

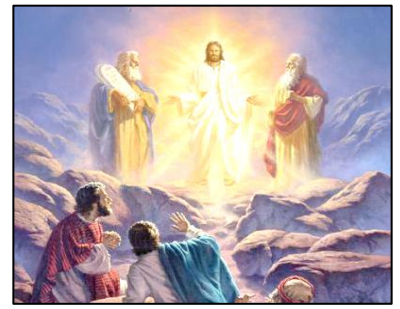
St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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August 6, Transfiguration 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

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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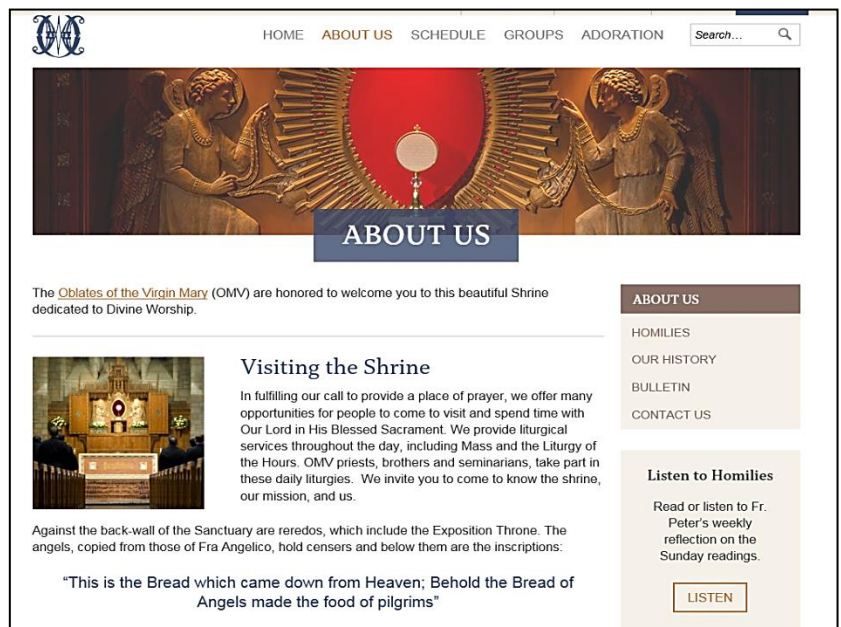
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and it is in the tweaking stage.**



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.

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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

Let's talk about parables for a moment. A parable is a simple story about ordinary events: farming, lost sheep, wedding banquets, etc. Let's say someone tells a simple story. "I went into the store, and I took out my wallet and I found a one dollar bill..." Simple stories get boring really quickly unless you throw in a little zinger. "I took the dollar and bought a scratch ticket and won a million dollars." Suddenly, out of nowhere the story is no longer boring. Jesus does the same thing. He tells a simple story and just when you are about to yawn, Jesus will throw in a "zinger." Let's take a look at the parable we had recently of the man who bought land that had a buried treasure. Let's say I am the guy who is going to buy the land. I go to the owner and say, "I would like to buy that small piece of land in the marsh." He says, "Fine if you want it, that will be \$100." I reply, "I think it is worth more than a \$100." "Why do you say that?" he asks. I say, "Because there is a buried treasure on the property." "Oh, I didn't know that. I will assess the value of the treasure and add it to the overall price of the land...and thank you for being so honest." I then reply, "No problem, honesty is the best policy."

Isn't that what we are supposed to do? But that is not what the parable tells us. It tells us to hide the treasure and don't tell the guy. Right? If you go to the store to buy a refrigerator and the clerk rings up two dollars, won't you say something: "Sir, I think you may want to check that price again. I think you made a mistake." That is the right thing to do. Why does the parable suggest something that we would not do? Jesus does not like buried treasure. "If you are not going to use it, then I will give it to someone who will."

Remember the parable of the master who gives talent to three servants. One of the servants buries the money. Why does he do that? Because there are a thousand ways to lose money in the ancient world. There is one sure way you will not lose your money: bury it. Nobody knows where it is, no one can steal it, and no one can assess it for taxes. Let's say the steward comes back and says to the first servant, "Where is my money?" the servant responds, "I am very sorry but it is gone. I deposited it in a bank to get interest, but they robbed it. The Master says, "You fool, why did you do that? Didn't you know everyone robs banks around here?" Then the master says to the second servant, "Where is my money?" And he says, "I invested by buying wheat in Egypt, they put it on a boat, and it sank." Then the master said, "You fool, didn't you know that this is hurricane season." He goes to the third servant who buried the money, and he demands, "Where is my money?" The servant says, "Here it is, safe and sound." Who is the hero of the story? The one who buried the treasure. But that is not what happens in Jesus' parable. He is the bad guy. Why? Jesus does not like buried treasure. You can't help people, educate children or feed a family when the money is buried in the ground

I heard a story of a man who won a million dollars at a slot machine. The man had dreams of providing a better education for his children, dreams of assisting his relatives and friends who are struggling, and finally giving something substantial to a favorite charity: "At last I have something that will make a difference in the world." That is exactly what we should say when God awards us with talent, skills, knowledge, or financial well-being. Whenever you are blessed, I want you to hear God say to you, "It's not for you. It is given to you so you can help people." What did we learn from the parable? God does not like money that is hidden away. We now know why.