

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215

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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary omvusa.org

December 25, 2016 Christmas Day

Parking—
only between the
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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 x10.

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



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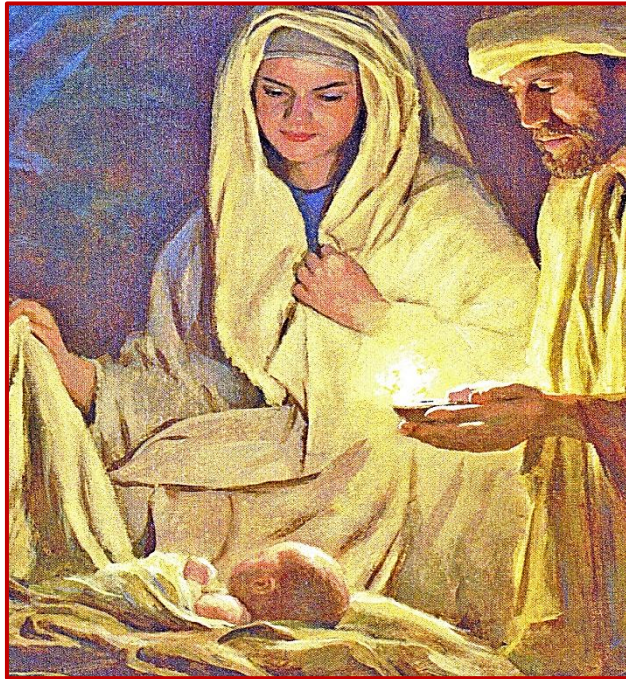
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*The Oblates of the Virgin Mary
priests, brothers and seminarians
wish you & all those you hold dear
the blessings of our Infant Savior
and may His Divine Presence enrich
your life throughout the New Year!*



St. Clement Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass 6:00PM

Christmas Day - Mass will celebrated at 11:00AM

There will be NO 8:00PM Mass.

St. Francis Chapel Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve-

Vigil Masses: 4:pm 5:30pm (7pm espanol) 12 Midnight

Christmas Day

8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:45am (1:15 espanol) CLOS

AdorationBoston

These are the current "open" hours of Adoration where we need an adorers. Please let me know if you can cover one of these hours either temporarily or regularly. adorationboston.com

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



Spiritual Thought

I used to go to work with Dad when I was younger. That is when Dad talked to me – going to work with him. He gave me all kinds of advice that he learned from life. It was going to work with Dad when he told me the secret places to fish along the canal. It was going to work with Dad when I found out what life was like growing up during the depression. It was going to work with Dad when he told me never to fear the difficult times—they only make you stronger. It was going to work with Dad when he gave me a good line to say when my friends wanted me to join them when they smoke: “If I don’t start, then I won’t have to quit.” Going to work with dad gave me access to valuable information for living life well. I tell you this because in Mark’s gospel it reports that Jesus was a carpenter and that means that he must have went to work with Joseph. I imagine that one such piece of advice that was transferred from dad to son had to do with the angels. I can imagine Joseph turning to Jesus and saying, “You know I was going to divorce your mother. Then one night an angel appeared to me in a dream and said, ‘Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.’ I am very glad I listened to the angel. Another time, just after you were born, the angel appeared to me in another dream and said, “quickly, take the wife and child and flee to Egypt.’ You didn’t know that Herod the great wanted to destroy you. That angel saved your life. Then Joseph said this to Jesus, “Make sure you listen to the angels; you will be glad you did.” Many years later Jesus will be praying in the garden and He will ask his Father to take away the chalice. Do you know what that would have meant? Death would have won; we would not have eternal life. After the unusual request the Father sent His Son angels. I wonder if Jesus recalled the advice Joseph gave Him on their way to work: Make sure you listen to the angels, you will be glad that you did.

When I was a young nine year old we were on our way back home from church. Dad was driving and mom had shot gun. I was in the back when I made an important announcement. I said I was going to be a priest when I grew up. Dad didn’t say anything and Mom said, “that’s nice dear.” And that was the last we discussed it until mom and I went to church one late Sunday morning. There used to be a small church in Norwood called St. George. We got there and there was only a people at the mass. An elderly priest gave a homily on vocations to the priesthood. My mother looked around the church while he was talking about the importance for us to be priests. After the mass my mother said to me. “You are right; you are going to be a priest.” I said how do you know that? She said, “Because you were the only guy in the whole church. God wanted you to hear that message.” Many years later on the day I was ordained, she brought it up again. She said, “I never got over that day in church when the priest talked about vocations. I knew from that moment that this day would happen.” I said, “I am glad I listened to the messenger.”

John’s Gospel has a short phrase to recall Jesus’ entrance into the world: “The Word became flesh.” What does that mean exactly? It means that God did not send us “sealed lips,” He sent us the Word. That is that the Father sent a Word which means that sent us someone who would communicate to us. God wants to and does communicate with us. Just make sure you listen to the message, you will be glad that you did.

So there I was enjoying the quiet of a park and a car pulls up. There is a sign in Parking lot that reads: all dogs must have a leash. A woman and a black lab jump out and the first thing the woman does is she takes the leash off. The dog immediately bolts into the woods. I the woman wanted the dog to stay with her, why did she take the leash off. Because all the woman has to do is call the dog and it will come to her. “Max, come here!” Of course the dog doesn’t return so for the next half hour my beautiful quiet is now broken with a woman shouting MAX come here!! That happens a lot with us. Our words come up empty. Like the woman that shouted for the dog, nothing happens. That is not true with God. When God speaks, something always happens. If I say the word water, nothing happens. But if God says the same word we will be bailing out the basement. God’s word is very powerful. If God says you are forgiven then your sins are gone. If God says you will rise on the last day...you can mark your calendar. We are preparing to receive the “Word” who dwells with us this Christmas. That means that God is communicating to us. Make sure you listen to the message. You will be glad you did.