

Subject: St Clare Update from Fr. Klasinski, From the Pastor's Desk

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Praised be Jesus Christ! I am writing to you just after Father Cosgrove and I concelebrated Sunday Mass *pro populo* (for the parish). We sorely missed your presence. We were comforted by our spiritual communion with you at Mass. We daily pray for your health and safety. Please do the same for us and for your fellow parishioners.

I chose ***WE JOURNEY TOGETHER*** as the theme for Lent 2020. I could not have imagined how our prayer, fasting and almsgiving would be shaped by a global pandemic. We pray individually and intentionally. We fast from the sacraments and security. Social distancing draws us close in charity. Our parish staff wishes to stay connected with you. You will find any number of links to guide you in prayer and update you on the parish at <https://saintclare.net/>. Father Cosgrove and I are happy to pray and talk with you by phone. Do you know of Father Cosgrove's DRIVE-BY-CONFESSIONAL? (I kid you not!) When Father is available in his office you will see an IRISH flag outside his rectory office window. Honk your horn!

Our Sunday Offertory is the fuel for the fire that is the Church of Saint Clare. We dare not allow the fire to be extinguished. Like many hard-working folks who live paycheck to paycheck, our hard-working parish lives offertory to offertory. I am depending on you. I well understand how many parishioners are not job secure. Are you blessed to have a steady income because of employment or retirement? Like me are you blessed by Social Security? Please commit to the Sunday Offertory.

I am asking you to prayerfully consider Online Giving. Simple, safe and secure, Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in the weekly/monthly Offertory. Online Giving is provided by Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic not-for-profit organization serving parishes for more than 100 years. (Our Sunday Visitor supplies our Offertory envelopes as well.). Visit <https://saintclare.net/>. Click on the link on our home page. Create an account. Schedule your recurring gifts. Questions? Please contact Business Administrator Lisa Gros at stclkg@att.net. Offertory envelopes? Please faithfully mail them to the parish or drop off. There is a mailbox outside the business office entrance on the left. There is a mailbox inside the rectory entranceway on your left.

The Responsorial today is Psalm 23. *Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff you give me courage.* Alongside our Good Shepherd ***WE JOURNEY TOGETHER!***

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