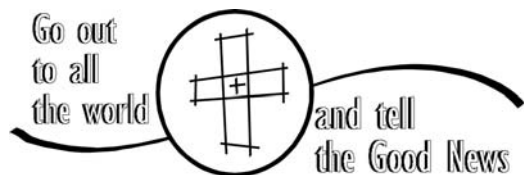
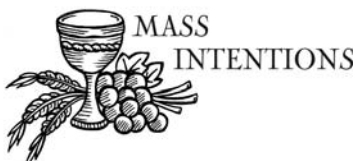




## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ AUGUST 22, 2010



### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS  
INTENTIONS

<b>Sunday, August 22</b>	<b>8:00 am 10:30 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday, August 23</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Anna Helbert Sirh</b> Req. by Mr. Joseph Sirh
<b>Tuesday, August 24</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Intention of Edward Kondracki</b> Req. by the Hugo Family
<b>Wednesday, August 25</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Intention of Pat Marino</b> Req. by the LOSC
<b>Thursday, August 26</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>In Memory of Benjamin Michael Sarley</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Jones
<b>Friday, August 27</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Intention of St. Clare Council, Knights of Columbus</b> Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jajko
<b>Saturday, August 28</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Special Intention</b> Req. by Carmen Regio

#### First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

#### Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

##### Monday

2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

##### Tuesday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

##### Wednesday

2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

##### Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

##### Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

##### Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

**WANTED**



### MALE AND FEMALE ALTAR SERVERS

We're in need of altar servers for all Masses. Both boys and girls are welcome to participate in this very rewarding ministry. Training takes only about 2 hours. We try to schedule servers for the Masses their families attend to make it as convenient as possible. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Charlie Groom at [charles.groom@verizon.net](mailto:charles.groom@verizon.net) or call 703-365-0791.

**Almost There!!!**  
**St. Clare's**  
**PARISH PICNIC**



**Sunday, August 29 @ 11:30 AM**

Come enjoy lots of food, bounce in the moon bounce, paint your face or maybe have a cold ice cream cup.

**We also, welcome any side dishes or desserts brought by our parishioners.**

The picnic also marks the St. Clare of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council's Christmas card kick-off sale event for "Keep Christ in Christmas". Mark your calendars for this grand event.

If you have any questions or would like to bring a side dish or dessert please call the office at 703-266-1310



**Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?**

St. Clare of Assisi will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions also are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. This first session is Wednesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory meeting room. Feel free to come any Wednesday.

Please give us a call if you have questions, would like further information at (703) 815-3157 or email at [mmochel@verizon.net](mailto:mmochel@verizon.net).

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**Seton School's 10th Annual Golf Tournament - Thursday, September 30 at Bristow Manor Golf Club. Play, sponsor, or donate raffle items. For information or registration go to [www.seton-school.org](http://www.seton-school.org) or call 703-367-7871.**

**Save the DATE! Friday October 1 is the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fellowship Dinner.** Please join us for an evening of good food, fellowship, speakers, and an opportunity to give to the ministry. For more information, visit our website, [www.wfcmv.org](http://www.wfcmv.org), and click on "event" or call 703-988-9656 ext. 110. Hope to see you October 1

**\*\*PARISH SCHEDULE\*\***

**This Week's Parish Schedule**

Sunday, August 22, 2010  
 Knights Rosary after all Masses

Thursday, August 26, 2010  
 Knights of Columbus: Rosary 7 pm, Meeting 7:30 p.m. church basement

Saturday, August 28, 2010  
 Legion of Mary, 8:45 a.m. church basement  
 Religious Ed Volunteers, orientation & meeting 8:45 -11:30 a.m. church basement

**Next Week's Parish Schedule**

Sunday, August 29, 2010  
**Parish Picnic, 11:30 a.m.**

Thursday, September 2, 2010  
 LOSC meeting, 6:00 p.m. church basement

Friday, September 3, 2010  
 First Friday Mass, followed by devotion 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 4, 2010  
 First Saturday Devotion  
 Legion of Mary, 8:45 a.m. church basement

**\*\*\*Religious Education News!\*\*\***

**Religious Education classes begin Sep 12<sup>th</sup>!** Registration forms are available in the vestibule or may be requested from the MRE (see below) or the parish office. Late registration fee applies to registrations received after August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers are Still Needed!**



**We Need Teachers for Grades 3, and Kindergarten**

**Can you contribute one or more hours a week to share your faith with our youth?** No specific education or experience is necessary. If interested, please contact the Minister of Religious Education (below).

**Orientation and Meeting for All Religious Ed Volunteers** will be held Saturday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. New Volunteers must attend 8:45am – 11:30am. Returning volunteers must attend 10:00am – 11:30am, which includes viewing the 30-minute VIRTUS video for re-certification.

Mrs. Peggy Mattei, Minister of Religious Education, MRE-  
 StClareCliftonVA@cox.net, (571) 213-4603

Let us welcome the newest members of the Church who were recently baptized at St. Clare. **Isabella Nguyen** was baptized on July 15<sup>th</sup> & **Vivien O'Hara** was baptized on July 21<sup>st</sup>. May the Lord bless you now and always!



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, ‘Lord, will only a few people be saved?’ He answered them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.’... ‘I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory, and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.’”**

The great Teacher used countless examples of convey His message. How often he used the example of a gate or door. It is part of the Good Shepherd motif. He used it describing the challenge for the rich to gain heaven, using the example of a camel.

The gift of salvation is a challenge, not something we can take for granted. We are called to seek salvation – asking, seeking, knocking – as an ongoing goal. We direct our lives as disciples toward that goal. How sad if I do not make it a priority.

Remember the words about the door ‘Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me.’ I look for the narrow gate, I open the door of my life and my heart.

How many doors will I pass through this week. Many I will open and close, lock and unlock – my house, my car. Others will open before me at the supermarket, the elevator. May I see them as gentle reminders of the gate or door of salvation which Jesus tells me to strive to enter. He comes to gather, He knocks, He asks me to unlock the door of my heart.

*I am  
the Good Shepherd  
John 10:11*



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS