

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

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May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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I want to share with you a new restoration project initiative that we began at St. Clement this past Sunday, May 14, 2017. The restoration project includes the façade and stained glass windows of St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine. Both of these areas are in need of necessary repair. Attached is a brochure detailing the different aspects of the project along with the associated costs.

I would ask you to please read over the attachment and prayerfully consider how you might be able to support this important project. St. Clement has served the spiritual needs of the people of God and this project will help to ensure that this important work and mission continues.

If you wish to donate online there is a Secure link on Saint Clement's website stclements shrine.org. Also, you may donate via the Kosk located in the foyer.

Thank you for all your support and generosity. I am grateful and appreciate your help for this project.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

*God bless you,
Fr. Peter*

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

Evangelization Series Wednesday 7-8pm May 24 Upper Room

Part III: Spreading the Gospel

For this, the third and final week of the series, there will be a one hour workshop that will train you on a very simple method of explaining what we as Catholics believe. Christ asks us to spread the Gospel to all nations, but what is it that we are spreading? What is the Gospel message and how do you explain it to people who have no contextual background for understanding it? We will explore these questions and present a very simple method that can help you to have these important conversations in the future.

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Spiritual Thought

During the wedding feast at Cana, we learn that it is the job of the groom to supply the wine, however, Jesus seems to be acting like the groom because He provides lots of wine. In the next chapter, John the Baptist says that he is happy to be the best man of the groom. In the very next chapter, amazingly, Jesus, the groom, meets a woman with marital "issues." The woman meets the bridegroom, and engages in a theological discussion about fidelity. When you read the Gospel of John, you may have asked why there are so many references about marriage. If you can't figure it out, ask yourself what happens when people get married. They have kids. This is the reason Jesus came, to create children of God and for this reason He is the groom. The reason I bring up the marriage theme is Jesus. Once again, in this weeks' gospel, He is the groom.

Jesus talks to His disciples as if He were a man who wants to get married. On the night before Jesus died, He told His disciples, "I am going to prepare a place for you and I will come back to you again and take you to Myself so that where I am, you also may be." These are the words a young man would use to propose marriage. He would get down on one knee and say the girl, "I am going to my father and prepare a place for you and I will come back and take you to myself so that where I am, you also may be." After the proposal, the young man would go back to his father and tell him, "Guess what? I am getting married." Dad would then say, "Oh brother, I better add an extra room to the house for you both." It could take few days or even weeks to get the room ready. The day the room is ready is the day of the wedding. When dad says the room is ready, the son gets his pals and they march into the village of the bride. They will all be playing drums, cymbals and trumpets as they go. You would hear the music as they enter the village. All the young engaged ladies in the village hear the music and say, "I wonder if it is my guy?" The groom will find his bride, bring her to his father's house and they will get married. The party could last for days. That is the picture Jesus wants us to have when He comes to us and brings us to the Father's house.

On the day my mother died, our Lord said this to her, "Before the first star was created, My Father prepared a room for you...and we have been waiting ever since." The day my mother died I was sitting on the corner of the bed in tears while mom was at a wedding party. We do not like death because we don't see the other side. When the disciples were sad and weepy about Jesus leaving before He died, Jesus had to tell them about the other side.

The ancients thought that death was really sleep. They would say, "It can't be that bad because everyone likes to sleep." Jesus raised the bar. Death is no longer sleep; it is a wedding party. I think sometimes we forget that we are going home.

I was in the church waiting for the bride to come so I could officiate the wedding. She was one hour and five minutes late. That is a long time. When she finally came down the aisle, she apologized to me for being late. Apparently, the limo driver forgot to read in the paper about the parade that was to take place in the city and got stuck in traffic. I asked her, "How did you get here?" She said, "I got out of the limo, walked down the street and took a cab. Like I say, sometimes we run into road blocks to our final destination. We need someone who knows how to get us home. When we die, Jesus is the only one who can come to us, and say, "I will come and take you to Myself. Where I am, you also may be."

Here is the faith lesson. The greatest thing that ever happened to me is that I am a son with a very large inheritance: eternal life. No one can take that from me. No matter how bad it gets, no matter what happens to you in life, no one can ever take away your inheritance. You are a child in the royal Divine family. Christ was a groom who provides the wine for the wedding feast and it is the role of the groom to bring us home to the Father's house.