St. Clement Perpetual **Eucharistic Shrine**

August 9, 2015 Nineteenth Sunday

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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 x127

Confessions

Mon 7:30P-8:30P Before weekend Masses

Liturgy of the Hours

Mon-Fri 6:30A, 5P

Weekly Activities

Monday 6:30-6:45P

Rosary, Front Room

Monday Night Confessions 7:30-8:30P

Monday 7-8P

Young Adults, Front Room

Thursday 7P

Pure In Heart, Upper Rm

Feast of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven

Saturday, August 15th

Mass: 11:00AM

In the United States and other countries, the bishops have received permission from the Vatican to abrogate the requirement for Catholics to attend Mass on certain Holy Days of Obligation, when they fall on either Saturday or Monday. Our Lady's Assumption, Saturday, Aug. 15th, is one such Holy Day. The 11AM Mass on Saturday will contain the feast day readings.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Provincial of USA, our Fr. David Nicgorski, who was recently elected Rector Major of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary Worldwide.

Please keep the Oblates and Fr. Dave in your prayers as he begins this new chapter in his priestly ministry.



Eucharistic Adoration

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.

Rich McKinney 617.536-4141 or adorationboston.com



Monday 8A, 4P,

2A, 7A, 10A, 2P, 4P, Tuesday Wednesday 8A, 10A 12:30P, 3P,4P Thursday 7A, 10A, 2P, 3P

Friday 2A, 8A, 12:30P, 1P, 4P, 5P, 10P

ST. CLEMENT EUCHARISFIC SHRINE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday 3A, 4A, 10P 2A, 3A, 4A, Sunday

Fr. David Costello - Sunday, August 23rd

We have invited the Society of Saint James the Apostle to send one of their Latin American missionaries, Fr. David Costello, to our parish August 23rd as part of our special appeal for the South American missions. Founded by Cardinal Cushing in 1958, members of the Society are diocesan priests, from English speaking countries, who work with the exceptionally poor i n Peru and Ecuador.

A second collection will be taken on the 23rd, please be as generous as your means allow to help these missionaries to served the "poorest of the poor" in South America.



While I was in the seminary in Rome, I got to see the Mona Lisa at the Louvre in Paris. When I approached the painting, I noticed it was blocked off with ropes so no one could get to close to do it damage. There was a guide speaking in English explaining some of the details. He said, "If you look on one side of the painting you will notice that the background is low.

If you look on the other side, the background is higher. If you look at the face and your eye catches the lower background, it looks as if the woman is sad or melancholic. If you look at her face and your eye catches the higher background, the woman looks as if she is giving you a smirk or a grin. That is why every time you look at the Mona Lisa, she appears to be having a mood change. The artist surreptitiously included an optical illusion in his painting." There we were all standing around with our hand out in front of our eyes discovering something fascinating that we never knew before. This is what is called "the trained eye."

I say this because the Bible is full of wonderful information if you have a trained eye. Take the letter to the Ephesians. The letter was written to former pagans who had a lot of bad habits. Here is where the trained eye comes in. The letter to the Ephesians is not telling them to just give up their old ways. It is telling them to replace them.

When I go to confession, I usually like to bring a list in case I forget. Having a reference at hand is calming security. After confession, I should to shred the list so no one will see it. But I figure, maybe I could use it for the next time I go. Then I realize, that can't be right, that is not the purpose of confession. We are supposed to change our lives for the better. This is how I manage. I take one thing on the list. What is the one thing that would make my life better? One day in front of my computer I asked myself, "Do I really have this much time to waste; do I really have all this extra time?" So, I went back to school. Now I have no time. I complained to my office manager and she said, "Well, at least it keeps you off the street and out of the pool hall." I replaced something with something better.

I know a married couple. They are always together and happy. How is that possible that they have been married for so long and they are the best of friends? I will tell you. They both fly-fish. Whenever there is an insurmountable problem, marriage disharmony, contention, they grab the fly rods and life is good again. They take whatever is bad and replace it.

Take a look at the first verse of the Bible. God made the first verse important because we would not easily forget it. We may forget what Isaiah said in Chapter 37:18 but we will never forget the first verse. It says, "God saw it was dark and created the light." How did He rid the world of darkness? It was actually easy; He said, "Let there be light." Just like a walk over to the wall switch and turn on the light. I suspect that if there is a message in that first verse, we'd better listen to it. Let me try to explain what I mean by replace something you don't want with something better.

Picture I am in a dingy fly fishing with a dentist. I ask him: "So, what's it like being a dentist?" He tells me, "A patient had gum problem because of his smoking. He tried everything and was unable to quit. I told him to close his eyes picture himself having a cigarette. I asked him what was the most pleasant part about smoking. He told me, 'The exhale'. Why? Because, he said, 'It is so relaxing. When I exhale all of the stress leaves my body.' I told him, 'Now what I want you to do is close your eyes and take a deep breath and hold it.... Now you can exhale.' After he let the air out of his lungs I asked him. 'How was that?' He said, 'That can work.' Not long after that he quit. How? He replaced his cigarettes with something better."

Let's review: The letter to the Ephesians knows that a former pagan is going to have a hard time giving up all the former habits. There needs to be an easy way. When you have something in your life that you would be better without. What do you do? Replace it. That is why God gave us so many good things. We have amble choices. The next time you need to change your life. Remember, don't just fight it. Replace it.



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