

# St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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

November 27, 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



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



**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 Mary

### Reception to follow

*For reception planning, please call or email the number of guests that will be attending*

**617-266-5999 x130 or [omvusa@gmail.com](mailto:omvusa@gmail.com)**



### 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

*Fiat!*

## A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7-9:00pm

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



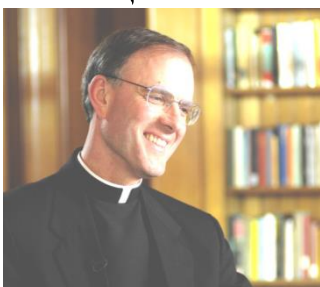
*"God so Loved the World"*

*An Advent Service*

*of Prayer, Adoration & Music*

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

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



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

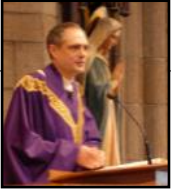
Daily Prayer of Discernment  
The Examen Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Questions/registration [omvusa@gmail.com](mailto:omvusa@gmail.com)  
**617.266.5999 x130**

*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**

When our Lord carried His cross on the way to Calvary, He wore a sign around His neck. The sign told the reason He was going to be crucified. At that time, everyone who carried a cross had to wear such a sign. When He arrived to be crucified, they removed the sign and affixed it on top of the cross: Jesus, King of the Jews. It was meant to make a mockery of Christ, but to the rest of us it is a statement that inspires.

One time I went home to visit and spend some time with my parents. When I was leaving, mom told me to put on a sweater because it was a little raw outside. I told her I would be fine. She insisted, "You are going to catch a cold." Sure enough, I caught a cold. That was my cross. If I had a sign around my neck to indicate the reason for the cold it would read: "Big dummy for not listening to mom and wear a sweater on a cold day." Every one of us carries a cross. But what does our sign read? Does our sign inspire?

A young priest was sent to Brazil. He left his home in Italy, his family and pasta every day. When he arrived, he got into a canoe and paddled up the Amazon River. At the first village he came to, He got out of the canoe, baptized some babies, said Mass and anointed the sick. When he was done, he got back into the canoe and paddled to the next village. He did this for forty years. When his body was too weak to work anymore, he was sent back to Italy. When he returned, God said, "Here is a guy who left his family, friends and country to serve me for over forty years. Now he needs my assistance. I will send him someone to help him." I was the person. He had the room next to mine and if he needed anything he rang a bell. I would drop what I was doing and go to him. Sometimes he asked for a newspaper or help to put on a sweater, go for a walk or have a cup of tea. That year I worked hard on my studies to understand what Christ, the Church Fathers, and the Church says about serving God. It was in the room next door that I learned how to apply those studies in my life. His sign read: "I gave it my all for Christ."

When I was a vocation director, a young guy called me from Alaska asking if he could visit our religious order. He spent five days with us. When I took him to the airport, he told me he liked our congregation and wanted to apply. When he finished all the paper work, he gave me a call. The only thing that remained was my interview with him. I asked him if he could return to Boston. He told me that he ran out of vacation time and funds to finance the expensive trip. It looked like I had to go to Alaska. I called my father and said, "Dad, I have to go to Alaska on a business trip." My father, who always dreamed about going to Alaska to fish said, "I'm going with you." We arrived Saturday night. The next day I had my interview, we went to his parish where I got to say Mass. After he said, "I'm going to take you to a nice spot to fish." He said it should be pretty good because the Salmon are starting to run up the river to spawn. When we arrived we could not believe what we saw. There were so many fish you could walk across the river on their backs. Every cast we made we had a fish. The hours passed like minutes. Toward the end of the day, my applicant had to drag us away to another spot. We drove for about ten minutes and he stopped the car. We got out and we were standing in front of a glacier that ran into a lake. Eagles were flying over the water, and snowcapped mountains in the distance. It was one of the most breathtaking scenes I ever saw. It was paradise. My father was so caught in the moment that he turned and said to Sean, "You want to leave all of this to go to Boston? Are you crazy?" I quickly motioned the zip-the-lip with my finger and said, "Dad, quiet, business trip, I'm trying to recruit him; you are not helping me." Sean turned to my father and said, "If God wants me to be a priest, I am going to Boston." I thought to myself, "Wow." At that moment I read his sign: "Whatever I have to do, whatever the cost."

When Christ carried His cross He bore a sign with a very important message to us. I am your King. When we carry a cross we also bear a message. What does your sign read?

**Young Adults Activities** To be added to the St. Clement Young Adult emails, contact [stclementyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:stclementyoungadults@gmail.com)

**St. Francis House**, 39 Boylston St.- Volunteer Opportunity **first Saturday of each month.**  
 Please contact: **Joey George** [jgeorge@alum.mit.edu](mailto:jgeorge@alum.mit.edu)