

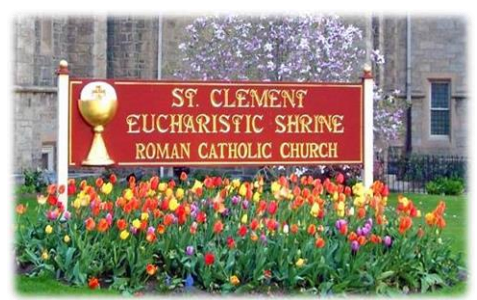
# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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

August 20, Twentieth Sunday



## 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 9:00PM, a pass key is required; email

[AdorationBoston@gmail.com](mailto:AdorationBoston@gmail.com)

### 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 Confession

7:30–8:30P

### Music Ministry Upper Rm

Tuesday 7-9P

### Legion of Mary Front Rm

Thursday 6P

### Pure In Heart YA Group

Upper Rm Thursday 7P



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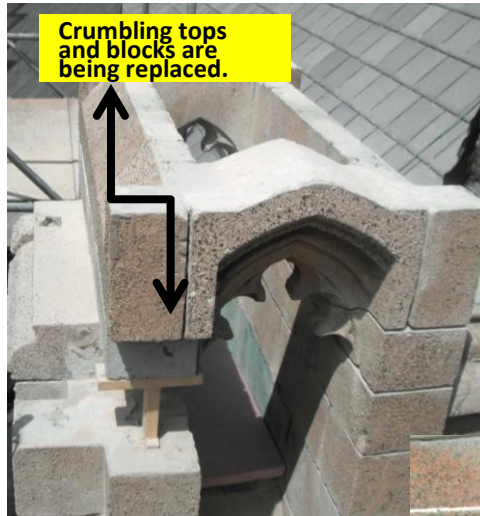
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*The work begins – the years have not been kind.....*



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St. Clement Web Site has been redesigned  
it should be easier viewing on  
smart phones/tablets.



## 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.

**AdorationBoston@gmail.com**

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



### Spiritual Thought

While on vacation in Maine, I walked to the other side of the lake to catch the evening hatch. On my way back, it was pitch-dark. I had a flashlight but I turned it off to see how far I could walk without the light. I couldn't see anything. Going along, I thought that I might be walking off the path into some tree branches. I didn't want tree branches to cut up my face, so I held my hands in front of my face. Then I thought, "What if I walked into a ditch off the path? I could break my leg and be left to die." To avoid that from happening, I decreased my speed sliding my feet, while my hands were held out in front of my face. Then, I heard a twig snap. "That has to be a bear. I bet that bear is standing right in front of me with his front paws up in the air ready to pounce." I said to myself, "That's it." I got out the flashlight. An amazing thing happened when I turned on the light. The bear that was in front of me disappeared, the giant hole and branches I was so worried about disappeared as well. When the light came on, the fear went away. The fear was not real. It was in my head.

When I was accepted into the doctorate program, I knew I had to stand before the dreaded requirement board. I thought, "I know how to make the fear go away." I wrote down every possible question I could be asked about the New Testament. I read many books and typed down the answers. When the day finally came, I did not fear because I was basking in the light of knowledge. If you fear anything, turn on the light.

Jesus says, "Do not be afraid. It is I." What that means is that the light came on; there is nothing to fear. Now Peter wants to join Jesus on the water. My question is, "How do you walk on water with waves? Do you put your foot on the wave; do you jump over the wave? Do you walk parallel to the waves?" I wouldn't know; I never walked on water, waves or no waves, neither did Peter. A wave crashes into Peter, and now he is knee deep. "Save me!" Peter cries. Immediately, our Lord extended His hand. At that moment something happened to Peter. For the first time, he was not watching others being saved by our Lord. This time it was personal.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" You would think that all twelve apostles would have raised their hands with the answer. They should have said, "Well, of course, we know who You are. We were there when the paralyzed man was lowered from a hole in the roof and walked out the door. We were there when You fed 5,000 with a few loaves of bread." Why did only Peter have the answer? Jesus was invited by the parents to see their daughter. He extended His hand to the dead twelve-year-old, pulled her up and she opened her eyes. If Jesus asked the little girl "Who do you say that I am?" she would have been able to answer the question because it was personal. Jesus made clay with His hands and extended His hand and smeared it on the blind man's eyes. After the man washed off the mud, and he could now see, Jesus approached him and asked, "Who do you say that I am?" He was able to answer the question because it was personal. Jesus extended His hand on the woman who was bent over for eighteen years and cured her. If Jesus asked the woman "Who do you say that I am?" she would have been able to answer because it was personal. Peter can answer the question because he is the only one who got out of the boat and received the saving hand of Christ. He knew because it was personal.

The faith lesson is: We all have reason to fear: the economy, personal injury, politics, leadership, wages, a relationship gone bad. Yet, we can make the fear go away. Basking in the light of Jesus Christ is not enough, it has to be personal.