## **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. Walk-ins only, first come, first served.**

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** The point of contact is Michelle Fleming at 228-467-9275  
Michelle@stclare-catholic.com.

## Collections for Sunday, September 13

**Regular Offertory: \$4,344.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$877.00**



### Upcoming Second Collections

- Property Insurance - September 19 & 20
- Building Fund - September 26 & 27
- Diocesan Support - October 3 & 4

### Mass Attendance - Adults/Children

Saturday, 9/12/2026 - 4 pm - 119 | 4

Sunday, 9/13/2026 - 8:30 am - 153 | 27

Sunday, 9/13/2026 - 11:00 am - 116 | 18

Sunday, 9/13/2026 - 5:30 p.m. - 54 | 13

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Total = [504] 442 | 62



Sept 21- Frs. Ignacio Jimenez-Morales & Bartosz Kunat

Sept 22- Fr. Michael Marascalco

Sept 23- Fr. Chinnappa R. Mark, HGN

Sept 24- Frs. Ryan McCoy & Henry McInerney

Sept 25- Deceased Popes and Bishops  
Joseph Howze & Roger Morin

Sept 26- Retired, Extern & Deceased Priests,  
Brothers, & Deacons

Sept 27- Priests and Brothers at St. Augustine  
Seminary & St. Stanislaus High School

## Mass Intentions

Monday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 21, 2026

Casey Piazza +

Tuesday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 22, 2026

Fr. Martin Gillespie +

Wednesday,  
6:00 pm  
Sept 23, 2026

Marian O'Connor +

Thursday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 24, 2026

Geralyn Ybos (SP)

Friday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 25 2026

Russel Bodin +

Saturday,  
4:00 pm  
Sept 26, 2026

Des Bourgeois +

Sunday,  
8:30 am  
Sept 27, 2026

Forrest & Lena  
Johnson +  
St. Clare Parishioners  
& Citizens of Waveland

11:00 am

Mary Lou Sheffer (SP)

5:30 pm

Emilie Scianna +

Contact the Parish Office to request a Mass  
intention. Recommended donation is \$10.

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:

**September 26 - St. Thomas, Long Beach**

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

**The Drawdown is next  
weekend, September 26!**

**DRAWDOWN  
RAFFLE**

- If you still have a ticket, please return it now.
- It may be a sold or unsold ticket.
- If you have misplaced your ticket please let us know.
- We are selling 300 tickets only.
- We greatly appreciate all who have turned in their tickets!

**Over 50's  
Monthly Activities**

- Sept. 27 (Last Sunday) - Sunset at the Beach at the Waveland Lighthouse beginning at 5:00 p.m. **This is the final Sunset at the Beach for 2026.**
- Oct. 4 (1st Sunday)—Left, Right, Center at St. Clare beginning at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a snack to share, your drink and \$5.00 in quarters to a fun afternoon.
- Oct. 14 (2nd Wednesday)—Fellowship Luncheon at Yun Long Buffet in Waveland beginning at 11:30 am.
- Oct. 20 (3rd Tuesday)—BUNCO at St. Clare in the Parish Hall beginning at 1:00 pm. Bring a snack to share, your drink.

Congratulations to  
Anne & Edward Prendergast  
on receiving the  
Lumen Christi Award for  
St. Clare.  
Thank you for all that you do!



# St. Clare Youth Ministry

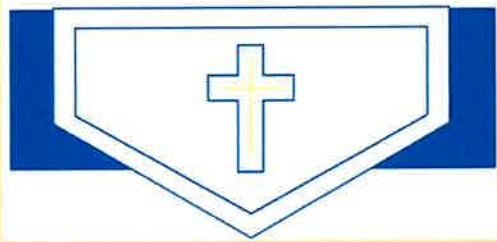
## Calling all middle and high school students!!

We have meetings and off-site events  
planned through the year.  
Contact Michelle Fleming, 9 & 10 grade CCD  
teacher for more information about what  
we have planned for 26-27 school year!!  
You may reach Michelle at 228-467-9275 or  
[Michelle@stclare-catholic.com](mailto:Michelle@stclare-catholic.com)



Catholic Mass at Stennis Space  
Center with Fr. Paddy: Mass is  
held in the NASA conference  
center every Tuesday from  
11:15 to approximately 11:30.  
All Stennis employees are  
welcome to attend.

*Altar Society*



## Change of meeting date!!

The Altar Society October  
meeting has been moved to  
Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The  
time remains the same at 6:00  
p.m. in the Parish Hall.

## THE HEALING FACE OF JESUS



## HEALING MINISTRY OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI

*A night of Healing with Adoration, Prayers of  
Deliverance, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Anointing of  
the Sick and One-on-One Pastoral Counseling.*

**Wednesday, September 30th**

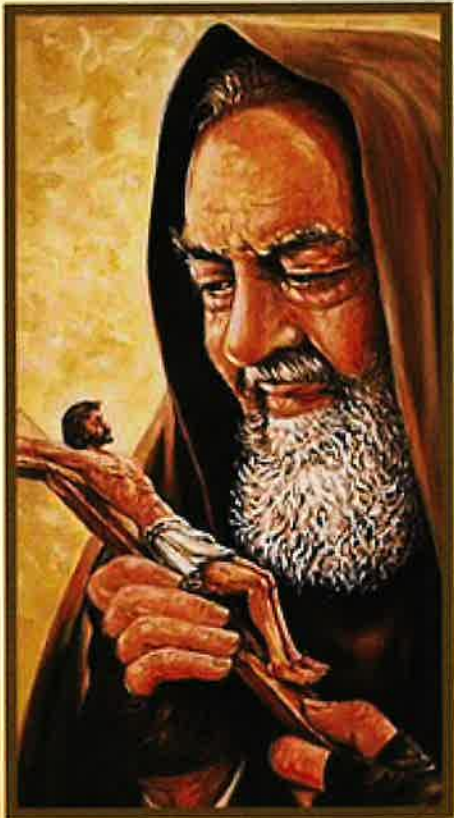
**6:30 p.m.**

**Holy Family Parish  
22342 Evangeline Road  
Pass Christian, MS 39571**

# 23 September

## St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

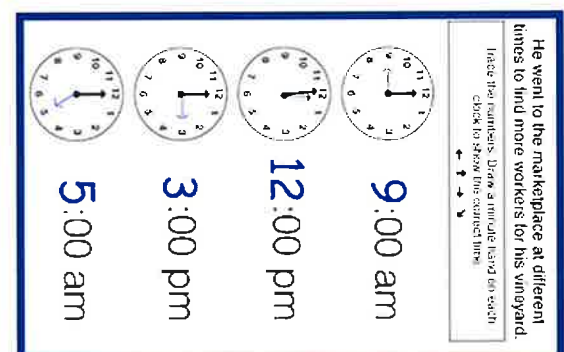
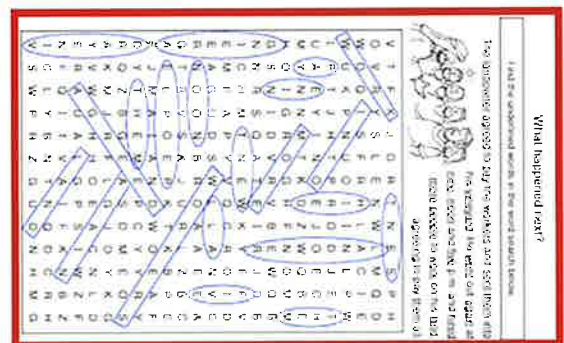
### Memorial



Born in Pietrelcina in Campania (Italy), he joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ's Passion on his body (known as stigmata), he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and miracles. In 1956 he opened the 'Home to Relieve Suffering' near his friary. He was canonised in 2002.

## Happy Birthday

Anne Krankey, Robert Esher  
Pam Buehler, Chase Garcia  
Kevin Ramond, Rocky Pagano  
Regina Corr, Cash Scafidi  
Rosa Allen, Janet Bourgeois  
Austin Wilkinson





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