

St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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Dec. 27, 2015 Holy Family Sunday



PARKING - especially
at Sunday's 8PM Mass

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the Church Parking Signs.
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*The Oblates of the Virgin Mary priests, brothers
and seminarians wish you & all those you hold dear
the blessings of our Infant Savior and may His Divine
Presence enrich your life throughout the New Year!*

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 Rm

Tuesday 7-9P

Music Ministry Upper Rm

Thursday 6P

Legion of Mary Front Rm

Thursday 7P

Pure In Heart Upper Rm

Vigil Services: To begin 2016, and being in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, there will be a number of priests who will be hearing confessions throughout the night (from 9:00pm up until Mass at 11:30pm) in the Upper/Mercy Room. (Right side aisle, thru swinging doors up the steps.)

New Year's Eve Vigil Services **see note

Thursday, December 31st : 10:00pm

10:00PM Rosary and Adoration

11:30pm Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley

12:30am Social in Refectory downstairs.

Friday, January 1st : 11:00am Mass

Holy Day – Mary Mother of God

There will be no 7am or 12:10pm Mass just one at 11:00AM

** Jubilee of Mercy Indulgence

*The Christian Faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence (observing the usual conditions) by making a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door open at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross **and on the occasion of the Vigil Mass at Saint Clement Shrine on December 31st.***

The Jubilee Year of Mercy

The works of mercy are the practical ways we live out mercy. They are how we show loving kindness, compassion and self-restraint to the people around us, both physically and spiritually. According to the catechism “the works of are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities”.

A Year of Mercy Challenge

Choose a corporal and a spiritual work of mercy to practice each month.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Cloth the naked
Harbour the harbourless
Visit the sick
Ransom the captive
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive offenses willingly
Comfort the afflicted
Pray for the Living and the dead
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Admonish sinners

Eucharistic Adoration

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.

Rich McKinney 617.536-4141 or adorationboston.com



Monday	3P, 4P
Tuesday	7A, 10A, 2P
Wednesday	8A, 10A 12:30P, 3P
Thursday	12A, 1A, 2A, 9A, 12:30P, 2P
Friday	2A, 1P
Saturday	3A, 4A, 3P, 4P, 5P
Sunday	2A, 3A, 4A



Spiritual Thought

The last thing Mary said to the departing angel was, "I am the servant of the Lord." Immediately after the angel left, Mary set out in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth. If you recall, Mary greeted her and Elizabeth, in turn, asked Mary a question: "Why should the mother of my Lord come to me?" Does this strike you as a bit odd? That is not the right question. She should have asked, "How did you find out I was pregnant? My husband was struck mute by the angel and I'm in seclusion. We never told anyone." The reason why was that something else more important came up. "How is it that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Mary responded with her Magnificat. "I am a servant," and God loves honoring the servant. Now we know what God does in heaven. He looks upon servants.

When I was in high school, I was thinking about becoming a priest. I asked to see my parish priest so I could ask a few questions such as: "What classes should I be taking to prepare for the seminary? Should I apply to a college first or apply to the seminary? Is there a difference between religious orders and the diocesan priest? How do I know which one is best for me?" The priest said to me, "Why don't you come for lunch and we can talk then." I sat down at his long dining room table. The priest sat at the head. After grace, the cook came out with sandwiches and soup. During the meal the priest asked I wanted some water. I said, "Okay, I could use a little more, thank you." Before the priest could even get up, the cook came out of the kitchen with a pitcher of water. "What a coincidence," I thought - like she was reading our minds. After we finished, he asked me if I wanted desert. I told him I would be happy to have some. Before the priest could even get up to get the desert, the cook came out of the kitchen with two slices of chocolate cake. "Amazing timing," I thought. After the cake, he asked if I wanted some coffee. I accepted the invitation. I turned my head to the kitchen and sure enough the door pops open and the cook is bringing in a pot of coffee. "Unbelievable," I thought. After lunch, I asked the priest if I could go into the kitchen to thank the cook. I went in and said to her, "Thank you very much. The food was great. You are amazing. Do you have mental telepathy or something? She smiled and said, "The pastor has a button under the table. Two rings means water, three rings means desert, four rings coffee." I do not remember a thing the priest told me that day and I am sure he told me a lot about how wonderful was the priesthood. I only remember the remarkable service I received. That is exactly what Mary is talking about. God looks upon servants. Mary is a servant. Mary, in her response, gives us the secret. I know a guy who gets up in the middle of the night and comes in for 3:00 am adoration. Another guy cleans up the public bathroom that looks like a disaster after the weekend. All these thankless jobs are all important because God watches over His servants. Why would God like to keep His eyes on the servants? Mary lets us in on the answer: God loves to raise up people who are in low places. That is His favorite work.

One day I was planting in the garden when my neighbor came over. He said, "I moved to the city because I love the city life, but I really miss having a garden." I said to him, "This is your garden. You can come any time to plant, trip, or just hang out." I gave him a key to the tool shed. One day, I was on my way to say Mass at St. Cecilia and noticed to my horror that I had leaves on the lawn up to my waist. You may ask, how I got so many leaves on my lawn when I only have one small magnolia tree. Apparently, park rangers don't rake leaves so when the leaves fall off the trees, the wind blows them down the street to my nice lawn. Later that afternoon I got my Home Depot leaf-bags, my rake and walked out to the lawn. There wasn't a leaf on the ground. My neighbor had raked them all up. I was so impressed I wrote to the Cardinal's office about the quiet work of my neighbor. The Cardinal gave him an award as an unsung hero of the church...and he isn't even a Catholic. What can we take from this experience? We love to reward, expose, and honor humble service. And if we do, God loves to exalt the lowly servant.

We should have the same question Elizabeth had when the Savior of the World came to her. "How is it that my Lord should come to me?" Mary provides a ready-made answer, "Because He looks with favor on His lowly servant."