# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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September 3, 2017 Twenty-second 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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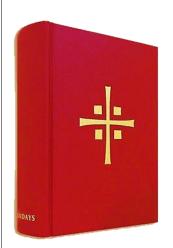
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## **Ministry of Lector**



This lay ministry is held in high esteem by the Church. Before Vatican II only men who had been ordained to this Minor Order were allowed to read at Mass. Since Vatican II the Church has allowed lay men and women to proclaim God's Word. The role of the lector at Mass is no less important than before.

St. Clement's needs Lectors for the Sunday 8:00 PM Mass.

Please contact Br. Nathan (nmarzonie@omvusa.org) if you are interested.

There will be training at 7-7:30 PM, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions throughout the centennial year ending November 26, 2017.

To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful besides the ordinary conditions (go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father) must:

> To the faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions,

the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

To the faithful who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around, may pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They must also "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.

## 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.

Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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

### **Spiritual Thought**

Some years back my provincial asked me if I'd like to take a sabbatical for two months. Being on call for five hospitals every weekend and doing it for the last five years I thought, "I think I will take you up on it." He gave me some options, and I told him that I would like to spend the summer helping

my father remodel our retreat house in Milton. It could be the last opportunity to swing hammers with my father again. The first order of business was to take down a plaster ceiling to run wires. After I got it all down, I went outside to take a break. I was covered with plaster dust. Just as I got outside, my provincial drives up and jumps out of his car. He was wearing black pants, black suit coat, black clerical shirt and a white collar. There was not a speck of dust on him. He saw me and came over. I gave him a big bear hug. No, that's not what I did. When he saw me covered with plaster and all banged up he said to me, "You're enjoying your sabbatical, right?" That is what he said, but I know what he was thinking. "Look at you. Now, I don't want to hear any lip. I offered to send you to Rome, and you could have spent the summer eating pasta, sipping Italian reds, and studying at the Biblicum, but no. You could have gone to California to one of many retreat houses with a big swimming pool, but no. You could have gone to Denver where we have a nice house, and you could have fly-fished up in the Rocky Mountain streams every day, but no. You chose plaster, dumpsters and hammer drills ...so you are enjoying your sabbatical, right?"

I said truthfully, "Bill, I am really enjoying my sabbatical." You know why? Because at the end of each day I look at the house and say," This is what I did with my hands." I enjoy the satisfaction of each day's labor. I don't always have that. That is why we like to build

I am not sure if you picked up on the words of Jesus "I will build My church." You'll notice He didn't say, "I will send My minions to build My church or Peter, here are the blueprints for the church." Jesus is the builder. Do you know why? Every day our Lord will enjoy seeing the results of His work. The first day of building the church for Jesus was laying the foundation stone. The foundation stone, in the ancient world, is the most important stone. It is the first stone that is secured in place. Let's say the stone is five degrees off to the right and is not quite plumb. What will happen to the stone that is placed on top of it? It will also be five degrees off. In fact, the whole house will be off because of the first stone. The first stone communicates its positioning to the next stone. If the first stone is plumb and level, then every stone in the building will also be plumb and level. When Jesus builds his church, it means that every great thing about Christ gets communicated to every living stone in the church.

When people look at your house, they say, "Oh, I love the windows, and the begonias in the front yard." They never say, "Oh, I love your foundation, it is so level and square." The only time you appreciate the foundation is when a storm passes by, and your house is standing.

Do you ever wonder why stairs squeak when you walk on them? I asked my father and he told me that the builder did not shim each of the stair treads or secure them with glue. The reason is—who is going to see the shims or show gratitude for securing them with glue? The shortcut speeds up the job and gives the builder a bigger profit. Once a man said to me, "The reason I am buying this house is because your father built it. The reason we are in the House of the Lord is that Christ built it. We are in a house that will never fail the gates of hell because He built it without shortcuts. Yes, all the greatness of Christ is communicated to us like the first stone. That, however, includes the Resurrection with Calvary, forgiveness with divine favor, generosity, and the loss that comes with it. But we are here and united because we know the builder: "Who do you say that I am"?.