

St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary omvusa.org

November 19, 2017 Thirty-third 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, Upper Room

Monday 7–8P

To be added to mailing list

semmab@gmail.com

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

To be added to mailing list,

info@pureinheartamerica.org

with the subject line SUBSCRIBE"

Volunteer:

St. Francis House,
39 Boylston St.

Serving Lunch

1st Saturday of Month

Please contact

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During the month of November the Church encourages us to pray for the departed faithful. St. Gertrude the Great is invoked for souls in purgatory and for living sinners. She was told by Our Lord that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

UPPER ROOM SERIES – 7PM Upper Room

Wednesday, November 29th "From Abraham to the Messiah"

Preparing for Christmas with Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus Dr. Stephen Fahrig, Ph.D.

Wednesday, December 13th "The Lord's Revelation to My Master"

Messianic Prophecies in the Psalms

Br. Nathan Marzonie, OMV

– AdorationBoston

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

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

ADORATION BOSTON DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR ADORERS

Saturday, December 9th, 8:30 AM—3 PM

The day of recollection is a small retreat for Adorers—time set aside for spiritual renewal and enlivening faith. This day will include spiritual conferences, time for prayer in Adoration, Confession, and Mass. The theme of the day is experiencing healing through the power of Christ in the Eucharist.

Registration is \$10 - register before December 2nd Contact Br. Nathan at ministry@stclements shrine.org or 617-266-5999 x 272

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary cordially invited to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

Mass 6:00PM, Wednesday, December 6th,
6:45 PM gathering downstairs in the Refectory

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's January 26-27, 2018 Seminar

Ignatian Prayer with Scripture

This retreat offers St. Ignatius's clear and practical answers to common questions about prayer:

How do I prepare for prayer? How can I best begin a time of prayer?

How do I pray with Scripture? Can I use my imagination in prayer?

What should I do when I find difficulty in prayer?

Days Attending: \$50 Both Days, \$30 Students/Seminarians

Register: omvusa@gmail.com 617-266-5999 x130

Spiritual Thought



"My paper is done. Do you want it?" I asked my professor. He said, "The paper does not have to be handed in until the end of the semester, but I can take it now." Take a guess what I am going to do the night before the paper is actually due? I am going to bed and sleep the whole night because I don't have to stay up all night cramming to get it done.

The wise virgins, in the gospel, sleep because their work is completed. Their "papers" are done so-to-speak. They have their oil. The foolish virgins also go to sleep. When they wake up, however, their "papers" are not done on the day they were due - very foolish.

The moral is to get the job done - on time. The most important things in life...the reason we were placed here on earth... must be accomplished. We all know what they are.

After we finished the roof job on the shrine, and the workers had gone, we had just one more chore on the punch list: clean the house. The whole house was filled with dirt and dust from work over the summer. Windows were covered with roof dust, and debris was all over the lawn. It is the job no one likes to do. I was in the back of the shrine and a nice woman asked me, "Do you have a vacuum cleaner?" I said, "Yes." She vacuumed the front parlor. When she was done, she asked me if there was anything else that needed cleaning. I said to her, "Is there anything else that needs cleaning?" I showed her everything. I know she will never ask me that question again. She never picked up a hammer or roof nail, but she was just as important to me as any of the other workers on the roof that worked the entire summer.

When I entered the seminary, my first class was medieval English literature. The first book I had to read was Spencer's *The Faerie Queen* published in 1590. Needless to say, I struggled. Before the exam, my classmates took a nap. I needed to look up vocabulary and wrangle with the interpretation of the work. My classmates each got an "A" and I barely passed. At the end of the year, one classmate left the seminary. I turned to God and said, "Don't let him get away. He is gifted; he is smart, and he is much holier than I. Don't let the most talented ones get away; otherwise, you will be stuck with me." The goal of every seminarian is to be an ex-seminarian, so ordination felt pretty good. Nine years later I was ordained, and I realized it is not about how well you do when you first enter. It is about how you finish.

I want to ask St. Peter a question: "Why did Jesus have to ask you three times if you loved Him?" Apparently, Jesus wasn't all that impressed the first time Peter answered Him, and He asked him again and again. What answer was Jesus looking for? I would like to know in case He ever asks me, "Peter, son of Alfred, do you love Me?" Well, there is some good news. Apparently, others in the early church asked Peter about the matter. He wrote a letter to Christians, and in it, said: "May your love be fervent." I wasn't really sure what Peter meant when he wrote "fervent." I looked it up in the Greek to find out what Peter meant. Fervent means to strain forward; to lean into the tape at the end of a race. In other words, it is not what you do at the beginning of the race; it is about what you do at the end. Everyone is excited at the beginning, everyone wants to win, everyone has lots of energy, yet it only matters what happens at the end...are you leaning into the tape.

The last words Jesus spoke before He died were "It is finished." He finished what He came to do. He saved us, forgave sin, and made it possible for us to enjoy eternal life. He also asked us to do the same. "Be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect." The word for perfect is the same as the word for finish: Jesus wants us to finish the job. What job you may ask. We are baptized Christians. We need to live our lives as Christians in the world.

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December 6 – Introduction; **December 20** - Begetting & Raising Children

January 10 - Society & the Conjugal Union; **January 24** - Family & Society

February 7 - Family & World ;**February 21** - Bringing it Together

Discussion Groups - Sundays 12:30 - 1:30 PM - St. Clement's Upper Room

December 3; December 17; January 7; January 21; February 4; February 18; March 4