

# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH - SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

69 QUINCY AVE., PAWTUCKET, RI



## OFFICE HOURS

### HORARIO DE LA OFICINA

Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves  
9:00am-2:00pm      401- 722-9054

## WEEKEND MASSES

### MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday: 4:30pm English  
Sabado 6:00pm Español  
Sunday: 9:30am English  
Domingo 11:30am Español

## DAILY MASSES

### MISAS DURANTE LA SEMANA

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English  
Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español  
Bilingual Mass Saturday/Sabado at 8:00am

## CONFESIONS

Saturday / Sabado 3:30pm & 5:30pm

## BAPTISM / BAUTIZO

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory a month in advance to schedule.  
Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am. Llame a la rectoría con un mes de anticipación.

## MATRIMONY / MATRIMONIO

Call one year in advance to begin preparation  
Llamar un año con anticipación

## ANointing of the Sick UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please call the parish  
Por favor llamar a la parroquia

**Rev. Brian Sistare, Pastor**

**Vicente Caban, Deacon**

**Sr. Lilián Carapia, HMSP,  
Director of Faith Formation**

**Robert Giombo, Organist**

**Mrs. Margarita Zuleta, Secretary**

Email: [st.johnthebaptist@verizon.net](mailto:st.johnthebaptist@verizon.net)

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## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

### ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes  
9:00am to 1:00pm in the Church/Iglesia

## ESTUDIO BÍBLICO

Jueves, 7:00pm a 8:30pm

Informes: Llamar a  
Hermana Lilian 401-545-1256

## YOUTH GROUP/GRUPO JUVENIL

Sunday/Domingo next meeting TBD  
(Grades 7th to 12)

## LEGIÓN DE MARÍA

Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

## COMUNIDAD EVANGELIZADORA (CERS)

Viernes a las 7:30pm en el sótano

## FOOD BANK / BANCO DE COMIDA

Monday August/ Lunes Agosto 17 & 24  
9:30am to 11:30am

## HOSPITALITY HOUSE CASA DE HOSPITALIDAD

Open Every Tuesday  
11am to 12:30pm

**New Parishioners**  
please call the rectory to register.

**Nuevos Miembros**  
Llamar a la rectoría para registrarse.

# **19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 9, 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

This Tuesday, August 11th, we celebrate the **Feast of Saint Clare**. The following article is from [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com): "Saint Clare was born in 1193 in Assisi to a noble family. Before her birth, her mother received a sign that her daughter would be a bright light of God in the world. As a child she was already very strongly drawn to the things of God, praying fervently, devoutly visiting the Blessed Sacrament, and manifesting a tender love towards the poor. When she was 18, she heard St. Francis preaching in the town square during Lent and she knew at once that God wanted her to consecrate herself to Him. The next evening, Clare left her house at night, ran to meet St. Francis and his companions at the church they were staying in, and shared her desire to follow him in his way of life. He received her, gave her his tunic, cut off her golden locks, and sent her to a Benedictine convent, because she could not stay with the brothers. Her younger sister Agnes soon joined her and the two had to resist much pressure from their family to return home. When Clare was 22, St. Francis placed her in a small house beside the convent and made her superior, a post she should serve for the next 42 years of her life until her death. The 'Poor Clares' as they came to be known, lived an unusually austere life for women of the time, walking barefoot around the town begging for alms, wearing sackcloth, and living without any possessions, completely dependent for their food on what was given to them. But the emphasis of their lives was, and still is, contemplation. Many young noble women left all they had to take on the poor habit of Clare and the order grew rapidly, with houses being founded all over Italy, all of whom took St. Clare as their model and inspiration. Clare's reputation for holiness was such that the Pope himself came to her deathbed in 1253 to give her absolution, and wanted to canonize her immediately on her death, but was advised by his cardinals to wait. Clare died in absolute tranquility, saying to one of the brothers at her side '*Dear brother, ever since through His servant Francis I have known the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I have never in my whole life found any pain or sickness that could trouble me.*' She was canonized in 1255, two years after her death. On her deathbed, Saint Clare also said: '*Go forth without fear, Christian soul, for you have a good guide for your journey. Go forth without fear, for He that created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.*'" **St. Clare, pray for us!**

Fr. Sistare

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday August 8</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>
<b>Sunday August 9</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
+Jose Maria Fonseca & Andaluza Fonseca by family	
<b>Monday August 10</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Wednesday August 12</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Saturday August 15</b>	<b>Bilingual Mass</b>
	<b>8:00am</b>
+Raymond Lagesse by Joyce Lagesse	
<b>Sunday August 16</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
+Henrique DaGraca by family	

**Please note that all daily Masses are now in the Church until further notice.**

## **Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of August**

In memory of Ray Lagessse  
by Joyce

The candle in front of the **Divine Mercy** image in the Church will be lit each weekend for those affected by the virus

## **WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

For all who are homebound or in nursing homes, and for the sick of the parish:

**Jeanne Jugan Residence:** Florence Corneau, Jeannine Rondeau, Annette Tetreault, Lillian Depot

**At Home:** Constance Vilandre, Maria DaGraca, Jovina de Barros

**St. Antoine:** Georgette Smith

**Charles Gate:** Roger Marcoux

**Elmhurst Nursing Home:** Cesar Zuleta Sr.

## **Catholic Charity Appeal 2020**

The Campaign offers us the opportunity each year to help our brothers and sisters in need in our Diocese.

Share your donations generously to support our programs.

**Weekly Collection** 8/ 2    \$2421.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**        8/16 Fuel & Maintenance

**The rectory will be closed  
from August 10 to 17**

## MEMORY TREE

Recently we received a request from a person through an e-mail, about having his mother memorialized on the Memory Tree in the back of the church. After doing some investigation here at the parish (because it has been a number of years since we have done this Memorial Tree), we will be offering this fundraiser again for our parish. Over the next few months, you can call the rectory office during the office hours (M-Th 9am-2pm), and have a "leaf" plaque inscribed with a loved one's name (deceased or living). The cost is \$100 per leaf plaque. There are also "stones" available for purchase at \$250 and higher.

## **FLEA MARKET**

We are now accepting donations for the September Flea Market. Donations will be accepted Monday Thru Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm We ask that you bring in CLEAN sellable items. Small Appliances must be clean and in working order. We will NOT accept ripped or stained furniture, old televisions or old computer monitors. We need many volunteers as well and ANY help would be greatly appreciated!

## Mother of Hope Camp

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF CAMP at MOTHER OF HOPE (Mater Spei) on Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI!

Families of Children ages 5-12 have a chance to choose DAILY and WEEKLY options now through August 14th. MOH Camp engages campers in daily prayer, weekly Mass, as well as many CAMPER FAVORITE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES such as swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, nature education, canoeing, sports, and more! SIBLING &

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SECURE, ONLINE REGISTRATION available at [WWW.MOTHEROFHOPECAMP.COM](http://WWW.MOTHEROFHOPECAMP.COM)

Call 401-568-3580 for information and follow Mother of Hope Camp on Facebook and Instagram!



## **THE FOODS BEST TO DONATE TO A CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

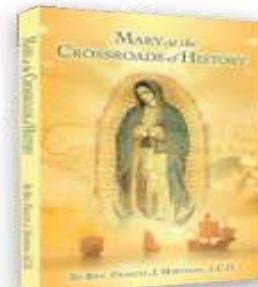
### **Food Bank**

Since the pandemic began, the Food Bank of our parish has been open serving the neediest in these difficult times. The Food Bank is in need of donations: **Rice, Beans, Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, Sauce, Canned soup, Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables, etc.**

Please consider donating food, and leaving it in the wooden box at the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your generosity!

*"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18*

**BIBLE CAMP.** Save the date: It will be from **August 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** For children between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We also are looking for teenagers who already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and can help us to perform the Bible Camp. If you want to participate please contact sister Lilián as soon as possible (cell phone number: 401-545-1256). **Please respond by August 16.**



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## **HIS COMMANDS MEAN "I CAN"**

"Peter spoke up and said, 'Lord, if it is really You, tell me to come to You across the water.' 'Come!' He said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water, moving toward Jesus." — Matthew 14:28-29. If you had asked Peter the day before he walked on the water: "Can you walk on water?", Peter would have answered "No." Peter could not walk on water unless Jesus told him to, and Peter obeyed Jesus' command. This is a basic principle of the Christian life. For example, we must love our enemies (Lk 6:27, 35) and forgive them 70 x 7 times (Mt 18:22). But we cannot do these things. However, because Jesus has commanded us to do them, we can and must do them. When Jesus commands a paralyzed man to walk, only then can he walk (see Mk 2:11-12). Jesus has already commanded us to "make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19) and to become holy in every aspect of our conduct (1 Pt 1:15). Of course, we cannot do these things. But because Jesus has commanded us, we can. Life in Christ is the exciting privilege of living far beyond our human limitations because of Jesus' commands and our obedience. Unless Jesus returns first, we will conclude our Christian life on this earth by dying. Then Jesus will give us one more command: "Rise from the dead" (see Jn 5:28-29). We cannot rise from the dead. Yet because Jesus will command us to rise, we can rise. Obey Jesus; do the impossible; prepare to rise from the dead.

**Prayer:** Father, may I take every opportunity Jesus gives me to rise above my human limitations.

**Promise:** "After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." — 1 Kgs 19:12-13

**Praise:** "He died for all so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for Him Who for their sakes died and was raised up" (2 Cor 5:15). Praise You, Jesus!

Presentation Ministries

## **SUS MANDATOS SIGNIFICAN**

### **QUE "YO PUEDO"**

"Pedro le respondió: 'Señor, si eres Tú, mándame ir a Tu encuentro sobre el agua'. 'Ven', le dijo Jesús. Y Pedro, bajando de la barca, comenzó a caminar sobre el agua en dirección a Él" (Mateo 14:28-29).

Si hubieras preguntado a Pedro el día antes de caminar sobre el agua: "¿Puedes caminar sobre agua?" Pedro habría contestado "No". Pedro no podría caminar sobre el agua sin que Jesús se lo mandara, y Pedro obedeció ese mando. Este es un principio básico de la vida cristiana. Por ejemplo, debemos amar a nuestros enemigos (Lc 6:27, 35) y perdonarlos 70 veces 7 (Mt 18:22). Pero nosotros solos no podemos hacerlo. Sin embargo, debido a que Jesús nos lo ordenó, nosotros sí podemos y debemos hacerlo. Cuando Jesús le ordena al hombre paralítico que camine, solo entonces puede caminar (ver Mc 2:11-12). Jesús ya nos ha ordenado que "vayan, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean Mis discípulos" (Mt 28:19) y que seamos santos en todo aspecto de nuestra conducta (1 Pe 1:15). Por supuesto, nosotros solos no podemos hacer estas cosas. Pero debido a que Jesús nos lo manda, sí podemos. La vida en Cristo es un emocionante privilegio de exceder tu limitación humana al obedecer los mandatos de Jesús. A menos que Jesús regrese antes, concluiremos nuestra vida cristiana terrenal muriendo. Entonces Jesús nos dará una orden más: "'Sal de la tumba'" (ver Jn 5:28-29). No podemos levantarnos solos de entre los muertos. Pero, ya que Jesús nos ordena levantarnos, nos levantaremos. ¡Obedece a Jesús! ¡Haz lo imposible! ¡Prepárate para salir de tu tumba!

**Oración:** Padre, que aproveche toda oportunidad que Jesús me da para exceder mis limitaciones humanas.

**Promesa:** "Después del fuego, se oyó el rumor de una brisa suave. Al oírla, Elías se cubrió el rostro con su manto, salió y se quedó de pie a la entrada de la gruta" (1 Re 19:12-13).

**Alabanza:** "Él murió por todos, a fin de que los que viven no vivan más para sí mismos, sino para Aquel que murió y resucitó por ellos" (2 Co 5:15). ¡Alabado seas, Jesús!

# *Domingo 19 del Tiempo Ordinario*

## *Agosto 9, 2020*

Queridos feligreses,

Este martes 11 de Agosto, celebramos la fiesta de Santa Clara. El siguiente artículo es de [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com) "Santa Clara nació en 1193 en Asís en una familia noble. Antes de su nacimiento, su madre recibió una señal de que su hija sería una luz brillante de Dios en el mundo. De niña, ya se sentía fuertemente atraída por las cosas de Dios, oraba fervientemente, visitaba devotamente el Santísimo Sacramento y manifestaba un tierno amor hacia los pobres. Cuando tenía 18 años, escuchó a San Francisco predicando en la plaza del pueblo durante la Cuaresma y supo de inmediato que Dios quería que ella se consagrara a él. La noche siguiente, Clare salió de su casa por la noche, corrió a encontrarse con San Francisco y sus compañeros en la iglesia en la que se alojaban y compartió su deseo de seguirlo en su forma de vida. Él la recibió, le dio su túnica, le cortó las cerraduras doradas y la envió a un convento benedictino, porque no podía quedarse con los hermanos. Su hermana menor, Agnes, pronto se unió a ella y las dos tuvieron que resistir la presión de su familia para regresar a casa. Cuando Clara tenía 22 años, San Francisco la colocó en una pequeña casa al lado del convento y la hizo superiora, un puesto que debería servir durante los próximos 42 años de su vida hasta su muerte. Las 'Clarisas', como se les conocen, vivieron una vida inusualmente austera para las mujeres de la época, caminando descalzas por la ciudad pidiendo limosna, vistiendo ropas ásperas y viviendo sin posesiones, completamente dependientes de su comida de lo que se les daba. A ellos pero el énfasis de sus vidas fue, y sigue siendo, la contemplación. Muchas jóvenes mujeres nobles dejaron todo lo que tenían para adoptar el hábito pobre de Clara y la orden creció rápidamente, con casas fundadas en toda Italia, que tomaron a Santa Clara como su modelo e inspiración. La reputación de santidad de Clara era tal que el mismo Papa acudió a su lecho de muerte en 1253 para darle su absolución, y quiso canonizarla inmediatamente después de su muerte, pero sus cardenales le aconsejaron que esperara. Clara murió en absoluta tranquilidad, diciéndole a uno de los hermanos a su lado: 'Querido hermano, desde que a través de Su siervo Francisco he conocido la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nunca en mi vida he encontrado ningún dolor o enfermedad que pudieran molestarme.' Fue canonizada en 1255, dos años después de su muerte. En su lecho de muerte, Santa Clara también dijo: 'Sal sin miedo, alma cristiana, porque tienes una buena guía para tu viaje. Vete sin miedo, porque el que te creó te ha santificado, siempre te ha protegido y te ama como madre'."

**¡Santa Clara, ruega por nosotros!** Dios les bendiga!  
Padre Sistare

### INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

<b>Sábado 8 de Agosto</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
+Eterno descanso de Marco Aurelio Díaz, intención de su esposa e hijos	
<b>Domingo 9 de Agosto</b>	<b>11:30am</b>
+Eterno descanso de Isabel Correia Mendes by Vania Soares	
<b>Martes 11 de Agosto</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Viernes 14 de Agosto</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Sábado 15 de Agosto Misa Bilingüe</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Vigilia</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>Domingo 16 de Agosto</b>	<b>11:30am</b>

*Tenga en cuenta que todas las Misas diarias por ahora son en la Iglesia hasta nuevo aviso.*

### PEDIMOS SUS ORACIONES

Por todos los que están confinados en su hogar o en acilio de ancianos, y por los enfermos de la parroquia:

**Jeanne Jugan Residence:** Florence Corneau,  
Jeannine Rondeau, Annette Tetreault, Lillianne Depot  
**At Home:** Constance Vilandre,  
Maria DaGraca, Jovina de Barros  
**St. Antoine:** Georgette Smith  
**Charles Gate:** Roger arcoux  
**Elmhurst** Cesar Zuleta Sr.

### Colecta Semanal

**Agosto 2** \$2121.00

### Segunda Colecta

**Agosto 16** Gas y Mantenimiento

### Campaña de Caridades Católicas 2020

La Campaña nos ofrece la oportunidad de ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados en nuestra Diócesis. Comparta sus donaciones generosamente para apoyar nuestros programas.

La vela frente a la imagen de la Divina Misericordia en la Iglesia se encenderá cada fin de semana para los afectados por el virus

**La rectoría estará cerrada  
desde el 10 al 17 de Agosto**

## ÁRBOL DE MEMORIA

Recientemente recibimos una solicitud de una persona a través de un correo electrónico, acerca de que le gustaría que su madre sea recordada en el Árbol de la Memoria en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Después de investigar un poco aquí en la parroquia (porque han pasado varios años desde que hicimos este Árbol Memorial), volveremos a ofrecer este evento para recaudar fondos para nuestra parroquia. En los próximos meses, puede llamar a la oficina de la rectoría durante el horario (de Lunes a Viernes de 9am a 2pm.) si usted desea obtener una placa "hoja" inscrita con el nombre de un ser querido (fallecido o vivo). El costo es de \$100 por cada placa (hoja).



## Banco de Comida

Desde que comenzó la pandemia el Banco de nuestra parroquia ha estado abierto sirviendo a los más necesitados en estos tiempos difíciles. El Banco de Comida de San Juan está en necesidad de comida, por favor considere donar alimentos, algunas ideas de donaciones: Arroz, Frijoles (habichuelas), Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, Salsas, Sopa enlatada, Mantequilla de Maniz, Frutas enlatadas, Vegetales enlatados. Gracias por su generosidad. Por favor traerlos y dejarlos en la caja de madera que está en la entrada de la Iglesia. *"Pero el que tiene bienes de este mundo, y ve a su hermano en necesidad y cierra su corazón contra él, ¿cómo puede morar el amor de Dios en él? Hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de lengua, sino de hecho y en verdad."* (1 John 3:17-18)

## PULGUERO

### (VENTA DE ARTICULOS USADOS)

A Vamos a tener una venta de artículos usados y algunos nuevos, Para beneficiar a nuestra Iglesia estamos aceptando donaciones para venderlos en Septiembre. Se aceptarán donaciones de Lunes a Jueves de 9am a 2pm. Le pedimos que traiga artículos que se puedan vender LIMPIOS, electrodomésticos que sean pequeños deben estar limpios y en buen estado (que sirvan). NO aceptaremos televisores viejos o monitores de computadora viejos. ¡CUALQUIER ayuda sería muy apreciada! Llame al 401-722-9054 si necesita más información.

## Mother of Hope Camp

¡NO TE PIERDAS LAS ÚLTIMAS SEMANAS DE CAMPAMENTO en MADRE DE ESPERANZA (Mater Spei) en Echo Lake en Chepachet, RI!

Las familias de niños de 5 a 12 años tienen la oportunidad de elegir las opciones DIARIAS y SEMANALES hasta el 14 de agosto. ¡El Campamento MOH involucra a los campistas en oración diaria, misa semanal, así como en muchas actividades, como natación, senderismo, artes y manualidades, educación sobre la naturaleza, viajes en canoas, deportes y más!

¡DESCUENTOS DE SEMANAS DISPONIBLES!

INSCRIPCIÓN SEGURA Y EN LÍNEA disponible en [WWW.MOTHEROFHOPECAMP.COM](http://WWW.MOTHEROFHOPECAMP.COM)

¡Llame al 401-568-3580 para obtener información y siga Mother of Hope Camp en Facebook e Instagram!

**CAMPAMENTO BÍBLICO.** Reserva la fecha: será del **24 al 28 Agosto, 9:00 a.m. a las 12:00, mediodía.** Para niños entre 2do a 6to grado. También estamos buscando adolescentes que ya hayan recibido el Sacramento de la Confirmación y que puedan ayudarnos a realizar el campamento bíblico. Si desea participar, comuníquese con la hermana Lilián lo antes posible (número de teléfono celular: 401-545-1256).  
**Por favor responder antes Agosto 16.**

# Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

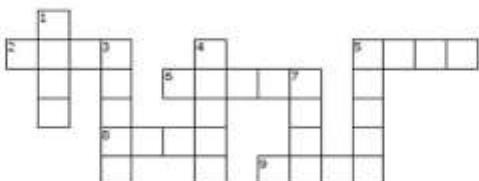
We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



## Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



### ACROSS

2. The natural movement of air
  5. To travel along on your feet
  6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
  8. A small vessel for travel on water
  9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger
1. To go downward in water
  3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
  4. A firm belief in God
  5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
  7. To rescue someone

### DOWN

FEAR	FAITH	DOUBT	WAVES	WATER
SAVE	WIND	BOAT	WALK	SINK

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EVENING	HAND	DOUBT	WAVES
COURAGE	AFRAYD	SAVE	SINK
LAKE	WALKING	BOAT	WIND
PRAY	COME	WATER	ALONE

## Saint Clare of Assisi

August 11



CLARE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COUNT IN ITALY IN THE 1200'S. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOD AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY THINGS.

ONE NIGHT SHE WENT TO ST. FRANCIS WHO CUT HER HAIR AND GAVE HER A ROUGH TUNIC.



SHE HEARD SAINT FRANCIS PREACH WHEN SHE WAS 18 AND DECIDED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD. God calls us to love poverty. "How... I could be poor like Jesus!"



THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE POOR CLARE SISTERS. THEY LIVED IN TOTAL POVERTY. "We will not own even our home."

WHEN ATTACKERS CAME, SHE HELD UP A MONSTRANCE WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN IT AND THEY RAN AWAY!



CLARE WAS MADE THE ABBESS OF THE SISTERS. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE BUT DREW PEOPLE TO LOVE POVERTY LIKE CHRIST DID. SHE DIED IN 1253.

ST. CLARE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.