

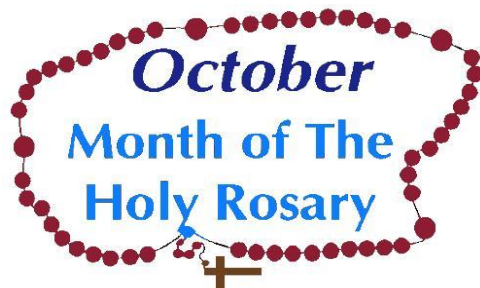
St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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October 8, 2017 Twenty-seventh 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

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th.

The power of the Rosary should not be underestimated, especially now while parts of the world are at war. The history of the Rosary is filled with amazing military triumphs where those devoted to reciting the Rosary prayer were victorious despite great and often times insurmountable odds.

Sr. Lucia, one of the children Mary appeared to at Fatima, stated in a 1957 interview...

"The Most Holy Virgin, in these last times in which we live, has given new efficacy in the recitation of the Holy Rosary. "She has given this efficacy to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in families, of the families in the world, or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.

There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls."

UPPER ROOM SERIES – 7PM Upper Room

Wednesday, October 11th

"Wisdom Has Set a Banquet"

A Survey of Wisdom Motifs in Scripture Br. Nathan Marzonie, OMV

Wednesday, October 25th

"Of Wheat and Men"

The Matter of the Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders Dr. David Lang, Ph.D.



ST FRANCIS CHAPEL - October 16th - 12:05 Mass

Marian Saints of Mercy



Sean Cardinal O'Malley will celebrate the 12:05 Mass to inaugurate the public veneration of the relics of the Marian Saints of Mercy. (Saint Faustina, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint John Paul II)



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Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. October 14 and November 11. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. Contact Project Rachel at [508.651.3100](tel:508.651.3100)

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



Spiritual Thought

God gave the Israelites a vineyard of choice grapes to harvest. To appreciate such a gift, we need to consult an expert. Once I had the opportunity to tour one of the vineyards in Napa Valley. The guide told us that to make world-class wine, you need the perfect conditions: The exact amount of rainfall, the right amount of sunlight and constant temperatures. There are only a few places on the planet that provide such conditions. Napa Valley is one of them. Imagine that God gave Israel a Napa Valley, a rare vineyard that will produce world-class wine. Let's take this a step further. Let's say the Israelites invited the king of Mesopotamia and his entourage to a great banquet. This king is the ruler of a superpower from the east, a powerful and feared man. There he is sitting at table. Before the food is presented, they serve drinks. The Israelites tap one of the many kegs of vintage wine that were produced by the vineyard. They fill a glass for the king. The king raises the glass to the light to inspect the texture, swirls the wine in the glass, puts the glass up to his nose to smell the fragrance, he then tastes the wine and says, "You got to be kidding. Where did you get this wine? It is fantastic." The Israelites will say: "God gave us a vineyard that produces world-class wine." The king says, "God must really like you guys; I think I better start worshipping your God." And God is in heaven hearing the most powerful man on earth speaking great things about Him. That is the divine dream: The dream of the Bible, that one day all nations will gather at one table in peace agreeing that God is great.

So, God wants to check out His wonderful vineyard on earth. He pictures in His mind kegs of vintage wine stacked up to the ceiling in the warehouse ready for the feast. He envisions workers tending the grape vines and the soil. He pictures the Israelites in great joy over the gift that He has given them. He enters His vineyard, and He sees that it is just a valley of weeds: no storage house filled with barrels of wine, no workers, no grape vines. God is angry. Why does the great prophet Isaiah say that God is angry? Because there is not going to be a banquet. There is not going to be a moment when the most powerful man on earth is going to be on his second glass of wine saying, "I love your God." There is not going to be a banquet where all the nations of the world are gathered in peace praising God. There is no dream. The divine dream has been shattered because no one went out and worked the vineyard.

In the Gospel, the father asks his sons to go to the vineyard and work. One son says "yes," but he never went. Those are the Israelites who did not work in the vineyard and is now a valley of weeds. That is not good. The father asked his other son, and he said "No." Perhaps he had a good reason for saying no. "But Dad...I am getting married tomorrow...I have the two little ones at home...I have to paint the house...I have an important job interview today...I have to finish my research paper." Yes, the son had something important to do, but as he was walking away he started to think about the big picture, the divine dream that one day all the nations will be at peace sitting at the banquet table eating rich food and drinking choice wines, saying how wonderful is God. As he thinks about the bigger picture of life, he decides that his father had offered him an opportunity to do something really great: to be a part of the divine dream. The son went to the vineyard to work, and now the dream lives on.

Here is the faith lesson. We all have important tasks that need to be accomplished. We are all busy with our lives. But never forget the big picture, the divine dream. Do not forget why we were put here. We can be a part of something very special and one day all will be seated at the table of our Lord.