

St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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March 4, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent



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 and

during Lent Wednesday

6:30–8:00P

Liturgy of the Hours

Mon–Fri 6:30A, 5P

Weekly Activities

Monday Nite Confession

7:30–8:30P

Rosary, Front Room

Monday 6:30–6:45P

Young Adults, Upper Room

Monday 7–8P

To be added to mailing list

semmab@gmail.com

Wednesday Nite Confession

6:30–8:00P

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,

BOSTON@pureinheartamerica.org

with the subject line SUBSCRIBE"

We The Many Serving as One - 2018 Catholic Appeal

A Message from Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the launch of the 2018 Catholic Appeal! Your participation in the life of the Church means a great deal to me and to all those served by our ministries. Each of us plays an important role in the larger work to advance the mission of the Church. This work of evangelization begins in our parishes and becomes whole when we bind together in the service of others. At this important time, when so many turn to our community of faith for assistance, I invite you to consider making a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Your generosity enables extraordinary people to build up our community of faith. Every day, our collective support of those working in ministry transforms lives. The bereaved, the sick, the elderly, the afflicted, the youth and countless others depend on all of us to share the good news that in Christ, we are never alone.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of support for this important work. I invite you to take this home, explore the wonderful work of the Catholic Appeal in our parishes and consider making a gift next weekend, March 10–11. With profound gratitude and the promise of my ongoing prayers,

Cardinal Sean OFM Cap
Archbishop of Boston



Monday 7:30–8:30P and Wednesday 6:30–8:00P

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

Besides Monday Night on all Wednesdays in Lent:

St. Clements is offering confessions. This outreach is an effort 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.

Friday Night Stations of the Cross 7:00– 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.



The Upper Room Series Wednesday 7:00pm

March 7th The Divine Liturgy: Praying with the Church from the Heart

Have you ever struggled to pay attention at Mass? Or felt uncertain of what is happening?

Join us for a walk thru the public prayer of the Church guided by Br. Nathan that will give an interpretive key to symbolism in the Church's communal prayer and concrete suggestions on how to participate fully & actively on a personal level.



Come to the Waters of Healing - A Retreat for Hope & Healing After Abortion

Winter/Spring 2018 Dates: 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

◆ Saturday, March 10 ◆ Saturday, May 5 ◆ Saturday, June 2

Location is confidential. Requested donation of \$10 to cover lunch cost.

Pre-registration is required. Limited to 10 participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100

FORMED Pick of the Week: Lectio Unveiling scripture and tradition PRAYER

Though prayer is one of the essentials of a thriving faith, we often feel as if we're talking to ourselves—or, worse, as if we're talking to no one at all. How can something so vital to the Faith be so elusive? Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In six video sessions, Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

Watch this series for free at www.stclements shrine.org/formed.org



Spiritual Thought

Why are we any different from Abraham, the Father of Faith? God called him, but He first tested him.

Every year, when I go on the family vacation, I bake a chocolate cake. After about twenty minutes, I open the oven to inspect the progress. Even though it looks done on the outside, I can never tell if the cake is baked enough on the inside. I am not a baker. So I take a knife and I poke it. If the blade has chocolate sauce on it, I put it back in the oven and keep poking it until the knife comes clean. You can tell that I baked the cake because it usually has twenty stab wounds. I stab it so I can know what is inside.

I taught a catechism class for eighth graders on Mondays at 4:00 PM. There could not be a worse time to teach teenagers. On the first day of class I give them the rule: "No talking while I am talking." What is the first thing they do? They turn to each other and start talking. I know what they are doing. They are poking me. They want to know how far they can push me. I love it when they poke Peter. They make me happy when they want to find out what is inside me. You can be sure that I fix their wagon wheels. They will not test me again.

God tested Abraham by telling him to sacrifice his only son. Why is God so hard on us at times? Why does he leave Abraham thinking that his only son is about to die? Why does he keep him in the dark until the last second when he draws his knife? God pokes us. What is wonderful about this story is that Abraham shows us what to do when God pokes us. It happens during the conversation with his son. As Abraham was taking Isaac up the mountain, he turned to his father and asked, "Where is the lamb?" Abraham does not tell Isaac, "I was hoping you would not ask that question, my son, I guess we have to talk." He doesn't say. "God is not always fair and just." He tells his son, "God will provide." What does that mean? Abraham is convinced that God will bring about a great ending. God never loses or would allow a sad ending. Abraham did not know the plan, but he knew God would provide a great ending. When Abraham ascended the top of the mountain, God provided a ram as a substitute for Abraham's son. In the end, Abraham has descendants as numerous as the stars in heaven.

Jesus went to Tyre and Sidon far outside Jewish territory. Why? There was a mother who needed His help. Her daughter was possessed by a demon. When Jesus meets the mother, He says something to her that is strikingly harsh: "It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." Why would Jesus be so offensive and deprecating? Jesus is poking. He wants to find out the depth of her faith. What does God want to see when he pokes us? He wants to know if we categorically believe that God will provide. Jesus chose to help the woman. Then He tested her. The woman believed, and God provided. If God chooses us, expect to be tested.

One of my brothers, who does not usually fly fish, asked to join me, another brother and my father for a day of fly fishing. The four of us were out on the lake in float tubes. Ten minutes on the water I looked over to see how my brother was doing. He had the fly line wrapped around his foot, one of his flippers came loose and sank to the bottom of the lake, and he lost his fly. I dragged him to shore. I then matched everything I had: line, leader, fly, and my extra pair of flippers. I said, "Come with me." Our float tubes stayed together, and we never separated. I told him how much line to let out, and we trolled at the same speed. He had a terrific day. Before we departed? He said, "I think I caught more fish than you." That is because I was spending all my time taking care of him. Anyway, my point is that I provided everything my brother needed to be successful and have a great time.

God will poke us. He will test us just as he tested the Abraham and the mother of the possessed daughter. Now when God tests us, we say "God will provide a great ending."