

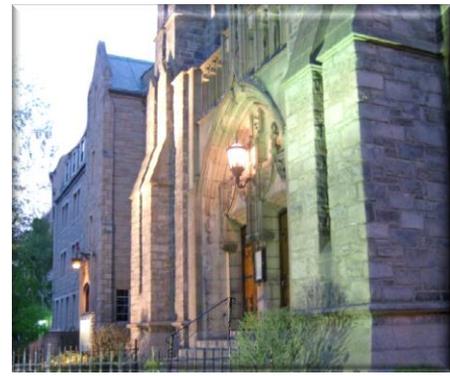
# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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February 15, 2015 Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time



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**PARKING - especially at  
Sunday's 8PM Mass**

Park in-between the Church Parking  
Signs. If you park beyond  
you will be towed.



**Sunday, Feb. 15, 6:30-7:30PM** front room

**St Clement Book Club**

*Rosary and discussion.* - We will be reading and discussing *Story of a Soul - Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux.*

## 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

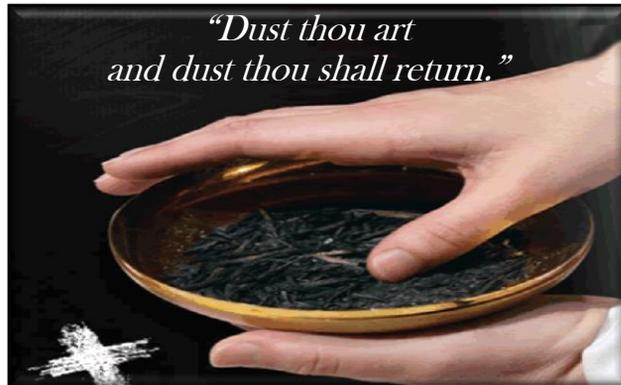
### Confessions

Mon 7:30P-8:30P

Before weekend Masses

### Liturgy of the Hours

Mon-Fri 6:30A, 5P



*February 18th - St. Clement's  
Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule*

**7:00AM—12:10PM— 7:00PM**

*Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory  
days of Abstinence and Fasting*

For all who have reached their 14th year Abstinence from meat is obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent.



**Abstinence: No meat**

Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. *Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.* For all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.



**Fasting: One meal—No meat**

## 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 Room*

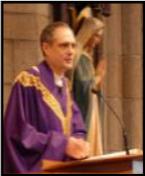
*Lent is a time of sacrifice for Jesus. It is a season of prayer, penitence, good works and self-denial, which prepares us for Holy Week's commemoration of His Passion, Death and Resurrection through which we attained redemption.*

### ***Wondering what to do this Lent?***

***Want to boost your "prayer, good works and self-denial" all in one swoop?  
Commit to 1 Adoration Hour during the coming Weeks of Lent.***

***Sign-up at [www.adorationboston.com](http://www.adorationboston.com) Or email your choice to [adorationboston@gmail.com](mailto:adorationboston@gmail.com)***

***Or call Rich McKinney 617.266.5999 x127***



God tells Elijah, the prophet, to go to Mount Horab. Mount Horab is in the middle of the hottest, and most brutal desert on the planet. It takes Elijah forty days to get there. Let's do some math. It takes one day to walk about twenty-five miles in the ancient world. Multiply that by forty and that is one thousand miles. That would be like walking from Boston to St. Louis without any mini marts, Holiday Inns, or twenty-four hour stores along the way. This of course raises an important question.

Why is God so difficult? Why meet on top of a mountain in the middle of a desert? Why not meet in, let's say, at the Top of the Hub, Prudential Building, which has an elevator and air conditioning? It would be so convenient, comfortable, and little time lost in long travel? Why does God always have to be so difficult? The reason is simple. Elijah is going to deliver a message to the Israelites, which will announce a seven-year drought, desert conditions. Elijah will assure the people that there is no need to worry because God will sustain them during this difficult time. As long as they do everything God asks them to do. The Israelites will then ask Elijah. "How do you know that God is going to sustain us? How do you know that we will not all die?" Elijah will be able to tell them, "I know from personal experience – forty days in a desert experience.

A prophet is someone who has to experience the message before he delivers the message. Let me give you another example. God tells Hosea to tell the people that His relationship with them is like "being married to an unfaithful wife." Hosea says, "No, you are kidding, not that message." Sure enough, Hosea, married an unfaithful wife (living the life of a prostitute) before he delivered the message. One more example. God tells the prophet Ezekiel to tell the people of Judah, that if they do not turn back to God, they will be taken into captivity. I can imagine Ezekiel's response. "No, not that message. Why can't I give the message you gave Isaiah to give, the one about the people eating rich foods and drinking choice wines? Sure enough, the Babylonians were a little upset with Jerusalem and they took a few captives back to Babylon. Poor Ezekiel. Anyway, the message was delivered.

Last week I took my first red-eye to California. I came back really sick so it will also be my last red-eye. One of our seminarians was ordained and he asked if I would give the homily at his first mass. At the end of the mass the newly ordained priest publicly thanked his parents and gave them each a gift. He gave his father a priest stole and said, "Dad, this is to remind you that the mercy I show in confession and kindness and generosity that I give in my work as a priest, I first learned from you. He then gave his mother a purification that was used at his ordination. He told his mom, "When you finally leave this world and go to the pearly gates of heaven, St. Peter will ask you what have you done in your life. This will remind you to tell him that you lived your life is a way that inspired your son to be a priest." Needless to say he didn't need me for a good homily at the mass.

I was driving recently with my Dad. He was telling me how he was raised during the depression. He said he shoveled snow one Saturday. He used the coal shovel, which did not have a nice Teflon coating, the snow would always stick to the coal shovel. He had to kick the snow off with his feet or clean it with his hand. It made the job much more difficult. After shoveling all day, Dad said he went into the living room and emptied out his pocket on the floor. He counted his money three times, and then stacked the coins in neat piles. He said he looked at the money and started to dream about buying a fishing pole, or maybe save up for a bike. After the dreaming he told me he took the money, walked into the kitchen and gave it to his mother to buy food. My father then said this to me. "Never fear the hard times, Peter they will make you strong and build character." I had this thought while the young newly ordained handed his father the stole: My father had no idea that when he was eight years old, handing his mother his hard earned money, that he was building character that would inspire his future son to want to be a priest.

Job asks the question in the first reading: "God, why are you so hard on us? And why do you make things so difficult? Maybe we are God's mouth; perhaps we are supposed to deliver an important message. In Baptism, we are called to be prophets and now we know that entails. Prophets have to experience the message before they deliver a message.