

SHRINE SCHEDULE

Mass

- Sunday 11 AM, 8 PM
- Mon-Fri 7 AM, 12:10 pm
- Saturday 11 AM

Confession

- Monday 7:30-8:30 PM
- Sunday 1/2 hour before Masses

Liturgy of the Hours

During the academic year

- Morning Prayer M-F 6:30 AM
- Evening Prayer M-F 5:45 PM
- Seminarian Rosary 5 PM

GET CONNECTED

Online

- stclementshrine.org (mobile-friendly)
- Online bulletin
- Facebook.com/StClementShrine
- YouTube.com/omvusa

Main Office

- stclement@omvusa.org
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- 1105 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02215

GET INVOLVED

St. Clement Young Adults

- Every Monday in the Upper Room
- 6:45 PM Rosary, 7-8 PM Bible Study

Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen

- Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday 6 PM
- Front steps of the Shrine

Choir

- 8 PM Sunday Mass
- Director: Brett Kostrzewski, brettak@bu.edu

Legion of Mary

- Thursday, 6 PM in the Front Parlor

Pure in Heart

- Thursdays in the Upper Room
- 6:30 PM Rosary, 7 PM Mass and meeting
- Boston@pureinheart.org



ST. CLEMENT EUCHARISTIC SHRINE

You can get the St. Clement bulletin, as well as Mass and event updates, via email. Visit stclementshrine.org and enter your email on the Bulletin page.

Perpetual Adoration at St. Clement

St. Clement Shrine is the only place of perpetual adoration in Boston, and we rely on men and women from all over the area to sustain this powerful spiritual initiative. One hour of eucharistic adoration each week is a concrete and attainable commitment that is sure to deepen your spiritual life.

For information, email AdortionBoston@gmail.com. To see available hours, sign up, and find resources for a holy hour, visit stclementshrine.org and click "adoration."



Oblates of the Virgin Mary

200th Anniversary Appeal

The Oblates are working to build a stronger, more connected community to continue and sustain our ministries and formation program.

Find more information and support the appeal on our homepage at stclementshrine.org.

Summer Class on the Gospels with Fr. Peter

The four Gospels are often read in short, isolated passages detached from the theological framework of the Gospel writers. This class gives a "big picture," providing you with a backdrop by which you can understand the meaning of the Gospel text more fully. This course will sharpen your reading skills so that you can grasp the meaning of each Gospel and allow you to appreciate, pray with, and teach the Gospels better than ever before.

The Class will be Tuesdays, 7-8 PM in the Upper Room on these dates:

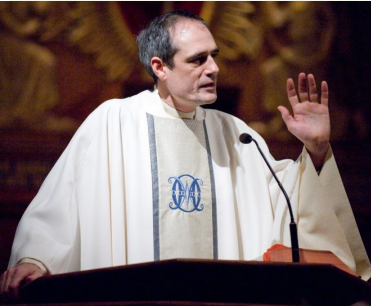
- June 5 – How to Read the Gospels as a Catholic
- June 12 – Mark: Blazing the Trail to Follow Him
- June 19 – Matthew: Real Discipleship
- July 10 – Luke: Fulfilling the Divine Plan
- July 17 – John: Creating Children of God
- July 24 – How to Pray with the Gospels

To register, email petergrover@gmail.com with the subject "Summer Class"



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Spiritual Thought from Fr. Peter Grover, OMV



One of the doors at the church was hinge-bound. So I went to my tool box and found my chisel. Apparently someone borrowed the wood chisel and used it as a crowbar. It was so dull that I couldn't cut through pudding. No, I did not throw it out and buy a new one. I called Dad. Why did I call Dad? He has chisels that he bought in the sixties, and still uses them every day. He said, "Bring it over, and I'll show you how to sharpen it." We went to the grinding wheel, and he said, "I will tell a secret that few know. Run the chisel over the wheel one time, then dip it in water. You do not want the tip to get too hot because it will weaken. After several passes and several

dips in the water, the chisel was sharp as a razor. As long as I have that chisel, I will never throw it out and buy a new one.

I tell you that because God has a toolbox. He reaches in to grab his chisel -- which is you. You are his instrument. Over time and with hard use, you will get dull. That is what happened. That is what happened to Judas.

Jesus sent Judas out with the other apostles, and like the other apostles, Judas cured the sick, expelled demons, and preached the gospel. When he returned to Jesus he was tired, and Jesus said, "Let us go to a deserted place to rest." When they got there, five thousand families showed up, and Judas had to serve them all food. Just after that, Jesus tells Judas to get in a boat and cross to the other side. Naturally, there is a storm, and he has to row against the wind until the fourth watch of the night, presumably four or five in the morning. After a long period and hard use, Judas said, "I am tired, I am dull, I am not sharp as I used to be, I am useless and no good." So he decided to part ways and wanted a little compensation for the three years of service. He thought Jesus would be fine. The high priests are never going to outsmart Jesus; they are no match for the Lord.

What happened to Judas could happen to anyone of us. Over the passage of time and hard use, we get dull. I have heard it hundreds of times. People tell me that they feel as if they do not have any faith anymore. But we are never useless.

It happened to me. When my mother was very sick, I was on-call for the Longwood Hospitals every weekend. I was director of St. Clement and running out to the nursing home often. I got tired. My mother died on the evening of the first Friday of May. The first Friday of every month was a special time for me and my mother. Once a month we would go to a church and do a holy hour together. That is what we did for years. She died at the hour we would be praying together in a church. It was a sign for me. God said, "Peter, I know you are tired. But know that I am watching out for you." I said to God, "Thank you." He sharpened my blade. He injected new life into me.

It happens. We get dull and we feel that our faith is no longer effective or productive, like a dull chisel in the tool box. But never think that God discards and replaces us. That is not what the professionals do. That is not what my father does. That is not what God does. That is why God seeks after the lost sheep, why Jesus eats with sinners and tax collectors. We are valuable to God. We are his instruments. Do not do what Judas did. Stay in God's tool box no matter how dull your faith may feel.



Daily Mass Streamed Live from St. Clement!

St. Clement streams Mass live on Facebook at 12:10 pm Monday-Friday. Now you can listen to the daily readings, hear the homily, and post your prayer intentions wherever you are.

Like our page, [Facebook.com/StClementShrine](https://www.facebook.com/StClementShrine), to get daily Mass on your news feed.