



The Feast of St. Clare (transferred)

8:00 a.m., Sunday, August 9, 2026

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*Members of St. Mary's and Congregation Sherith Israel at the ICE Immigration Court
July 28, 2026*

*If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card
found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.*

The Word of God

All stand as the ministers enter.

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect For Purity

Said in unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

The following is said by all.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect Of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, might serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:8–15

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and right, do not be amazed at the matter; for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. But all things considered, this is an advantage for a land: a king for a plowed field.

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

When goods increase, those who eat them increase; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?

Sweet is the sleep of laborers, whether they eat little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let them sleep.

There is a grievous ill that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owners to their hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture; though they are parents of children, they have nothing in their hands. As they came from their

mother's womb, so they shall go again, naked as they came; they shall take nothing for their toil, which they may carry away with their hands.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 49:16-20

The following is said responsively by half-verse.

- ¹⁶ Do not be envious when some become rich, *
or when the grandeur of their house increases;
¹⁷ For they will carry nothing away at their death, *
nor will their grandeur follow them.
¹⁸ Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived, *
and were praised for their success,
¹⁹ They shall join the company of their forebears, *
who will never see the light again.
²⁰ Those who are honored, but have no understanding, *
are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:1-2

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-34

The people stand.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

The people are seated.

The Nicene Creed

The people stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers Of The People

With confidence in God's abiding love, and giving thanks for the witness of St. Clare,
who reflected the light of Christ through a life of prayer, humility, and joyful service,
let us offer our prayers for the Church and for the world.

For the Church throughout the world; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all
who are called to proclaim the Gospel. Grant that, like Clare, we may seek not worldly
power but the riches of your kingdom, becoming signs of your light in every place.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all entrusted with authority, that they may
govern with justice, seek peace over violence, and remember the needs of those who
are poor, vulnerable, and forgotten. Inspire them to exercise power with humility and
compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For this city of San Francisco, for our neighborhoods, and for all who struggle to find
housing, food, meaningful work, or a place of belonging. Give us generous hearts and
willing hands to serve Christ in our neighbors, following Clare's example of joyful
simplicity and hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who are burdened by anxiety, loneliness, or the constant demands of modern life. Grant the grace of stillness and contemplative prayer, that all may discover your presence in silence and be renewed by your peace. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers (N.), and for those we now name either silently or aloud. Surround them with your healing love, sustain those who care for them, and make us faithful companions in their need. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially (N.) and those we name silently or aloud, and for all whose faith has inspired us. We give thanks especially for Clare of Assisi and for all the saints whose lives reflect the beauty of your kingdom. Bring us at last to share with them in the fullness of your eternal joy. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with the following.

Gracious God, you called your servant Clare to shine with the light of Christ through a life of prayer, courage, and love. Grant that we, following the example of all your saints, may faithfully bear your light into the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People greet each other with a sign of peace.

Greeting & Announcements

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The following is said by all.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking Of The Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.

The people are seated.

Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, standing

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

August 9, 2026

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

Guest Organist Today

While Eric Choate is away on vacation, we welcome Mark Wings to the organ bench for our 10 a.m. service.

Register for Sunday School

- Who: Children Pre-K - 5th Grade
- When: Sundays, 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM
(Children will depart with the children and youth choirs before the adult sermon at the 9 AM service).
- What: Through Sunday School, children are invited to grow in faith and discover God's love through stories, play, and creativity. We can't wait to learn and wonder together!

Our program year kicks off on Sunday, September 13th. Even if your child attended last year or in the past, please register again as we are using a new system. You can fill out the registration form on our website. If you have any questions, please email Rev. Elaina at elaina@smvsf.org.

St. Mary's Building and Grounds:

An Adult Forum with Sandy Stadtfeld

Sunday, August 16

How do we keep our 135-year old church safe, clean, functional and beautiful?
How do we maintain current knowledge of the facility's condition and needs?
You might think these are mundane concerns - but you'd be mistaken!
Come to a forum at 9:00 am on Sunday, August 16 in the Great Hall, when parishioner and vestry member Sandy Stadtfeld will discuss our dynamic Buildings and Grounds ministry. Bring your own questions and ideas, find out what's coming up, and learn how all of us can help.

Sunday School Classroom Clean-up

Sunday, August 23

Help us get ready for the program year by preparing our Sunday School rooms! We need help organizing supplies, moving books and furniture, and general cleaning to create a welcoming space for our children and teachers. This is a great way to support our parish's ministry with children and families. Come for as long as you're able! We will meet in the preschool room on Sunday August 23 from 11:30-1:30

p.m. If you have questions, please email Rev. Elaina at elaina@smvsf.org.

**St. Mary's Summer Book:
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction:
Discipleship in an Instant Society
Discussion**

Sunday, August 30, at 9 a.m.

In our fast-paced, "instant" society, growing in worship, service, and community requires intentionality. This summer, St. Mary's is reading *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene H. Peterson—a book Rev. Kira highlighted in her June 28 sermon as a beautiful guide to Christian discipleship.

Through a study of Psalms 120-134, Peterson provides a time-tested prescription for a deeper spiritual life. We invite everyone to read along over the summer and join us for a group discussion on Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m. Please purchase your copy online or through a local bookstore; a limited number of copies will also be available at the church.

Last Sunday Hospitality – Share a Treat!

This summer, we're adding a little something extra to Coffee Hour after the 10:00 a.m. service on August 30th. We'd love to make this gathering a special opportunity for fellowship with a few additional snacks and treats.

If you'd like to help by bringing a favorite baked good, fruit, savory snack, or other refreshment, we'd love to have you join in! To sign up or learn more, please contact Gloria Galindo (gloria.gtgg@gmail.com). Thank you for helping us extend St. Mary's

warm hospitality and create a welcoming space for all!

**Sunday School Teachers & Helpers
Needed**

As St. Mary's continues a time of transition in its Children's Ministry, we are looking for people to support us in a variety of roles. Please look over the following opportunities to see if there is a way you are being called to support the children of St. Mary's. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions or have questions, please email Rev. Elaina LeGault at elaina@smvsf.org. Sunday school takes place from 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM on most Sundays from the Sunday after Labor Day through the first Sunday of June.

Sunday School Teacher (Preschool - 1st Grade): Our preschool through 1st grade teachers will lead an exciting new curriculum that includes an emphasis on story-telling, wonder, and play.

Sunday School Teacher (2nd - 5th Grade): Our 2nd - 5th grade teachers will lead children in exploring their faith through Scripture, curiosity, and creative activities.

Sunday School Helper: Our Sunday School helper position is open to adults as well as to youth who have graduated from Sunday School. The helper will support the Sunday School teacher by helping guide children through their time in Sunday School.

Snack Coordinator: We are looking for someone to take the lead on coordinating

folks to bring simple snacks for Sunday School.

9:00 a.m. Aspects of our Summer Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. Service

As part of our summer practice at St. Mary's, we reduce our Sunday liturgies from 8, 9 and 11:00 a.m. services to an 8 and a 10:00 a.m. service. What I have always found funny is I have heard people refer to our summer 10:00 a.m. service as "the 11am during the summer."

This year, we are introducing aspects of our lively, intergenerational 9:00 a.m. service into the 10am summer liturgy as well. The children and youth choirs won't sing every week, but there are some adjustments that will be unfamiliar to those who normally attend our 11:00 a.m. service.

- Some of the prayers are in a more informal language, and are said by the whole congregation and not just the priest.
- There is only one reading besides the Gospel Reading
- The psalm will often be sung by the summer choir, with an antiphon sung by the congregation.
- The Prayers of the People, starting July 12, will be interactive, inviting prayers said out loud by the congregation.
- The Iona statement of faith will be read at the 10:00 a.m. service. The traditional Nicene Creed will be read at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- Children, and parents with young children, are invited to stand right at the altar or just to the side during the Eucharist. They can come up during

the presentation hymn, at the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer, or anytime during the Eucharistic prayer.

We hope those of you who worship at the 11:00 a.m. service will appreciate some of these aspects of the 9:00 a.m., and we hope those who attend the 9:00 a.m. will feel a sense of familiarity over the summer.

Summer Choir

If you love to sing, you are invited to join for Summer Choir. We meet in the church at 9:00 a.m. and learn the music together to sing during the liturgy. No commitment required—simply show up if you would like to join!

Ongoing Weekly Offerings

***Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the room above the fountain in Fowler Hall for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at veatchdl@gmail.com or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

SUMMER TIME & LOCATION

Bible Study, Sundays 9 a.m. in Library

We get it. The Bible can be intimidating! It's long and complicated and full of hard to pronounce words. But, fear not! When we take it bit by bit with friends, it isn't scary at all. In fact, it can even be downright fun. Come and see! No pre-reading, no judgement, no pressure! Just bring an open heart and a sense of wonder! Teens and Adults Welcome. E-mail David Hargis - davidhargis@gmail.com - for more details or just pop by the Library at 9 a.m.!

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Anna Cottier
Jane
Pete
Betty
Theo Williams & Family
Sandra
Andy Hall
Hall Family
Vivian Davenport
The Clark Family
Sharon Ruiz
Michael & Sarah

RECENTLY DECEASED

Paul DeMartini
Virginia Hall
Michael Grossman
Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb
John Hamilton
Paula Hamilton
Rob Noeller

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.

The Community at the Heritage &
St. Francis
Dani May
Sarah Ellwein
Francis Kalani
Rev. Amelie Wilmer
Sandy Briggs
Maryellen Travis
Matt Sowick
Peter Heaney
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