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## Our Mission:

*We, the parishioners of St. Clare Catholic Church, are a joyful and welcoming Eucharistic Community, united by our faith in Jesus Christ. We are a people of many backgrounds who pray together and work together as disciples of Christ. We use our time, talent, and treasure in service to one another and all.*

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## December 17, 2023

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### Masses:

**Saturdays:** Vigil 5:00pm

**Sundays:** 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 5:00pm

**Weekdays:** Monday - Saturday, 8:30am

**First Wednesday:** Mother of Perpetual Help, 6:30pm

**First Sunday:** Spanish Mass, 1:30pm

#### Confessions:

**Tuesdays:** 4:00pm

**Saturdays:** 9:15am

*(or by appointment)*

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

**Fridays:** 12:00pm-5:30pm

**First Friday:** 12:00pm-6:30pm

#### Parish Office Hours:

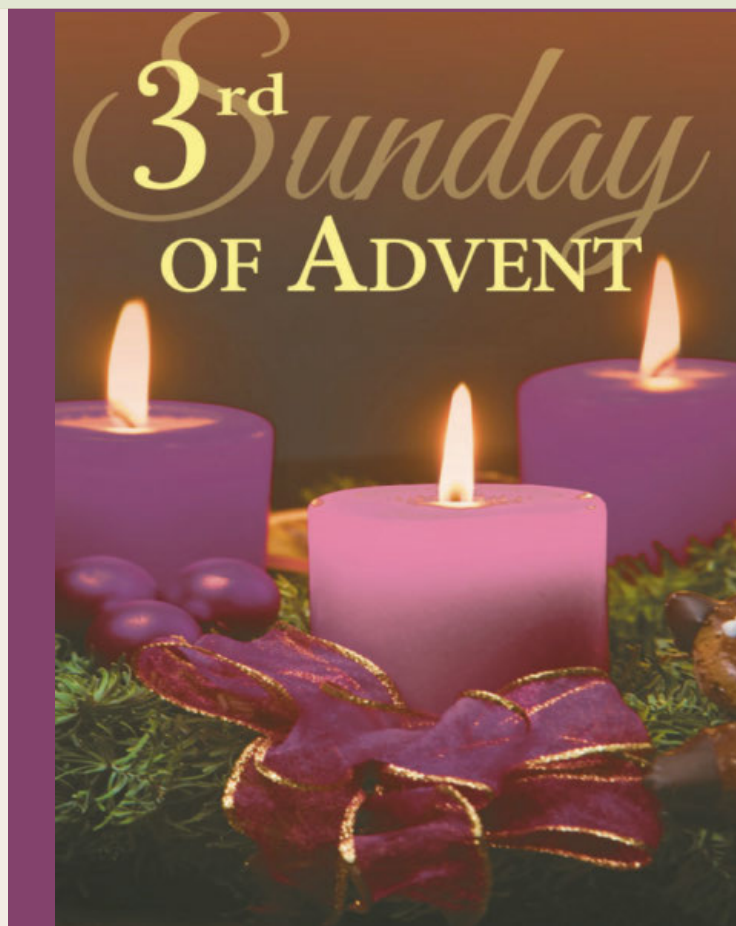
**Monday:** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Tuesday:** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Wednesday:** Closed

**Thursday:** 9:00am-5:00pm

**Friday:** 9:00am-4:00pm



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**Carl Kube, Deacon**

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

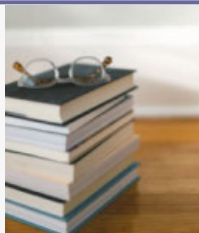
### Third Sunday of Advent

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. It takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, it is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy.



### St. Clare Library Ministry

The St. Clare Parish Library, located in the St. Clare room, provides religious books for our spiritual enrichment, growth in our faith and resources to support our many ministries. The library is available during open church hours. Books and materials are checked out using a self-check out system. The instructions are posted on the library shelf for your convenience. The children's collection has many beautiful titles that tell the wonderful nativity story. Check out the many other titles in our general collection which help us more deeply contemplate the true meaning of this season. Come check out this parish resource.



### Saturday, December 16

- 6:30am William Cook IV +  
**Special Intention:** Zenona Cuayzon
- 8:30am Alejandro Tatcho, Jr. +  
**Special Intention:** Chito Bello
- 5:00pm Carolyn Amador + Mel Hamel +

### Sunday, December 17

- 7:30am Maximo De Guzman + Carol Imbus +  
Nicholas Ali +  
**Special Intention:** Makayla & Madison Bolton
- 9:30am Aurelio Flores Gutierrez +  
**Special Intention:** Veronica & Richelew Parker
- 11:30am Rosario Manglinong +  
**Special Intention:** John Wahl
- 5:00pm William F. Cook IV + Theresa Mary Cross +  
Jose Tirona +

### Monday, December 18

- 6:30am Tiburcio & Lucrecia Romulo +  
Damaso & Emiliana Dadang +
- 8:30am Aurora J. Yambot + Mario M. Yambot +

### Tuesday, December 19

- 6:30am Marilou Palay + Maria Angelina S. Jorge +
- 8:30am Moises & Rebecca Fajardo + Baby Jed Soriano +  
**Special Intention:** V & Z LLC

### Wednesday, December 20

- 6:30am Florentino & Flora Dadang + Rosario Ramirez +
- 8:30am Fiona Silverio +

### Thursday, December 21

- 6:30am Fides Pahimulin +  
**Special Intention:** Vince Marie Cuison
- 8:30am Marilyn J. Ennis +  
**Special Intention:** Teresa Kroeger & Michael McGarrah

### Friday, December 22

- 6:30am Jose Lowell Lumactud + Guillerma De Guzman +
- 8:30am Julieta Cuison + Dolores Jones +

### Saturday, December 23

- 6:30am Luzviminda & Gerald Paul David +  
**Special Intention:** Emma Ruth Panlilio
- 8:30am **Special Intention:** Joshua Wheeler, Vicente &  
Rosemarie Cuison

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Date	Meeting/Event Title	Start Time	Location
December 17	Adaptive Faith Formation - Reconciliation	4:00 PM	St. Mark Rm
December 17	Confirmation Year 2	6:30 PM	Morris Center
December 18	Social Concerns Ministry - Making Sandwiches	7:00 AM	Morris Center Main Kitchen
December 18	Social Concerns - High School Support Program - Food Bag Assembly	8:00 AM	St. Luke Rm
December 18	Knights' General Meeting	7:00 PM	Morris Center
December 18	Knights' Officer/Director Meeting	6:30 PM	La Salle Rm and St. Francis Rm
December 19	Advent Penance Services	6:30 PM	Church, St. Clare Rm, & Confessional
December 19	Knights' New Year's Eve Gala Planning Meeting	6:00 PM	St. Luke Rm
December 19	Middle School Faith Night	6:30 PM	La Salle Rm & St. Francis Rm
December 19	Encuentro con Cristo	7:00 PM	St. Matthew Rm
December 20	Bible Study - St. Matthew room	9:30 AM	St. Matthew Rm
December 20	MOMS' Wednesday Rosary	9:15 AM	St. John Rm
December 20	Faithful Questions Meeting	6:00 PM	Morris Center
December 20	RCIA Inquiry	7:30 PM	St. Matthew Rm
December 21	RCIA Adapted for Children Year 2	5:30 PM	St. Matthew Rm

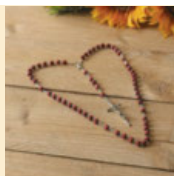
Advent-Christmas 2023 Schedule		
DECEMBER 2-3	First Sunday of Advent	Saturday, 5:00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday, 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Spanish), & 5:00pm Masses
DECEMBER 7	Immaculate Conception Vigil	6:30pm Vigil Mass
DECEMBER 8	Immaculate Conception	8:30am and 6:30pm Mass
DECEMBER 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	5:00am Mananitas 6:00am Bilingual Mass 8:30am English Mass
DECEMBER 15 TO 23	Simbang Gabi	6:30am daily Mass, except for December 17, Mass at 7:30am
DECEMBER 16	Christmas Concert	1:30pm
DECEMBER 19	Advent Penance Service	6:30pm
DECEMBER 23-24	4th Sunday of Advent	Saturday, 5:00pm Vigil Mass, 7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am Masses
DECEMBER 24	Christmas Eve	4:00pm Mass (Church & Morris Center) 6:00pm, 8:00pm, & Midnight (Church only)
DECEMBER 25	Christmas Day	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Church only)
DECEMBER 30 AND 31	Feast of the Holy Family	Saturday, 5:00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday, 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, and 5:00pm Masses
JANUARY 1	Mary, Holy Mother of God	8:30am and 10:00am Masses

Note: The Masses on the weekends of December 9 & 10, and December 16 & 17 are unchanged (normal schedule).

### Weekday Prayer

All are invited to join us in prayer in the church from Monday to Saturday:

- Liturgy of the Hours at 8:00am
- Holy Rosary & the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9:15am



### THE KNIGHTS' CORNER



#### VOCATION MINISTRY

#### ST. CLARE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REFUND SUPPORT VOCATION PROGRAM

The St. Clare Knights of Columbus Council 12887 together with St. Clare parishioners, are encouraged to prayerfully support young men and women as they discern their baptismal vocation for sacramental matrimony, or ordained Priesthood, or consecrated religious life as a nun, sister, or brother, or a grace-filled single life in service to those in need.

During the Christmas season, consider corresponding with those who are in ministry, and with those in formation for ministry. In particular, consider sending greetings to the following individuals who have been adopted by St. Clare Knights of Columbus:

Kim Nguyen (St. Clare Parishioner)  
Lovers of the Holy Cross of Los Angeles  
Aspirant Formation House  
10734 Widener Avenue  
Whittier, CA 90603

Seminarian Alejandro Marquez  
St. Patrick's Seminary & University  
320 Middlefield Road  
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May God richly bless all who are in ministry or preparing for ministry.



## SACRAMENTS, CATECHESIS, & OTHER

### Faith Formation Program K-5th Grade Children & Families

For any questions, please contact Laura Rios, Coordinator of K-5th grade at [childrensministry@stclareroseville.org](mailto:childrensministry@stclareroseville.org) or (916) 772-4717 x113



When John the Baptist told the people that Jesus was coming, the people believed him. Later, John the Baptist saw Jesus and recognized that he is the Son of God. We can trust John the Baptist because he knew Jesus.

Let's take a moment to talk to Jesus quietly in our hearts. We can thank him for John the Baptist and all the other witnesses for teaching us about our Lord and Savior.

We can ask him to help us be faithful witnesses by telling others about him.

- **The Growing up Catholic Mass Transit Cards:**  
These cards will help your family reflect on the readings before you hear them at Mass and will allow you to more actively participate at Mass and receive every blessing our Lord offers. Do not forget to bring your cards at our January session for a chance to win a prize.
- **January Faith Formation Family Session:** Please join us for our monthly faith formation session on January 7 at 3:00pm OR at 6:15pm or January 8 at 6:00pm. Students in their second year of preparation (SPY2) are expected to attend the Family Catechesis gatherings with their parents as well. As a reminder, please add the number of family members attending the session. The **JANUARY** signup genius QR code:  

- **Adaptive Faith Formation:**
  - Sunday, December 17, at 4:00pm in the St. Mark room.
- **RCIA Adapted for Youth and Children Year 2:**
  - Thursday, December 21, at 6:00pm in the St. Matthew room.



### Saint Clare Youth Ministry

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD

#### Upcoming Events

##### Middle School Faith Nights:

- Tuesday, December 19 from 6:30 to 8:00pm

##### Confirmation Year 2:

- Sunday, December 17 from 6:30 to 8:00pm



Are you ready to become Catholic? For those who are visiting, have been attending Mass for some time, and have wondered "How do I become Catholic?" or "What is being Catholic all about?"; or you just have questions about our faith, please join us on any Wednesday evening in the St. Matthew Room at 7:30pm. No RSVP is necessary - just come! We would love to assist you on your journey home to the Catholic Faith. For more information, call Deacon Ken Crawford at (916) 772-4763 or Rita Schillin at (916) 223-4073.

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In 2017, Catholic Charities of California began offering pilgrimages as a way to raise additional funding to support our statewide programs. We are proud to offer walking pilgrimages in Spain and Portugal and a non-walking pilgrimage to Ireland!

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## MINISTRY



### Social Concerns

Thank you to all those who came out to help our 156 pre-registered families have a Christmas that they might not have had if not for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure!

Thank you to all the following ministries who help make the Thanksgiving and Christmas Distributions so successful:

- Filipino Ministry: Providing snacks for the Thanksgiving distribution
- Faith Formation: Sorting coats and helping with both distributions
- ICF: Helping with snacks and drinks for both distributions
- Knights of Columbus: Distributing food for both distributions
- Spanish Ministry: Helping with the Registration and decorating the Evangelist Center for Christmas
- MOMS' Ministry: Adopting families again this year as they have done for many years
- Social Concerns Ministry: Supplying help in ALL areas and planning and putting everything together
- AND most of all to our parishioners who gave us the food, toys, gift cards, family gifts, and coats to make this so successful!!

May you all have a great Christmas as those who received what you provided them this year!!



### Grief, Consolation, and Hope Ministry

Holidays can be difficult at times. If you feel alone and struggle with grief, depression, sadness, or loss, we are here to accompany you on your journey of healing and wholeness. For questions, please call the parish office at (916) 772-4717 and leave a message for Carmela Kube with your name and contact number, or email Carmela at: [carmkube@surewest.net](mailto:carmkube@surewest.net). You can meet individually or you can attend meetings on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month at 9:30am in the St. Luke room. Our next meetings will be on January 11 and 25, 2024.



Walk for Life on January 20.  
Bus Tickets \$30 (includes snacks)  
Purchase after the Masses this weekend  
or in the parish office this week.  
Let's fill two buses this year!



For questions or more information, contact  
Lisa Galli at (916) 759-4557.



**December 15th through 23rd at 6:30am**  
**CHRISTMAS NOVENA DAWN MASSES**  
**Masses will be in English**

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. In the final days of Advent, Simbáng Gabi directs our focus on our preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. Come and bring family and friends to nine days of dawn Masses as we accompany the Blessed Virgin Mary in her anticipation of the birth of the Lord Jesus. The Simbáng Gabi Masses will be at 6:30am except on December 17; it will be at the Sunday Mass at 7:30am instead. On the ninth day, Saturday, December 23, we will have a potluck breakfast reception in the Morris Center.

### Advent/Christmas Confession Schedule

- Tuesday, December 12 at 4:00pm
- Saturday, December 16 at 9:15am
- **Parish Reconciliation Service, Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm**
- Tuesday, December 26 at 4:00pm
- Saturday, December 30 at 9:15am





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### ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024 through February 7, 2024**

To enroll, or for questions, please call Irene Perez at (408) 677-6315.

*"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' Luke 15:4-6*

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study finished Genesis on December 13. We will take a Christmas break and resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. The sessions run from 9:30am to 11:00am.

The "Gospel of Matthew" will be our next study. A book can be reserved or downloaded. For more information, call John or Gayle DeGregori at (916) 472-6576 or at (209) 483-9262.



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Please note the early deadline:

**January 7 bulletin articles are due by December 21.** All submissions are subject to approval and editing by the Parish Director.

## Parish and Finance Council

The Parish Council is made up of St. Clare Parishioners appointed by our Pastor and meets throughout the year advising our Pastor on items brought forth from our Parish, Diocese initiatives and events, and any special events. The current chair of the Parish Council is Colin Cooper. Contact the Parish Council at: [parishcouncil@stclareroseville.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stclareroseville.org).

The Finance Council is made up of St. Clare Parishioners appointed by the Pastor, who assist the Pastor and Parish Director with any of its fiscal needs (i.e., budget, monthly income and expenses, debt reduction, etc.). The current chair of the Finance Council is Ed Lennig. Contact the Finance Council at: [financecouncil@stclareroseville.org](mailto:financecouncil@stclareroseville.org).



### The Stone of St. Michael the Archangel from the Shrine of St. Michael in Gargano, Italy

High atop a mountainous promontory called Monte Gargano in Southeastern Italy, is the oldest shrine dedicated to St. Michael in western Europe. According to tradition, St. Michael the Archangel appeared to an Italian bishop in 493 and consecrated a nearby cave. This became known as the Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo sul Gargano, more commonly referred to as Monte Gargano.



Over a thousand years later, tradition claims St. Michael appeared again at the shrine, where he told the bishop, "I am the Archangel St. Michael. Anyone who uses the stones of this grotto will be liberated." Since then, tiny stones from this grotto have been distributed around the world and are known as "St. Michael Stones." These are popular sacramentals that are used by the faithful to invoke the intercession of this powerful intercessor to protect them and grant them God's graces.

If you are interested in acquiring your own St. Michael Stone reliquary, you can stop by the parish office. The \$60 donation covers the cost of the 24-carat gold-plated reliquary that holds the stone (not the stone itself, which is included), the certificate, and shipping. Proceeds support the Shrine of St Michael in Gargano.