

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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June 4, 2017 Pentecost 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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The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

Fortitude While counsel is the perfection of a cardinal virtue, fortitude is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

Knowledge The fifth gift of the Holy Spirit, knowledge, is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

Piety, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

Fear of the Lord The seventh and final gift is the fear of the Lord, and perhaps no other gift of the Holy Spirit is so misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.





The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let's stop in and spend a little extra time this month returning love to His Heart of Love.

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

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

Spiritual Thought

You would think the thunderstorm would just keep moving up the road, but it lingered around all day: loud thunder, lightning, and lots of rain. Naturally, there was a flood in the basement. I was wearing my fishing waders, and frantically trying to bail out the flood. The seminarians were in the kitchen mopping up the mess, but the water came in faster than I could get it out. At a certain point I threw my hands up in the air and I said, "That's it I'm leaving. I have a baptism at Saint Cecilia's." It was pouring rain while I ran the two blocks. When I got there, the dad said, "We have to wait, Father, for the rest of the family; you know the rain and all." I thought I couldn't wait too long or my church is going to float away.

I was standing near the dad who was holding the baby in one hand and a bag in the other. He was trying to get the camera out of the bag with one hand and replace the batteries by flipping the old ones out and inserting new ones, not so easy when you are holding a baby. Finally, he swings his baby into my chest and says, "Father you hold him." There I was holding this very cute baby when he reached his hand up and squeezed my nose. He was laughing while doing this. "Oh, so you think it is a toy, huh?" The baby was having a good time with my face. Someone in the family noticed and said, "Oh, look the baby likes the priest." They took out their cameras, and started taking pictures. I got to hold the baby for two minutes. Then the others arrived, and it was time to start. After the baptism, I went into the sacristy happy as a clam.

I said to our Lord, "You planned that. You knew I was having a rough day and today I got to hold a baby." That may not sound like much but to me, it was special because I don't get to hold babies and when I do, the baby sees my black suit, black shirt, and white collar, and they know instantly they're in the arms of a stranger and start crying, wiggling and trying to get out of my arms. The mom comes over to take him. That's why I never get to hold babies. But, this baby wanted to be with me.

In the letter from Peter, he says we must endure some suffering so that when God's glory appears we may rejoice. What exactly is glory? It is a Hebrew word, *kabod*, which means liver. What does liver have to do with God? I am glad you ask. The liver is the heaviest organ in your body. God is invisible, so when He wants us to see Him, He has to put on some weight. God is most visible in suffering. That is when He can lift us up. It is in the time of difficulty that God is most visible.

My mother fell once and broke her leg just before Christmas and had to go to the nursing home for therapy. I went to visit her and she was sad because she was in a nursing home during the happy season. I asked the nurse if I could take her Christmas shopping. The nurse said all you have to do is sign here out. That is all? I signed her out. Put the wheel chair in the trunk and off we went.

It started to snow heavy and of course, there was a traffic jam. It took us one hour to get to the mall. When I finally got there I found out, to my horror, that Kohl's was having a 50% off sale. When I took mom out of the car, I put my jacket around her because it was freezing cold and darted across the lot to the mall entrance. Everywhere we went there were long crowds and long waits. When I brought my mother back to the nursing home she said to me, "Oh, Peter, I had such a good time."

In this world with the lightning, floods and thunderstorms, and all the problems, difficulties and sufferings we go through, God sends His Son. He doesn't send Him as someone in a fiery chariot with a sword in hand to rescue us. He sends Him as a baby, as a son who takes mom out shopping. When you are having difficulty, remember what Peter said to you today. When you are suffering, look for the glory, look for God who wants to be visible. It is in the suffering that He comes to lift us up.