

St. Clare Fraternity

NEWSLETTER

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Minister's Message

Did you know that Pope Pius XII designated **Clare** as the **patron saint of television** in 1958 on the basis that when she was too ill to attend Mass, she had reportedly been able to see and hear it on the wall of her room.

This made me think of what is happening in our world today. For months we were watching Mass on television, not because we were ill, but so we didn't become ill. Think about what not being able to attend Mass meant to you? Think about what it meant to St. Clare? There is so much to think about!

Prayer of St. Clare

I look up and I behold the Lord, Clare says to me, "Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, I put this more simply behold, hold, enfold.

I behold the Lord. I see His outstretched hands. I see the blood from His wounds. I see the love in the eyes of Jesus. I see His gracious acceptance of me.

Jesus has come out of the tomb – He still has the scars, but now they are glorious, with the glory of heaven. Still looking at the Lord, I reach out and touch Him. I hold the Lord – and I am held in His love. Love enfolds. It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me.

I am secure in the Lord. I can look out, now, through the Lord's eyes. I can see the world as He created it, in His mercy, I can see my sisters and brothers with His love, and I can worship the Father through the eyes of the Son in the Love of the Holy Spirit.

Peace and all good.

From our Formation Director

Our Rule #8 states: "As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they say and do." Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." Sunday's First reading tells us that Elijah heard the Lord's voice in a tiny whispering sound. We need to spend quiet time with God so we can know Him better and what His will is for us. This time with Him will also help us know ourselves better.