

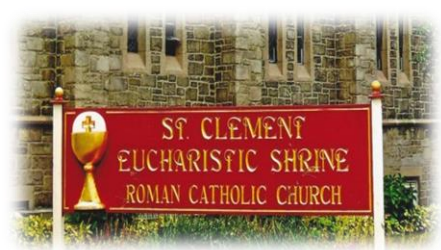
# St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent



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## 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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## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

### ADORATION HOURS BETWEEN 9:00PM AND 6:00AM

Thank you for your commitment to adoration at St. Clement's. We're writing to let you know that there will be a new system for getting into the church after 9:00PM when the doors are locked.



The key fobs that many of you now have will no longer work. If you have committed to a weekly adoration hour between the hours of **9:00 PM and 6:00 AM**, you will need to contact your hour coordinator for a new access card.

If you have a key Fob but do not have a hour coordinator, please email your name, contact number and the hour of your visit to [adorationboston@gmail.com](mailto:adorationboston@gmail.com).

You can arrange to pick it up the access card at St. Clement's or it could be mailed to you.

*We hope your hours of adoration are very blessed. If anyone would like to write up a testimony to the benefits of your adoration hour for the newsletter, please let us know. Follow us: [twitter.com/AdorationBoston](https://twitter.com/AdorationBoston) for daily inspirational Catholic quotes.*

### 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.

## Fiat!

### A Group For Discerning Women

Front Room Wednesday: 7–9:00pm

**Mar 29, Apr 26**

### The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program Front Room



**Wednesdays: Mar 29 in Upper Room**

**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.*



## Spiritual Thought

My colleague and friend is a Shakespearean scholar. After he published a book on Shakespeare, he was interviewed by a newspaper. At the end of the interview, he was asked: "Why do you like Shakespeare so much?" He answered: "If I could write just one poetic sentence like Shakespeare, I would consider my life a success. I wanted to be a priest since I was in second grade. If you asked me why I wanted to be a priest, I would answer: 'If I could just bring one person to Christ, I would consider my life a success.'" So when I read the Gospel of the Samaritan woman who brings an entire city to Christ, I ask, "How did that happen? Is she a theologian? No. Is she a model of virtue, respected and looked up to by the world?" No again.

Do you ever play poker? What is the first thing you think about when you look at the cards that were dealt to you? You say: "Why do I always get lousy cards?" I was at a convention and one night a poker tournament was scheduled. We got in groups of five. Someone dealt, and I got a 2, 4, 7, 9 and a jack. That was the worst hand you can possibly get. Do you know I made it to championship round? I learned this. In poker, you can get an awful hand and still win. It is not about the cards you are dealt, it is how you play the cards: you can, hold 'em or fold 'em.

If anyone could say they were dealt a bad set of cards, it would be the Samaritan woman. First, she is a Samaritan woman. You can't get lower on the social ladder. On top of that, she had five husbands, and the one she is with now is not her husband. She cannot even go to the well in the morning with the rest of the women because of the gossip. Yet, she is responsible for an entire village, and we are still talking about her today.

Mother Teresa once said to Christ: "I want to help the poor in Calcutta." Christ asked her, "How?" She answered, "I do not have any money. I do not have much education. But I can hold babies, and I know how to say the rosary." Jesus said, "I can use that." Jesus said to His disciples, "What do you have?" They said, "Five barley loaves and a few fish, but what is that for so many?" Jesus said, "I can use that," and He fed five thousand families. It is not what you have; it is what you do with what you have. Jesus asked the Samaritan woman, "What do you have?" She said, "Not much, but I have a pail." Jesus said, "I can use that."

Do you know anyone with photographic memory? I do. They are a lot of fun. One day one of my confreres came up to me and said, "Peter, today is your father's birthday; he would be eighty today." I said, "How did you know that?" He said, "You told me five years ago." At the time, I was preparing for my comprehensive exams. I had to read and remember a stack of books that would fill your bookshelf. I said, "Can I borrow your brain for the exam?" He responded, "Really you want my mind?" I said, "Yes, but you can have it back after the exam." Somehow I barely passed. God didn't give me a lot, but it's not what you have; it is what you do with it.

Before God met up with Moses, he was a runaway slave with a rap sheet for murder. You can't get lower than that in the ancient world. You may say that he was dealt a bad hand. Yet, he is considered the greatest prophet. What happened? God said to Moses, "I want to be your God; what do you say?" Moses answered, "What can you do for my people and me?" God said, "I can give all of you your freedom. I will provide protection from your enemies. I will give you food and water in the desert, I will give you property. Not just land, but prime real estate. You will be able to plant crops. There will be highways to connect people to the superpowers. You will have a rich economy. What do you say, can I be your God?" Moses answered, "Okay, but what is the catch?" God then said, "Listen to My word."

That is what Moses did, that is what the Samaritan did, and that is what we should do. Some of us may feel that we were dealt a bad hand in life. But it is not what you have; it is what you do with what you have. In Christ, you will hear Him say, "I can use that."

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These are the current "open" hours of Adoration where we need an adoror. Please let me know if you can cover one of these hours either temporarily or regularly. [adorationboston.com](http://adorationboston.com)

**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