

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary omvusa.org

December 4, 2016 2nd 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

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Please note:

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

December 8th 7:00 PM

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary cordially invite you, your family and friends to the Holy Day Mass celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.

Reception to follow: For reception planning, please call or email the number of guests that will be attending call

617-266-5999 x130 or email: omvusa@gmail.com



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..



"God so Loved the World"

*An Advent Service
of Prayer, Adoration & Music
Friday, December 16th, 7:00 PM*

Ellie Wee, Cello - Henri St. Louis, Organ



The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program *Front Room*

Wednesdays:

DEC 7, 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

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A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7-9:00pm

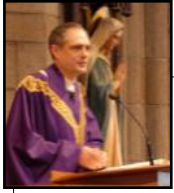
Dec 14, Jan 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26

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



Every letter (except one, Galatians) Paul begins with a thank-you to God. This is true with the letter we just read to the Corinthians. Paul is happy, ecstatic, in fact, at the gifts that God will bestow on his Corinthian church. But right after the thank you to God, the fireworks begin. He digs right into the local church. The Corinthians should be embarrassed because for the next 2000 plus years this letter will be read in front of every Christian church member. A letter that they would have hoped no one would ever know about. Paul chastises them because they are terrible. They are disloyal to one another. They are divided. Paul has to reprimand them for taking communion unworthily. That is not something to be proud of. Paul is horrified that some are sleeping with their mother-in-law. Christians are suing fellow Christians. Some are using their spiritual gifts for their own aggrandizement while, at the same time, shaming and putting other down as if they are guilty. There is nothing nice to report. The letter sounds like a presidential campaign: all scandal. Why then does Paul thank God before he rips them to shreds?

Paul is not grateful to God for the past, but for the future. He sees that despite all of the atrocities, He will give them the potential for greatness. For Paul, it is okay to anticipate graces in the future. We always look to the past to find reasons to thank God and this is a noble task. But for Paul, he does not face the past but always the future.

Always looking at the past to be grateful means you are going to face the future with your butt end. I do not recommend that. If we are always looking at the past, that inevitably means we will go forward by walking backwards. Paul faces the future walking forward. Things may not be great in the now, but with Christ, things will be great in the future. He faces the future with hope and gratitude.

Yes, I look to the future when I thank God. I thank God because this year I hope to graduate and never have to go back to school again. Considering I will fifty-seven years old this year, I figure it is about time I finish school and get back to work. I am grateful that in the future, God will make me pope. Actually, I better not go there. But I can be grateful knowing the Mercy of God. I am able to anticipate that God will forgive me, help me to get home to heaven, and provide eternal Happiness. What I am trying to say is that it is okay for me to anticipate that God will always be there for me in my future.

There are many people who look to the past and have nothing to be thankful for. They are in prison, they are in nursing homes, some have no homes, and others lost their life's mate. Paul tells us, who have nothing in the past to make us grateful, to turn 180 degrees and look to the future. It is the path forward that will lead to hope, grace and happiness—not the past.

It is always good to be grateful to God for what He has done for us in the past. But we must never forget the future. If we really believe that God will always be great to us in the future, then we can start thanking Him now.



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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