

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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April 23, 2017 Divine Mercy 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 Upper Rm

Thursday 7P



Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday

This Feast was originally granted to the nation of Poland and was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Vatican stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in Divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said: *Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. This Feast emerged from the very depths of My Mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender Mercies.*

On one occasion, I heard these words: *My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the Divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.*

The Lord's desire for the Feast includes the solemn, public veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy by the Church, as well as personal acts of veneration and mercy. The great promise for the individual soul is that a devotional act of sacramental penance and Communion will obtain for that soul the plenitude of the Divine Mercy on the Feast.



200th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, May 6, 2017 - 5:30 pm

Plaza Ballroom of the Seaport Hotel, Boston

Cocktail Reception, Dinner, Auction

www.OMVUSA.ORG/Support/Gala

This year, we celebrate a milestone: 200 years of service to the Church, from a little shrine in the town of Carignano, Italy to dozens of Oblates serving in nine countries on five continents. Come celebrate with us! The Oblates of the Virgin Mary are a non-profit institution and every contribution would be tax deductible.

The Holy Fathers April Intention

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



Spiritual Thought

When they laid Jesus in the tomb everyone was sad. Why? Because they didn't let Him finish the story.

A few seasons ago Tom Brady tossed an interception near the end of the fourth quarter. He handed the ball to the team who was already winning. Forty thousand fans left the stadium. They didn't want to hang around to witness the inevitable. Those fans, however, missed one of the best and most exciting comebacks in franchise history. Tom Brady and the boys marched down the field and got a winning touchdown in the last five seconds of the game. Why did the fans miss out? Because they didn't watch Tom Brady finish the game.

The day after the Super Bowl I called dad, and I asked, "What did you do when the Patriots were down 28 -3 late in the third quarter?" He said, "I turned off the TV in disgust and went to bed." Dad missed out because he didn't let Tom Brady and Bill finish the story.

At the end of my first year in the seminary, I went to the rector's office for my evaluation. It didn't go very well. He said my grades were low, and the staff didn't think I could cut it as a priest. They decided, however, to give me one more semester. I was devastated. I remember going to church and putting my head down, I said to God, "I thought You wanted me to be a priest. I wanted to be a priest since I was in second grade. Did I get the signals mixed up?" God then spoke to me. He said, "Peter, Peter, will you let Me finish the story?" Humbly I said, "Yes, you can finish the story."

Many years after I was ordained, I was driving with another priest to St. John's Seminary to teach a class in New Testament Greek. As we were driving, I said, "Do you remember my first year in the seminary when you wanted to kick me out because I was not smart enough? Did you ever think, back then, that someday I would be going to St. John's to teach? He turned to me and said, "That was God!" After he said that, God spoke to me again. He said, "So, what did you think of My story?" I said, "I love the ending."

When my mother died, I was heartbroken. After a few phone calls, I needed some time to be alone. I went to my room and sat on the corner of the bed, and I pictured her with Jesus. Jesus told her, "You can go back if you want." My mother looked up at the glorious Beatific vision, then she looked over His left shoulder and saw the seven choirs of angels singing, she took a look at her new room in the Divine mansion, and then she saw her mother. They were always best friends. After seeing all of that she said to Jesus, "I am not going anywhere." Then Jesus said, "What about your family?" My mother said, "They will be fine; they know that I am with You, and if they don't know, my son is a priest, and he will tell them."

Here is my closing thought. Let's suppose I invited King David to give the talk on this special occasion. He would say something like this: "I was a boy when I had to fight Goliath. He had complete body armor, and his sword was bigger than me. When he saw me, he was angry. They sent a boy to do a man's job. "I will cut you up and feed you to the birds." When he started to come for me, I said to God, "Let it be me, God. Let me tell the world today how great you are. Let me be the one to show your glory." I took out my sling-shot, God steadied my hand, and I got him right between the eyes. I, David, showed the world how great God is. Now Lord, this is your moment in time to show the world how great God is.

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreat Saturday May 20

God's forgiveness knows no bounds – Pope Francis. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a one-day healing retreat. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at [508.651.3100](tel:508.651.3100) or help@projectrachelboston.com.