

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215

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January 29, 2017 Fourth 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

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- 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

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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

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

God's forgiveness knows no bounds – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a one-day healing retreat. Winter/spring dates are **February 4, March 4 and May 20**. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at [508.651.3100](tel:508.651.3100) or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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

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*

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A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7-9:00pm

Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26



St. Francis House
Rebuilding Lives

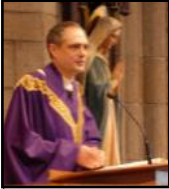
St. Francis House is now the only facility in Boston that gives out clothing to the poor and homeless. They give out 250 full sets of clothing per week! There is a need for **NEW ONLY**: socks, underwear and undershirts (*in original packaging*) and **NEW or CLEAN** (*gently used*): shoes, clothing, coats.

Drop off Monday thru Friday: **St. Francis House, 39 Boylston St.**

617-457-1011 www.stfrancishouse.org

Young Adults Activities To be added to the St. Clement Young Adult emails, contact stclementyoungadults@gmail.com

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



Spiritual Thought

Jesus is walking along the shore and he sees fishermen. He calls to them. Then He sees two others mending their nets. Why does Matthew not just write that they are fishermen? Why net menders? Because Jesus needs two sets of skills: one to catch the fish and another not to lose them after they are caught. Picture this. A fisherman pulls up a net full of fish. What are the fish doing at the bottom of the net? They are wiggling around. What they are really doing is taking their sharp fins and sawing a hole in the net. What good is it to find the fish, catch them, haul the net full of fish out of the water, only to lose them when they slip out of the little hole in the bottom? Here is the point. If you catch fish with a net, you are going to need net menders.

During the clergy sex abuse scandal, I asked a pastor how he was doing through the ordeal. He said, "I worked so hard to give the people a church they can be proud of. I remodeled the church, got together a great music and educational program, provided convenient times for Masses and confession and spent time visiting with families. With all that, half the people just don't come back anymore. What good is it to draw them all in with goodness, generosity and goodwill only to lose half of them?" This is the insight that Jesus has in the Gospel. He is looking for two sets of skills. Jesus calls the net menders because they repair the brokenness.

Let's talk about Corinth. Corinth is one of those rare cities that has a sea on the east side of the city and a sea on the west, something like Cape Cod. The plan was to dig a canal from one body of water to the next so boats could take a short cut. This would save sailors at least a week of travelling around the peninsula, a navigational nightmare. They never made the canal but that did not stop sailors from going to Corinth and dragging their boat across the land to the other side. Corinth was the crossroads of the Roman Empire. It is here that Paul founded a church. He wrote to the Corinthians, "I hear that there are divisions among you," Of course there are divisions, disagreements and differences, they are at the crossroads of the world! Then Paul said, "Be united." But that is not the word he used. He used the same word that was in the Gospel: "mend your nets." The only way to unity is to fix brokenness.

Early one morning I checked my phone to see if I was called by the hospital during the night. I noted immediately that my phone was dead; I forgot to charge it. Naturally, I was needed so I went and took care of the call. The next day, I received an e-mail from an angry manager that was going to "write me up" - whatever that means. I wanted to email back and say, "Do me the favor and fire me." But I didn't instead I took the afternoon off and caught a few fish. I went into the club house and put a few extra logs on the fire, pulled up the La-Z-Boy near the fire place, raised up my feet, and took a nap. Later, I went home and remembered to charge my phone. The hospital called that night and I went in. Now the hospital loves me again. Fixing brokenness is not so hard. The faith lesson of the Gospel is this. God knows that we get banged up and bruised. That is why he made us so we could heal quickly. Jesus wants us to have two skills in place. One is to draw people to the church through our generosity, sacrifice, and forgiveness (who doesn't like that). But we can't forget the second skill set: mend the nets. Fix our brokenness.