

St. Clare Catholic Church



May 4 & 5, 2024

Thank you for your offering
Gracias por su ayuda

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PARISH STAFF

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VISION OF ST. CLARE CHURCH

- 1) Promoting the Catholic faith with its beliefs.
- 2) Celebrating the richness of Our Catholic tradition alive in this community of faith.
- 3) Making members of our parish and Church community welcome.
- 4) Grounded in the Eucharist, we embrace Diversity among persons, cultures and Apostolates, and foster the bonds of charity that reflect the Trinitarian relationship of God, creating a culture of communion.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9:00am—5:00pm.

Closed for lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:00am-1:00pm. Emergency

Number: (210) 775-8458

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm (English) Vigil Mass;

Sunday 8:30 am (Spanish); 10:30 am (English);

WEEKLY MASSES/MISAS EN LA SEMANA

Monday 12:30pm—English; Martes: 12:30pm-Español-Spiritual Center. Jueves—Bilingual 8:00am followed by Adoration 'till 5:00pm; Viernes 8:00am.-Español. (Church)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays: 4:00pm-5:00pm; Saturdays: 3:30pm-4:30pm;

Or By Appointment. Call the office.

ADORATION

Every Thursday. We start with bilingual Mass 8:00am Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer of the Rosary 'till 6:00pm

ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

A.C.T.S. Teresa Arredondo—(210) 872-2057

Altar Society : San Juanita Ramirez—(210) 414-8753

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Call the parish Priest (210) 924-5252

Hall Rental Call the Office: (210) 924-5252

Parish@stclarehall.info

Guadalupanas: Lidia Castillo: (210) 781-1409

Knights of Columbus: Juan Perez: (210) 716-8615

Liturgy Coordinator: Charlotte Serna: (210) 632-6252

Youth Group: Maria Gonzalez (210) 924-5252

Pastoral Council President: Belinda Gonzales (210) 452-4580

Financial Council: TBA: (210) 668-9007

Senior Program— Vicky Pérez : (210) 482-9933

HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE

Your Event is Important to Us...it will be Special, and Memorable. Full Rentals Starting in February 2023: please contact Friends of St. Clare Corporation: (210) 924-5252 or email: pastor@stclaresatx.net.

BAPTISM

Parents are to call Parish Office to register for Baptismal preparation classes. Infants should be baptized soon after birth, but sufficient time is necessary for the proper instruction.

MARRIAGE

Marriage Preparation—Contact Fr. Richard Samour six months before the proposed date. We want to help and guide you in your journey of your wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Office during regular hours or Emergency number after Office hours.

QUINCEAÑERAS

For Quinceañera celebration, please call the office and ask for Maria Gonzales coordinator.

FORMACIÓN DE LA FE EN ESPAÑOL

Estimados padres de familia, nuestra parroquia ofrece educación de la fe en Español. Mayor Información, Llama a Maria Gonzales Directora (210) 924-5252

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-SEXTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Who Needs Love? Part of the first reading from Acts that we don't hear is a vision Peter has, in which God tells him that all foods are OK to eat; no longer are some unclean. He later realizes that the vision was a symbol that all people

are "clean," Gentiles as well as Jews. Not all of the early Christians understood. The Jewish Christians were shocked that the Holy Spirit would give gifts, such as speaking in tongues, to Gentiles. Especially Gentiles who had not been baptized.

Now the distinction between Gentile and Jewish Christians doesn't seem very important today. But we still need to follow St. Peter's example of sharing our faith in Jesus. Does that mean we should drag any non-believers we meet to church on Sunday? Should we brag about how much we love God?

Today's gospel gives us a hint at what we can do to bring others to Christ. Jesus makes it sound simple: Love one another as I love you. (Jn 15:12) The second reading from John tells us that love is not people loving God; it's that God loved us first, enough to send his Son to die for us. We may think that we have chosen to love and follow Jesus, but as the gospel tells us, Jesus chose us before we ever chose him. So maybe that part about loving others as Jesus loves us is this: are we willing to love others without requiring that they love us first? How can we do that? I can introduce myself to someone new to the parish that I see in church. I can offer to help the poor without waiting for the pastor to beg. I can make a priority of seeing what I can do for others, instead of what they can do for me. Perhaps part of our daily prayer can be asking God to show us who needs our love today.

Quien Necesita Amor? Parte de la primera lectura de Hechos que no escuchamos es una visión que tiene Pedro, en la que Dios le dice que todos los alimentos están bien para comer. Ya no hay comida impura. Más tarde se da cuenta de que la visión era un símbolo de que todas las personas son "limpias", tanto los gentiles como los judíos. No todos los primeros cristianos lo entendieron. Los cristianos judíos se sorprendieron de que el Espíritu Santo les diera dones, como hablar en lenguas, a los gentiles. Especialmente los gentiles que no habían sido bautizados.

El evangelio de hoy nos da una pista de lo que podemos hacer para llevar a otros a Cristo. Jesús lo hace sonar sencillo: amen unos a otros como yo los amo. (Jn 15,12) La segunda lectura de Juan nos dice que el amor no es que la gente ame a Dios sino que Dios nos amó primero, lo suficiente como para enviar a su Hijo a morir por nosotros. Podemos pensar que hemos elegido amar y seguir a Jesús, pero como nos dice el evangelio, Jesús nos eligió antes de que nosotros lo eligiéramos a él. Entonces, tal vez esa parte de amar a los demás como Jesús nos ama a nosotros sea ésta: ¿estamos dispuestos a amar a los demás sin exigir que ellos nos amen primero?

¿Cómo podemos hacer eso? Puedo presentarme a un nuevo parroquiano que veo en la iglesia. Puedo ofrecerme para ayudar a los pobres sin esperar a que el pastor me suplique. Puedo dar prioridad a ver lo que puedo hacer por los demás, en lugar de lo que ellos pueden hacer por mí. Quizás parte de nuestra oración diaria pueda ser pedirle a Dios que nos muestre quién necesita nuestro amor hoy.

DAYS/TIME	MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISAS
SATURDAY, MAY 4 5:00 P.M. ENGLISH	†Salvador Q. Garza, †Victor Verástegui, †Mario Bocanegra, †Basilio Minjares †Herman B. Sanchez, †Ramon Serrato, †Amanda N. Alderete, †Esteban Z. Viera, †Daniel A. Viera, †Juanita U. Viera, †Evangalina V. Pena, †Eulalio F. Garica (HEALTH) Mary Jane Guerra, Hyginio Moreno Jr., Guadalupe Moreno, Steve Viera Jr., Evelyn Trinidad, Richard Trinidad, Alfonso J. Diaz, Connie Cavazos
SUNDAY, MAY 5 8:30 A.M. ESPAÑOL	†Krystal Villarreal, †Julio Villarreal Intención Especial: Doris Minjares, Eva Mena, Veronica Fabela (SALUD) Mario Torres, Dora Ortiz, Juanita Pedraza, Reynaldo Moreno, Maria de la Paz, Mark López, Stephanie Ibarra, Roman Villarreal, Marcelino Ibarra, Roxanne Ibarra, Gloria Trevino, Rosalinda Segovia, Carmen Castillo, Mary Villarreal
SUNDAY, MAY 5 10:30 A.M.	† Fernando Garcia Saenz, †Roger Alvarado, †Olga Tello Special Intention: Ashley Mendez & Jorge Mendez Villarreal HEALTH: Maria Hernández, María Rodríguez, Adrianna Chávez, Guadalupe Q. Alvarado, Lee Roy De Leon
MONDAY, MAY 6	Senior Program-10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. 12:30 English Mass –Spiritual Center
TUESDAY, MAY 7	Senior Program-10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. 12:30 pm-Misa en el centro spiritual Memorial Service—Olivia Bello Rosary at 6:00 p.m.—Service at 6:30 p.m.
WED., MAY 8	Senior Program-10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAY 9	12:30pm Bilingual Mass followed by Adoration Senior Program-10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MAY 10	8:00 a.m. Misa Iglesia Senior Program-10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



MONDAY, MAY 13—SAVE THE DATE
APARTEN LA FECHA-LUNES 13 DE MAYO

This day marks the 1st. of six apparitions in which our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima Portugal, between the months of May and October of 1917. Este día se cumple la primera de seis apariciones en las que Nuestra Señora se apareció a tres pastorcillos en Fátima Portugal, entre los meses de mayo y octubre de 1917.

6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise and Worship, Rosary Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady, around Church grounds, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Followed by: Bilingual Holy Mass and Consecration of the world to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Blessed St. Raphael Oil for healing will be given... this oil is already blessed and exorcised.



SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 6, 2024—Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter—Readings: ACTS 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 7, 2024—Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter: Readings: ACTS 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8, 2024—Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter: Readings: ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9, 2024—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: Readings: ACTS 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 16:15-20

Friday, May 10, 2024—Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter: ACTS 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:20-23

WEEKLY OFFERING—OFRENDA SEMANAL APRIL 27 & 28

MASS	ATT.	ENV.	TOTAL ENV.	CASH	TOTAL
5:00PM	40	19	\$531.00	\$272.00	\$803.00
8:30AM	85	21	\$427.00	\$133.00	\$560.00
10:30AM	115	22	\$407.35	\$215.96	\$623.31
TOTAL	240	62	\$1,365.35	\$317.43	\$424.43

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL—\$300.00

FAITH FORMATION



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Besides the proper name of “Holy Spirit,” which is most frequently used in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Epistles, we also find in St. Paul the titles: the Spirit of promise, the Spirit of adoption, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Lord, and the Spirit of God - and in St. Peter, the Spirit of glory. (CCC693)

Saturday, May 11, 2024 Mandatory First Communion Retreat 8:30 am - 1:00 pm; All those that will receive First Communion this year and next year will need to attend, including parents. All baptismal certificates need to be turned in at this time, no exceptions. Please call the office for more information. Thank you.

It's that time again, VBS. We are seeking volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School. This year we are hoping to have a two week program, however we need your help to accomplish this goal. Please call the parish office if you are interested in volunteering. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the community.

If you have any questions, concerns and/or suggestions for the Faith Formation Program, please call me. Thank you, Faith Formation Team & Maria C. Gonzales, DRE



BREAKFAST!!!! ALMUERZO

este domingo cinco de mayo desde las 9am- hasta que se termine!!!
Te esperamos en el Salón



THURSDAY, MAY 9—ADORATION IN CHURCH FROM 12:30PM-6:00PM
THERE IS A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LOBBY.
TENDREMOS ADORACION EL JUEVES 9 MAYO- NO FALTES INICIAMOS MISA DE 12:30PM IGLESIA

CONFIRMATION MASS— SUNDAY MAY 19 -10:30AM

Presider: Most Rev. Auxiliary Bishop Michael Boulette.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service. -EVERYBODY IS WELCOME



LET US CELEBRATE THE JOYFUL JOURNEY OF THE HOLY ORDERS.
Sunday, May 19 after 10:30am Mass in the Hall...Potluck lunch

Fr. Richard—12th Anniversary
Dcn. Gilbert 17th Anniversary
Dcn. Alfred 10th Anniversary
(June 7)

If you want to help: Lidia Castillo: (210) 781-1409
Belinda Gonzales: (210) 452-4580
NO FALTEN

SAN MARTIN DE PORRES CLEANING MINISTRY AND PRAYER GROUP

If you feel the call to help your church community imitating San Martin de Porres? This prayer group is for you. Talk to Fr. Richard

Si te sientes llamado(a) en ayudar a tu comunidad Parroquial imitando a San Martin de Porres? Este grupo de oracion es para ti. Habla con el P. Richard



The Joke of the Week: Fr. Richard was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed a man by the hand and pulled him aside. Fr. Richard says: “You need to join the Army of the Lord!” He replied: I am already in the Army of the Lord,” Fr. Richard questioned him, “How come I don’t “see you except at Christmas and Easter?” He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service of the Church.”