

St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02215

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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary omvusa.org

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent



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, Upper Room

Monday 7–8P

To be added to mailing list

semmab@gmail.com

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

To be added to mailing list,

info@pureinheartamerica.org

with the subject line SUBSCRIBE"



The Oblates of the Virgin Mary cordially invited to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

Mass 6:00PM, Wednesday, December 6th,

6:45 PM Reception to follow downstairs in the Refectory



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th

Holy Day Masses 7:00 AM 12:10PM 7:00PM

ADORATION BOSTON DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR ADORERS

Saturday, December 9th, 8:30 AM—3 PM

The day of recollection is a small retreat for Adorers—time set aside for spiritual renewal and enlivening faith.

Registration is \$10 – Contact Br. Nathan at ministry@stclements shrine.org or 617-266-5999 x 272

UPPER ROOM SERIES – 7PM Upper Room

Wednesday, December 13th "The Lord's Revelation to My Master"

Messianic Prophecies in the Psalms

Br. Nathan Marzonie, OMV

FORMED

Augustine Institute special website

Want to see a movie on the life of a Saint? Or listen to excellent teachers on the faith? Sign – up with "Formed" and get all this, plus more, for **Free!!!**

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine has a free subscription for all parishioners and adorers. Visit www.formed.org to register.

Enter St Clement's Code 678QKF and your email. Register and create a new password. Verify your email, and you are ready to see movies, listen to audio books and documentaries, study programs in faith formation and sacrament preparation!!

It's also in Spanish. There is so much offered.

Please take advantage of all of this enriching online material.

Volunteer:

St. Francis House,
39 Boylston St.

Serving Lunch

1st Saturday of Month

Please contact

Joey George

jgeorge@mit.edu

TUESDAY, Dec 12 – 7:00 PM

COPLEY SINGERS, Brian Jones, Director, to perform Christmas Concert at St. Cecilia Church, 18 Belvidere St., Boston

Information: [617-536-4548](tel:617-536-4548)

Tickets: \$20 General Admission | \$10 Seniors & Students | Children admitted FREE

Fr. Timothy Gallagher's January 27-28, 2018 Seminar

Ignatian Prayer with Scripture

This retreat offers St. Ignatius's clear and practical answers to common questions about prayer:

How do I prepare for prayer? How can I best begin a time of prayer?

How do I pray with Scripture? Can I use my imagination in prayer?

What should I do when I find difficulty in prayer?

Days Attending: \$50 Both Days, \$30 Students/Seminarians

Register: omvusa@gmail.com 617-266-5999 x130

AdorationBoston

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.

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

Spiritual Thought



The sand flea is smaller than a fruit fly, but they have very sharp teeth. I was fly-fishing one summer evening, and the sand fleas came out to torment me. They had no mercy and were all over me. I only had two options: (1) leave and miss out on the best fishing of the day, miss out on an exciting evening, miss out on a beautiful sunset, or (2) stay and die. I remembered what my father used to tell my mother when he was fishing: "Just one more." I decided to catch just one more fish. As I was about to leave, a fantastic event happened. Out of nowhere, I felt this gentle breeze on my face. To a five foot eleven inch guy a breath of air is nothing, but to a sand flea, it is a hurricane. The sand fleas were blown away. To think, I was powerless against these insects. There was nothing I could do against them. Yet, a gentle breeze did something that I was not able to do. If I can be powerless against a sand flea, I can also be helpless against much more aggressive opponents in life. Sometimes we need help outside of ourselves. That is why Christ the King is such an important belief for us Christians. It gives us power beyond ourselves.

One day Isaiah the prophet had a vision when he was in the temple. He saw God seated on a giant throne. He reported that the temple was filled with the hem of God's garment. The hem of the garment is the stitching around the divine toe. It was Isaiah's way describing the size of God. If His toes fill the temple, He must be pretty big. That would make the throne twenty-five to fifty stories high. If you or I saw God sitting on a fifty-foot throne, it would be safe to say that we would be a little intimidated, perhaps even afraid. It is, however, a healthy fear. When we fear God, because He is so big or powerful, it means that we will not fear anything else in life.

One time I was driving down a highway and it began to snow heavy. It came down so fast that could no longer see the road, a complete whiteout. I couldn't stop in the middle of the highway in case someone was driving behind me. Neither could I pull off to the side of the road because to my eyes there was no road. I slowed to a crawl, and I pictured God sitting with me, with this one detail: He was sitting on a fifty-foot throne. When God is massive like that, fear goes away. We sometimes forget that God is big. Bigger than any problem we will ever have.

There is a great line in the shepherd psalms: "He sets the table before me in the sight of my foes." Imagine the implications of those words. Picture yourself sitting at a picnic table with a nice juicy T-bone steak. Lo and behold a lion and a bear come out of the woods and start walking over to your table. Apparently, they smell the aroma of the steak. What are you going to do? Are you going to leave the steak for the bear and the lion and run? No, you are going to cut a piece of the steak, put it on your fork, hold up the fork with the steak attached to it so the bear and lion can see it, and you are going to eat the piece of steak, which you will enjoy very much. You may want even to tell the bear and lion how good your steak tastes. "Oh, this is delicious. Ummm." Are you crazy for doing that? Shouldn't you be afraid? Of course not. You have the good shepherd at your side. If the lion and the bear get any ideas, they will get a bop on the head with the shepherd's staff.

There are a lot of things that frighten us in life. Sometimes we forget how big God is. This is the feast of Christ the King. As king, He sits on the throne. If we keep that in mind, all the fear we have in life will go away.