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Santa Clara, California

September 18, 2022

Twenty-Fifth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time/ Catechetical
Sunday



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

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PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777,
Saint Clare Parish is
an ethnically diverse
Catholic community of
faith, united in wor-
ship, discipleship and
service. In welcoming
immigrants, newcom-
ers and strangers, we
strive to live the vir-
tues of justice and
love, so as to be the
face of Christ in the
world, becoming in
Him a sign of unity
and an instrument of
God's peace.*

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

In this Sunday's readings, both the prophet Amos and the Gospel of Luke address the attachment to wealth and money. While neither condemns riches, both scripture passages speak of the ways that money can be misused in cheating and abuse of the poor.

Our response from Psalm 113, "Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor," tells of God's special love for the poor, with this promise, found in verse 8: "He raises up the lowly from the dust; from their misery he lifts up the poor."

For the last 50 years, we have heard the phrase, "preferential option for the poor," as a challenge to the Church to be like the Lord in our concern and care for the poor. These are among the "marginalized" people that Pope Francis considers to be at the heart of Christian service.

Each of us should examine how we live in relation to impoverished people, whether materially or spiritually poor. . . Do we reach out or leave that care to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society or to another agency?

We remember the words of Jesus, found in the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did to me."

On Catechetical Sunday, we recognize, thank and commission those who serve as catechists, teachers of the faith, in our parish and school. This past May, Pope Francis recognized the essential nature of catechesis by formally establishing the **Ministry of Catechist** in the Church, along with the traditional ministries of Lector and Acolyte. Part of the Holy Father's rationale for doing so was included in his apostolic letter, *Antiquum Ministerium* ("The Ancient Ministry"):

Without prejudice to the Bishop's mission as the primary catechist in his Diocese, one which he shares with his presbyterate, or to the particular responsibility of parents for the Christian formation of their children, recognition should be given to those lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis. This presence is all the more urgently needed today as a result of our increasing awareness of the need for evangelization in the contemporary world, and the rise of a globalized culture. This requires genuine interaction with young people, to say nothing of the need for creative methodologies and resources capable of adapting the proclamation of the Gospel to the missionary transformation that the Church has undertaken. Fidelity to the past and responsibility for the present are necessary conditions for the Church to carry out her mission in the world.

Thank you, catechists, for the gift you are to our parish and its families.

Annual Financial Report to Parishioners

Once again, Jerome Alabado, Chair of the Parish Finance Council, has prepared a video to accompany the Council's year-end finance report to the parish, for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th. I am grateful to Jerome, Bruce Newnan and Rogelio Esquivel, who serve with him as members of the Finance Council.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pEPBJRaJbDOR37yLBWWdGrqMYYNFHHI/view>



Saint Clare Parish Financial Report

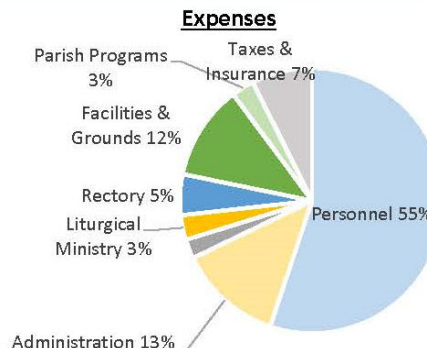
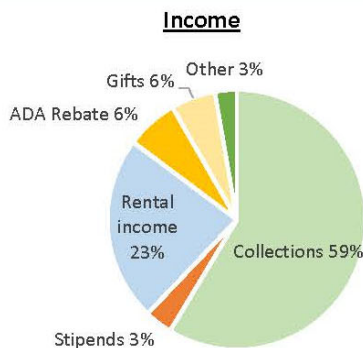
Fiscal year: July 1 - June 30

	Budget FY22	Actual FY22	Budget FY23
<u>Income</u>			
Collections	\$439,000	\$525,242	\$497,500
Stipends	\$25,500	\$36,195	\$29,500
Rental income ⁽¹⁾	\$191,908	\$198,434	\$195,617
ADA Rebate	\$45,000	\$64,126	\$55,000
Gifts/Donations	\$60,000	\$69,330	\$47,300
Other	\$5,400	\$8,197	\$23,300
Total Income	\$766,808	\$901,524	\$848,217
<u>Expenses</u>			
Personnel	\$406,912	\$394,828	\$466,610
Administration	\$85,104	\$99,429	\$107,770
Catechetical & Youth Ministry	\$7,000	\$8,442	\$19,950
Liturgical Ministry	\$21,150	\$28,911	\$25,450
Rectory ⁽²⁾	\$45,700	\$43,386	\$42,100
Facilities & Grounds	\$101,500	\$122,205	\$98,000
Parish Programs	\$19,534	\$30,307	\$23,584
Taxes & Insurance	\$64,750	\$67,774	\$62,750
Total Expenses	\$751,650	\$795,283	\$846,214
Net Income	\$15,158	\$106,241	\$2,003

1) FY23 Budget includes JVC house, ethnic communities use of church and parish facilities, and 3 priests in residence

2) FY23 Budget includes food allowance for 3 priests in residence

FY23 Budget (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)





Celebrating Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist for Parish Teens

Next Saturday evening, September 24, at the 5:00 pm Mass, we will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with a number of youth who have been preparing for this since the beginning of the year. We invite you to come and join in the celebration and to support them at this very special moment in their lives and in the life of their families.

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil (Livestreamed)

5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. (English)

9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)

10:30 a.m. (English)

12:00 p.m. (Español)

Livestreamed

Liturgy of the Word for Children

During 10:30 a.m.
Mass (English)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(*In the Tent*)

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Follow the prompt,
then press 9

Thank you – *Obrigado* – to our Portuguese Community

Last Sunday, the Portuguese Council gave a generous gift to the parish from the proceeds of the August 28 dinner. We are extremely grateful for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the community and for their constant support of our parish, especially in these times.

This Sunday's 10:30 Mass → **In the Tent!!**

This Sunday, the Portuguese community celebrates *Padroeira Santa Cecilia* at the 10:30 Mass in the Church. Again, this Sunday, the English 10:30 Mass will be in the tent. Please remember where you will be going, so you do not end up in a Mass not of your choosing!

We wish the *Filarmonica Uniao Portuguesa De Santa Clara* well in their many celebrations over the weekend.

Looking Ahead . . .

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 9. To allow enough time for the liturgy, **Mass that Sunday will begin at 10:00**, instead of 10:30. We hope that giving advance notice will allow for all to be informed of this one-time change.

At the same time, we ask your prayers for our candidates for Confirmation, who are on retreat this weekend.

Youth Ministry News

This weekend, our Confirmation candidates will be going on retreat (Friday-Sunday) in Felton, CA. As a parish community, let us pray together for our candidates as they continue to be formed and prepare for their Confirmation in October.

*O, Loving God, You are the Good Shepherd,
Who finds the lost and calls the young.
May those on retreat find Your love for them
and find their love for You
so that they may show love to others.
Walk with them as they continue formation
and prepare for their Confirmation.
Amen.*

Year of Prayer Month of September Prayer Intentions

Refugees and Migrants

For refugees and migrants, that the tragedy of being uprooted from their homes and lands may be met with encouragement and welcome from the Christian community, realizing that whatever we do on their behalf we do for the Lord. That our hearts may never be hardened to those who come to us in their need. That all newcomers – immigrants, migrants, refugees – may find in us lasting hospitality to bind up the wounds of all who suffer.



Care for Creation

That all people who share life on the earth, as faithful stewards of its natural resources, may realize that we are but caretakers of our common home, God's gift to us, until we hand it on to the next generation. For a renewed appreciation of the necessity to renew, reuse and recycle as a way to preserve the goodness and glory of our planet so that future generations may inherit a hospitable home and a thriving environment.



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Daily Readings

Monday

Proverbs 3:27-34

Psalms 15:2-5

Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Psalms 19:2-5

Matthew 9:9-13J

Thursday

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc

Luke 9:7-9

Friday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Psalms 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4

Luke 9:18-22

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 11:9 — 12:8

Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146:7-10

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00pm

Mass Intentions
September 17-24, 2022

Wriglesworth Family

Eusebio Gutierrez+

Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo+

Jose S. Sanches+

Maria Dias+

Ernesto Gonsalves+

Manuel Santos+

Maria L. Monteiro+

Jose da Silva+

Vidalia Gaspar Rocha+

John Cunha+

Lobato Family

Louis Madruga– Health

Saint Clare Parishioners

Ida Lopez-Salud

Familia Galvan-Bienestar

Angela Dicalonje+

Monday 8:00am

The Peter's Family

Tuesday 8:00am

Peter Reiland+

Wednesday 8:00am

The Blandford Family+

Thursday 8:00am

Theodore Jameson L.

Rumohr+

Friday 8:00 am

The Blandford Family

Saturday 8:00 am

Maria Adelina & Jose

Furtado Pereira, Sr+

Faith Formation Grade 1-7 2022-20223

Registration for Children's Faith Formation for Grade 1 through Grade 7 is now open. Our annual sessions from October 2, 2022, to May include ongoing catechesis, a two-year preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We also welcome children over the age of seven who have not yet been baptized to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children. Registration Forms in English and Spanish can be found online at <https://www.stclareparish.org/faith-formation/> or visit our Rectory for a paper copy and/or to pay in person. Considering all current family expenses and financial demands, there is no change to our prior year fee of \$115.00 per new child plus \$60.00 per additional sibling or \$60.00 for children who are returning.



Please contact Sandra Quintanilla with any questions at sandra.quintanilla@dsj.org, by phone at 669-270-2702 or office hours 9am-2pm on Tuesdays.

Registration in person this Sunday September 18 from 11:30-2pm in the Church Basement.



Saint Clare School News

ALUMNI UPDATE by Melissa Reynoso

We would love to hear from our alumni! We are developing our alumni network on our new alumni web page: www.stclare.school/alumni

This is a great place for you to stay connected with your entire class and keep up to date with what is happening at Saint Clare! We hope by joining our alumni network we can build our community stronger.

This week, we are featuring our Class of 1997. Please reach out to us if you recognize someone in the class photo, or even if it is you!

Please register on our alumni page or reach out to Melissa Reynoso with any questions: melissa.reynoso@dsj.org and please be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram @stclareschoolsantaclara



YOU ARE INVITED

- Join us for Weekly School Mass on Fridays, at 10:45AM
- Parade of Champions, Saturday, Oct. 1. Stay tuned for details on how you can participate.
- Blessing of the Animals and blessing of the Friendship Bridgeway mural | Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 11:45, Outdoor Church, Bridgeway
- Kick-Off: Mission and Catholic Identity's Care for our Common Home Campaign, Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Blessing of the Animals Prayer Service
- 32nd Annual Jog-a-Thon: Oct. 26 | Bellomy Field, Santa Clara University
- Multicultural Dinner and Alumni Homecoming: November 11
- 2nd Annual Golf Tournament: May 1, 2023 | Boulder Ridge Golf Club

On the Care of Our Common Home: “
...our common home is like a sister
with whom we share our life and a
beautiful mother who opens her arms to
embrace us. “Praise be to you, my
Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us, and who
produces various fruit with coloured
flowers and herbs”. ~ From “*Laudato,
Si’, mi’ Signore*” [“Praise be to you,
my Lord.”], by Pope Francis



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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

En las lecturas de este domingo, tanto el profeta Amós como el Evangelio de Lucas abordan el apego a la riqueza y al dinero. Mientras que ninguno condena las riquezas, ambos pasajes de las Escrituras hablan de las formas en que el dinero puede ser mal utilizado para engañar y abusar de los pobres.

Nuestra respuesta del Salmo 113, “Alabado sea el Señor que levanta a los pobres”, habla del amor especial de Dios por los pobres, con esta promesa, que se encuentra en el versículo 8: “Él levanta del polvo a los humildes; de su miseria levanta a los pobres.”

Durante los últimos 50 años, hemos escuchado la frase “opción preferencial por los pobres”, como un desafío a la Iglesia para ser como el Señor en nuestra preocupación y cuidado por los pobres. Estas se encuentran entre las personas "marginadas" que el Papa Francisco considera que están en el corazón del servicio cristiano.

Cada uno de nosotros debería examinar cómo vivimos en relación con las personas empobrecidas, ya sea material o espiritualmente pobres. . ¿Nos acercamos o dejamos ese cuidado a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl o a otra agencia?

Recordamos las palabras de Jesús, que se encuentran en el capítulo veinticinco del Evangelio de Mateo: “Cuanto hicisteis al más pequeño de mis hermanos y hermanas, a mí me lo hicisteis”.

En el Domingo Catequético, reconocemos, agradecemos y comisionamos a aquellos que sirven como catequistas, maestros de la fe, en nuestra parroquia y escuela. El pasado mes de mayo, el Papa Francisco reconoció la naturaleza esencial de catequesis al establecer formalmente el Ministerio de Catequista en la Iglesia, junto con los ministerios tradicionales de Lector y Acólito. Parte de la justificación del Santo Padre para hacerlo así se incluyó en su carta apostólica, *Antiquum Ministerium* (“El Antiguo Ministerio”):

Sin ningún menoscabo a la misión propia del Obispo, que es la de ser el primer catequista en su Diócesis junto al presbiterio, con el que comparte la misma cura pastoral, y a la particular responsabilidad de los padres respecto a la formación cristiana de sus hijos, es necesario reconocer la presencia de laicos y laicas que, en virtud del propio bautismo, se sienten llamados a colaborar en el servicio de la catequesis. En nuestros días, esta presencia es aún más urgente debido a la renovada conciencia de la evangelización en el mundo contemporáneo, y a la imposición de una cultura globalizada, que reclama un auténtico encuentro con las jóvenes generaciones, sin olvidar la exigencia de metodologías e instrumentos creativos que hagan coherente el anuncio del Evangelio con la transformación misionera que la Iglesia ha emprendido. Fidelidad al pasado y responsabilidad por el presente son las condiciones indispensables para que la Iglesia pueda llevar a cabo su misión en el mundo.

Gracias, catequistas, por el regalo que son para nuestra parroquia y sus familias.

Celebración del Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía para los Adolescentes de la Parroquia

El próximo sábado 24 de septiembre en la noche, en la Misa de las 5:00 pm, celebraremos los Sacramentos de Iniciación con un número de jóvenes que se han estado preparando para esto desde el comienzo del año. Los invitamos a venir y unirse a la celebración y apoyarlos en este momento tan especial en sus vidas y en la vida de sus familias.

Gracias – *Obrigado* – a nuestra Comunidad Portuguesa

El pasado domingo, el Consejo portugués entregó un generoso regalo a la parroquia de las ganancias de la cena del 28 de agosto. Estamos extremadamente agradecidos por la consideración y generosidad de la comunidad y por su constante apoyo a nuestra parroquia, especialmente en estos tiempos.

Mirando hacia el futuro . . .

Celebraremos el Sacramento de la Confirmación el domingo 9 de octubre. Para dejar tiempo suficiente para la liturgia, la Misa de ese domingo comenzará a las 10:00am, en lugar de las 10:30am. Esperamos que dando aviso anticipado permitirá que todos estén informados de este cambio único.

Al mismo tiempo, pedimos sus oraciones por nuestros candidatos de Confirmación, que están de retiro este fin de semana.

Ministerio de Adolescentes

Este fin de semana, nuestros candidatos a la Confirmación estarán de retiro (viernes-domingo) en Felton, CA. Como comunidad parroquial, oremos juntos por nuestros candidatos a medida que continúan formándose y preparándose para su Confirmación en octubre.

Oh, Dios de amor, Tú eres el Buen Pastor,
Quien encuentra a los perdidos y llama a los jóvenes.
Que aquellos en retiro encuentren Tu amor por ellos.
y encuentren su amor por Ti
para que puedan mostrar amor a todos los demás.
Camina con ellos mientras continúan su formación
y preparación para su Confirmación.
Amén.



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Boletim Paroquial Português

Domingo XXV do Tempo Comum

Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

No Evangelho de hoje parece que Jesus elogia um mau gestor de bens. O que Jesus procura dar a perceber é que o gestor em causa do Evangelho de uma mau gestou procurou melhorar uma mau situação numa relação aceitável paa o patrão e para os clientes. Por si o gerente não beneficiou nada de bens mas salvou a pele e a honra com a decisão do alterar as cifrasede beneficiaram os clientes com a redução das contas e salvaguardou algumas finanças para os bolsos do patrão. Deste modo o que Jesus pretendeu dizer aos que O escutavam é quando em uma má situação, não perder a cabeça mas a melhorar adentro do possível

Inserida na liturgia deste Domingo e na missa da comunidade paroquial portuguesa celebra-se Santa Cecília: padroeira; tanto da nossa Sociedade Filarmónica União Portuguesa de Santa Clara, como também, padroeira do Grupo Coral Português. Deste modo e situando-se no quadragéssimo-nono aniversário do Grupo Coral Português e no quadragéssim-oitavo de vida da nossa Sociedade Filarmónica; todos os músicos elevam em acção de graças suas preces em honra de Santa Cecília, elevada a Santa nos primeiros séculos da igreja pela sua firmeza em dedicar sua virgindade a Jesus Cristo. Conta na sua história de Santa Cecília estar ligada á m"usica por se ter encontrado na sua sepultura uma harpa; instrumento este que ela tocava música.. Hoje por todo o mundo existem simfonias de música erudita a Santa Cecília dedicadas e por estas simfonias pertencem músicos que nem católicos são, mas sabem que Cecília é uma santa que dedicou toda a sua vida a Deus através da música. Muito especial Santa Cecília é venerada paricularmente a cantores e músicos dedicados á música sacra. Serve Santa Cecília de grande inspiração a todos os músicos que servem a Deus na comunidade portuguesa de Santa Clara através do Ministério da música. Por assim ser é esta celebração anual promovida anualmente pela nossa Sociedade Filarmónica e muito acarinhada pelo grupo Coral Português um motivo de dar Graças a Deus; através de Santa Cecília pelos dons de saber tocar um instrumento musical ou de ter uma vós com alguma vontade de oferecer esta, ao servir a Deus nos irmãos. Enquanto a Sociedade Filarmónica representa e bem a nossa comunidade por outras comunidades aonde residem imigrantes de origem portuguesa o nosso grupo coral oferece a sua voz animando e dignificando todas as liturgias durante todo o ano bem assim indo ajudar outras comunidades á volta de Santa Clara nas suas festas religiosas. Tal como Santa Cecília ofereceu a sua virgindade e constância ao Senhor, assim também a Sociedade Filarmónica e o Grupo Coral oferecem ao Senhor os seus dons para o bem comum da nossa comunidade.



Festa de Santa Cecília

Inserida na celebração da nossa missa Portuguesa a Sociedade Filarmónica União Portuguesa de Santa Clara promove a sua festa anuual em honra de Santa Cecília. Do mesmo modo o nosso Grupo Coral oferece as suas vozes nesta celebração pois a mesma santa é a padroeira deste grupo. Como Comunidade mostremos o nosso agradecimento a estas duas agremiações musicais pelo serviço que muito bem prestam á comuni9dade Portuguesa de Santa Clara com a sua música. Que o Senhor; por intercessão de Santa Cecília, abençoe e lhes dê a Sua graça para continuarem a servir o Senhor nesta comunidade. O Conselho Paroquial Português agradece á Elizabeth Gaspar e a sua mesa directiva pelo gerir desta Filarmónica bem assim orgulha-se e acarinha o nosso Grupo Coral Português nesta paróquia pelo muito bem que servem a nossa comunidade paroquial. Bem hajam!

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos! Feliz Festa de Santa Cecília!!

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8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday from April 1 to September 30 and
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week from October 1 to March 31.

CCA Medicare Excel (HMO) Santa Clara County and CCA Medicare Excel (HMO) San Joaquin County are health plans with a Medicare contract. Enrollment depends on contract renewal. This information is not a complete description of benefits.



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Clean Up a Creek, Lake, or Bay Lands

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM to noon

from Morgan Hill to Milpitas,
Santa Clara to Palo Alto



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Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush
9/16/22

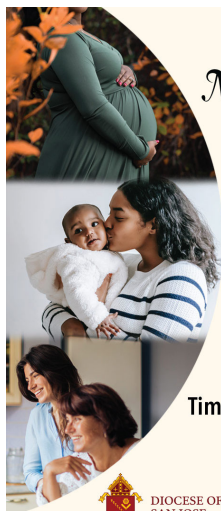
Register for a guided group near you

www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html

Season of Creation 2022

Families, schools and parishes can learn more and sign up at [Stewards of Our Common Home - Diocese of San Jose \(dsj.org\)](http://Stewards of Our Common Home - Diocese of San Jose (dsj.org)). The Diocesan Stewards of Our Common Home team, invite you, the diocesan community, to a series of events celebrating the Season of Creation:

- Thursday, **September 22** at 7 PM - **Virtual Introduction to the Laudato Si Action Platform**. Learn how Catholics locally and around the US are living Pope Francis' call for environmental and social justice action at all levels of the Catholic Church. Registration needed and link will be emailed <https://bit.ly/3Qh32xb>



Mass Supporting Mothers and Children

October 8, 2022

Venue: St. Frances Cabrini Parish
15333 Woodard Road
San Jose CA 95124

Time: 8:30 AM Mass with Bishop Cantú
9:30 AM Fellowship and light refreshment
9:45 AM Workshop on Proposition 1

Led by Fr. Angelbert Chikere,
Christopher J. Bakes, Esq.



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Stewardship Report

Sunday Collection:
September 10th and September 11th

Weekly Goal: \$8,400.00
Actual: \$9,152.50

Second Collection: Catholic Education:

\$2213.00

Thank You!

YOUNGADULT

Open Mic Night

09.29.22 | 7:00 PM | ST CLARE PARISH

FELLOWSHIP
MUSIC | SPOKEN WORD | DANCE
COFFEE & TEA
REFRESHMENTS

ST CLARE
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
MOST HOLY TRINITY
ST LAWRENCE THE MATRYR

Are you a young adult? Saint Clare is hosting a young adult open mic night on Thursday, September 29th at 7pm. Join us for refreshments and live music. You can even perform yourself by coming early and signing up at 6:45pm on the same night. This is a collaborative event with Saint Francis of Assisi, Most Holy Trinity, and Saint Lawrence young adult groups.