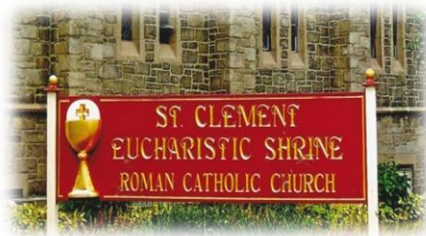


# St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215

617-266-5999— [stclements shrine.org](http://stclements shrine.org)

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



January 22, 2017 Third Sunday Ordinary Time

**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

### 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)

## - AdorationBoston

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

[dorationboston.com](http://dorationboston.com)

### Jen Thomas 617.266.5999 x105

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

## Assembly for Life, Faneuil Hall Boston

Sunday January 22nd, 2-4pm

*The event will include speakers and a musical program.*



The 2017 Assembly for Life on Jan. 22 will bring Massachusetts pro-lifers to that cradle of liberty and free speech in Boston, Faneuil Hall, to hear Mother Olga Yaqob of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth and Cardinal O'Malley speak on the respect for life. (*The full list of speakers will be forthcoming.*)

## The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program Front Room

Wednesdays:

FEB 1, 8, 15

MAR 8, 15, 22, 29

APR 5, 12, 19, 26

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

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

## Fiat!

## A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7-9:00pm

JAN 25, Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26

## Boston & South Shore Men's Prayer Gathering

Saturday, February 11- 7:00-8:30 AM

Jesus Brings the Magic to my Life

Jed Doherty, Evangelical Magician and School Performer

St. Mary of the Hills Lower Church, 29 St. Mary's Road (off Brook Road), Milton

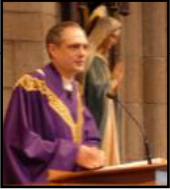
•Prayer • Coffee and refreshments • Presentation and discussion

## Free Night at the MFA Wednesdays, 4P-8:30P - 65 Huntington Ave.

If you haven't been to the MFA on a Wednesday night, it's a great opportunity to see all the exhibits (even the special ones!) for free.

**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)*



### **Spiritual Thought**

With the letter to the Corinthians, Paul thanks God for the gifts He will bestow on the Corinthians. But just after the thank you, the fireworks begin. Paul seems to have nothing good to say about them. They are disloyal to one another and they are divided. He reprimands them for taking communion unworthily. He is horrified that someone in the community is sleeping with his mother-in-law. Christians are taking Christians to court. Some are using their spiritual gifts for their own aggrandizement while at the same time putting other down as if they were less gifted. There is nothing nice to report. So why 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, despite all of the atrocities, that God will give them the potential for greatness. For Paul, it is okay to anticipate graces in the future. Often we 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 the future.

Continually 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're looking at the past, that inevitably means we will progress forward by walking backward. Paul faces the future when he walks 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 take classes. Considering I will fifty-seven this year, I figure it is about time I go back to work. I am grateful that in the future, God will make me pope. 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 to heaven, and provide eternal bliss. I guess what I am trying to say is that it is okay to anticipate that God will always be there for me today and in all my tomorrows.

There are many who look to the past and have nothing to be thankful for. They are in a prison. Those on death row look to the past and they do not feel a lot of gratitude. An unsung hero in a nursing home, who has to stay in bed all day because someone decided not to come to work, does not feel a lot of gratitude. Those who lost their home, their job, their family or life-mate do not feel a lot of gratitude from the past. You, who are reading this, may not feel gratitude for what has happened in the past. Yet, Paul in this letter tells us, those who have nothing in the past to make them grateful; they are looking in the wrong direction. We all need to turn 180 degrees and look to the future. It is the path forward that will lead to hope, grace and bliss.

There is a story of a guy who was returning home from work. He saw a stranger who was looking at something in his hand. The man went over to see what he was looking at. He held an enormous diamond. The man said to the stranger "That is the biggest and most beautiful diamond I have ever seen. Where did you get it?" The stranger said, "I found it. Since you like it, why don't you take it?" The man was overcome by the stranger's generosity. He wrapped the diamond in his handkerchief and placed it in his backpack. When he got home he pulled down all the shades and put the diamond under his lamp. He admired the dancing light. He then took a velvet cloth and wrapped it up and put it in a safe. He could not sleep all night. The next morning he went into the safe, took out the diamond and went to search for the stranger. When he found him, he gave him the diamond and said, "Sir, here is your diamond. I would rather have what you have in your possession that made it so easy for you to give up this diamond." The man recognized that the stranger had something in his possession that was far greater than a priceless diamond. I share that story with you because we are that stranger. We are the one who has possession of a great treasure. That is what Paul is saying in the opening of his letter to the Corinthians. We have something that is so great that it will be easy for us to give up our other treasures. Here is the faith lesson. We have something very great. We just need to recognize it..