

# St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary [omvusa.org](http://omvusa.org)

December 11, 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent



**Parking—  
only between the  
church parking  
signs**

## Schedules

### Masses

Mon–Fri 7A, 12:10P

Sun 11A, 8P

Sat 11A

Holy Days 7A, 12:10P, 7P

### Perpetual Adoration

All day, every day. After

9P, pass key required;

contact 617-536-4141 x105

### Confessions

Mon 7:30P–8:30P

Before weekend Masses

### Liturgy of the Hours

Mon–Fri 6:30A, 5P

## Weekly Activities

### Rosary, Front Room

Monday 6:30–6:45P

### Young Adults, Front Room

Monday 7–8P

### Monday Nite Confessions

7:30–8:30P

### Music Ministry Upper Rm

Tuesday 7-9P

### Legion of Mary Front Rm

Thursday 6P

### Pure In Heart Upper Rm

Thursday 7P

## Please note: St. Clement Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday December 24th - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6:00PM

Sunday December 25th - Only one (1) Mass will be celebrated at St. Clement and it will be at 11:00AM. There will be **NO** 8:00PM Mass.

No change in adoration hours

## St. Francis Chapel Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday December 24th - Eve Vigil Masses: 4:pm 5:30pm (7pm espanol) 12 Midnight

Sunday December 25th — 8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:45am (1:15 espanol) CLOSES



*"God so Loved the World"*

*An Advent Service*

*of Prayer, Adoration & Music*

*Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM*

*All are welcome – bring a friend!*

*Ellie Wee, Cello - Henri St. Louis, Organ*



## The Giving Tree

As in years past,, we have a giving tree in the entrance to our church. Please take an ornament and drop the gift in the Black Box next to the Kiosk by December 21. The gifts will go to St Francis house-daily serves Boston's poor and homeless men and women; Child Witness to Violence-provides health services to children affected by domestic, community violence & other trauma related events; and Pregnancy Help Office-provides practical, life-affirming alternatives to abortion, family counseling and referrals on a wide range of medical and social services..

## SECUREGive®

**Kiosk Giving** Use any credit card at the giving kiosk in the vestibule.

**Text Giving** Text the word **SHRINE** to 617-209-2779, leave a space and then the dollar amount.

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### Online Giving

Visit the St. Clements website at [www.stclements shrine.org](http://www.stclements shrine.org)



## The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program Front Room

Wednesdays:

**DEC 28**

**JAN 4, 11, 18**

**FEB 1, 8, 15**

**MAR 8, 15, 22, 29**

**APR 5, 12, 19, 26**

*Meetings. not at St Clement will be held at the Pavement Cafe*

7 to 8P Discussion – 8 to 9P Jeff Cavins video lectures. 3

*Fiat!*

## A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7-9:00pm

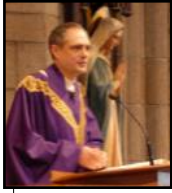
Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26

*During the summer months current adorers have family vacations weeks planned and require someone to cover their weekly adoration hour. Please let me know if you can be a temporary substitute.*

**Jen Thomas 617.266.5999 x105**

**Monday** 8A, 2P, 3P, 6P  
**Tuesday** 4A, 11A, 1P  
**Wednesday** 12A, 10A, 3P, 4P  
**Thursday** 12P, 2P, 4P  
**Friday** 2A, 7A, 11A, 12N, 1P, 4P  
**Saturday** 2A, 4A, 10A, 3P, 4P, 5P  
**Sunday** 2A, 9A, 12P, 1P

### **Spiritual Thought**



John the Baptist wore camel hair. Why? It protected him from the scorching desert sun and the Sirocco winds that sand blasted his body. He wore a leather belt. Why? Because his camel coat was oversized. Why was it oversized? So he could use it at night as a blanket or a tent. It was his house. He ate locust and wild honey because he lived in the desert. Put all that together and you have a man who is completely independent. He has no needs. I in contrast to John have needs. I need to take up a collection at Mass every Sunday because I have to pay the bills. I live in a church that is almost one hundred years old. Every day I wake up and wonder what is going to break. I have lots of needs while John has none.

Let's say I went to John the Baptist and said, "Thank you for my baptism and forgiving my sins. I have a fresh start in life. I have a renewed relationship with God. I am so grateful to you...here is five dollars." John is not going to need my money. There is no Mini-Mart in the desert. Money is useless to him. And that is why everyone goes out to the desert to see John the Baptist. He is real. Someone who is real makes sacrifice because he loves and believes in something. Whatever he does, whatever sacrifices he has to make, it is because he loves God and the people who he serves.

A young man living in Nigeria applied to the United States government for a green card and he got it. Do you know how hard it is to be a Nigerian and get a green card from the United States government? It is easier for you or me to walk across the street to the store, buy a scratch ticket and win ten million dollars. Amazingly, he got the ticket to the good life. He left his family and homeland came here to college. After hard work and applying himself to his studies, he graduated and landed a great job. He worked his way up the corporate ladder and received a nice salary. He used the money resourcefully for food and rent thinking that every nickel that he didn't spend on himself, he could send to his mom and dad. This is a great story of self-sacrifice and generosity. But it doesn't end there. So, there he is standing on top of the mountain of success and guess what he does? He gives me a phone call. Why? I was the vocation director for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and he wants to join the seminary. On the phone he told me his story and then I replied, "Let me get this straight. You left your family and friends to come to a foreign land and work hard on your education. You landed a great job. You worked your way up the ladder and now you want to give it all up? Are you crazy?" Actually I didn't say that. What I said was, "impressive." You are exactly the person we need to help us with our work. I am very happy to tell you that he is now a priest working in the Philippines.

I have one more story about him. He asked me to preach at his first mass. So I flew to a parish in the mid-west where he was working as a deacon for a year. At the end of mass, the newly ordained priest got up to say a few words. He began his talk with a "funny story." Then he laughed hysterically at his own joke. He brought the house down. Then he told them something heartwarming and everyone pulled out handkerchiefs and mopped up their checks from the water works. When he was finished the church filled with all white folks stood up before the African born priest and applauded...and they never stopped. Why? It was not because of his bad joke; it was the same reason everyone went out to the desert to be baptized by John. The man was real.

The gospel is calling us to be real, that is, someone who genuinely loves others and God for all the right reasons.



### ***Fr. Timothy Gallagher's 2017*** **Weekend Seminar - January 21 & 22**

**Daily Prayer of Discernment**  
**The Examen Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola**

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