

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary omvusa.org

March 19, 2017 Third Sunday of Lent



Parking—
only between the
church parking signs

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

9P, pass key required;

contact 617-536-4141 x105

Confessions

Mon 7:30P–8:30P

During Lent:

Wednesday 6:30P–8:00P

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 Confessions

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

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Volunteers Needed for St. Clement's Church Cleaning Saturday, March 25th 8:00A–11:00A

Fr. Tom is asking for some much need help on Saturday, March 25th to clean St. Clement in preparation for Holy Week.

No previous experience necessary. Pews, floors, Altar and the Sanctuary are some of the areas that will be targeted. To make the cleaning go quickly the more hands the better! Eight to ten volunteers would be great!

Please leave your name and contact number on our office voice mail 617.266.5999 x130.



Confessions during Lent: Wednesday 6:30P–8:00P "The Lights Are On For You"

You are Invited to come and experience Christ's Healing & Saving Love



In lieu of Monday Night, on all Wednesdays in Lent from 6:30–8:00pm, St. Clements will be offering confessions, together with all the Catholic parishes & chapels in the Boston. This outreach is an effort to highlight the importance of the sacrament of confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's Mercy and healing Love.

The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program Front Room

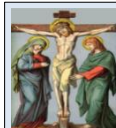
Wednesdays:

MAR 22, 29 APR 5, 12, 19, 26

7 to 8P Discussion – 8 to 9P Jeff Cavins video lectures.



*Meetings. not at
St Clement will be held
at the Pavement Cafe*



Fr. Peter's Friday Night Stations of the Cross 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Each Friday we will offer an evening of reconciliation and prayer.

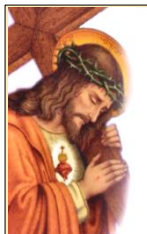
We hope that you will join us for one or for all Friday's during Lent.

Fiat!

A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7–9:00pm

Mar 29, Apr 26



Wondering what to do this Lent?

**Want to boost your "prayer,
good works & self-denial" all in one swoop?**

Commit to 1 Adoration Hour during the Weeks of Lent.

Email your name, phone number and the Lenten Hour you choose to:

AdorationBoston@gmail.com

or call Jennifer Thomas 617.266.5999 x105

These are the most needed hours.

Jen Thomas 617.266.5999 x105

Monday 8A, 2P, 3P, 5P
Tuesday 4A, 11A, 1P, 4P
Wednesday 12A, 4A, 8A, 3P, 4P
Thursday 1A, 8A, 12P, 2P, 4P

Friday 7A, 11A, 12N, 1P, 4P
Saturday 2A, 4P
Sunday 2A, 9A, 1P



Spiritual Thought

Several years ago I went on a whale watch. There were twelve of us to brave the cold, fall wind and choppy seas. We all huddled inside the cabin with hot chocolate, reading a *Save the Whale* brochure provided by the captain. After about an hour of full speed ahead to nowhere, the captain bellowed, "There she blows at three o'clock!" We all ran outside to the deck. Lo and behold, a whale was rolling in the waves. The captain was pretty excited about the whole thing (we were guaranteed to see a whale or our money back). He said, "Oh this is Hurricane. We call her that because she has a swirl marking on her stomach which looks like a hurricane. We have noticed that she is gaining some weight and believe she is about four months pregnant. We are not going to get too close because we don't want to frighten her." Then he drifted into a lecture about saving the whales. I said to myself—"Wait a minute. This is a mammal in the middle of the ocean. Does this mammal have any idea that there is a guy who gave her a name, knows her body weight, personality and is on a campaign to save her life..." If that is the case, then is likely that God knows a nobody like me, and is on a campaign for my resurrection.

Some ancients believed that God was only interested in big and important matters: He had the universe to worry about. That is why they called God, "The God of the universe." Other ancients said, "The most important thing for God was the building of nations. He is interested in the superpowers, the balance of trade, laws, politics and world leaders." That is why they called Him "The God of the nations." Then Moses met God. Moses asked Him His name. He said, "I am the God of Abraham." Abraham? He was from Ur. Where? Exactly my point. He was nobody. A wandering uneducated nomad. Then God said, "I am the God of Jacob." Jacob stole his older brother's birthright. Nice guy, right? Yes, he is flawed but still, he is important to God, enough that God named Himself after a flawed individual. What does this tell us?

A woman came up to me and said, "My husband and I have been trying to have a baby for a long time. Can you say a prayer?" I said a prayer and the next thing I heard is that she had a baby boy. Naturally, she showed me the baby. When I saw him, I laughed because he had the cutest face with fat dimples when he smiled. She was so proud of her baby and said, "I never thought it was possible to love another human being so much." I wonder if this miracle baby has any idea how valuable he is and how loved he is.

Jesus was in the synagogue on the Sabbath. He saw a woman who was crippled for eighteen years. Eighteen years without holding a baby; eighteen years of not being able to hold a job; eighteen years without contributing to society; eighteen years without a comfortable night sleep. She came to the temple and the leader tells her to come back tomorrow to be cured. Before we appreciate what Jesus said, let me illustrate with an example. Let's say the leader was walking into the sanctuary on the Sabbath and slipped going up the stairs. He lands on his arm and breaks it. "Oh, my arm hurts," he says. Then Jesus starts to walk toward him. Do you think the leader is going to tell Jesus to come back tomorrow when it is not the Sabbath? I don't think so. The leader is going to say, "It's okay everyone. It's okay. Jesus can cure me because there is a loophole in the law that states that God can cure important people on the Sabbath so they can continue His work." When Jesus sees this non-important woman, He calls her, "A daughter of Abraham." WOW, that is bigger than a queen. It is certainly higher than a synagogue leader. That is the answer to the question whether Jesus can cure on the Sabbath. He can cure important and special people of God.

The faith lesson is, It is the most insignificant woman or man that is most important to God. He knows us by name: I am Peter son of Alfred and Mary. People spend more time doubting that God cares than spending time convinced of His great love. I am convinced that God cares. That is what inspires me to do great things for God.