

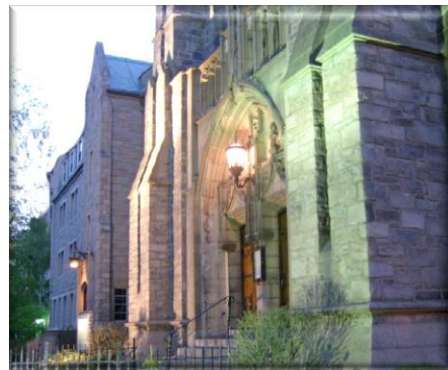
St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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February 22, 2015 1st Sunday of Lent



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

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Signs. If you park beyond
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Lent Days of Fast/Abstinence

All Fridays in Lent: No Meat. Good Friday: 1 Meal-No Meat



Sunday, Feb. 22, 6:00-7:30pm 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

LENT: Wed 6:30-8:00pm

Before weekend Masses

Liturgy of the Hours

Mon-Fri 6:30A, 5P

Weekly Activities

Monday 6:30-6:45P

Rosary, *Front Room*

**Wednesday Night
Confessions**

6:30-8:00P

Monday 7-8P

Young Adults, *Front Room*

Thursday 7P

Pure In Heart, *Upper Room*

You are Invited

Please come and experience Christ's Healing & Saving Love

In lieu of Monday Night, on all Wednesdays in Lent from 6:30-8:00pm,

St. Clements will be offering confessions, together with all the Catholic parishes and chapels in the Boston Archdiocese.

This outreach is called ***The Light is On For You***, and is an effort to highlight the importance of the sacrament of confession in the life of Catholics and 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.

You are welcome to come here or go to any other parish church or chapel.

Fr. Peter's Friday Night 7:00PM -



Stations of the Cross

First Saturday, Mar. 7 *Front Room*

Reparation to the Immaculate and Sacred Heart of Mary

8:30A continental breakfast (*Goodwill donation: \$5*),

9:00A Exposition and Rosary,

9:30A Meditation,

10:00A Eucharistic Procession,

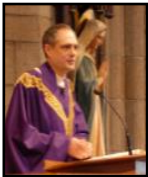
10:15A Reading and Reflection on Mary

Mass: 11:00AM



*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 Four Weeks of Lent.***

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Or email your choice to adorationboston@gmail.com
Or call Rich McKinney 617.266.5999 x127**



In the Gospel story, the leper walked over to our Lord and asked to be cured. I thought to myself, "Wait a minute. That leper can't just go over to our Lord. He is highly contagious. He can wipe out a whole city with the disease. There is also a very serious Mosaic Law that prohibits any leper from coming close to anyone." So, I said to the leper, "Hey, look here, you have to keep your distance, you can't get close to our Lord." When I said that, the leper snapped around and said "Look at my face. Take a look at the on my ugly face. Do you think I want our Lord to see me like this? Do you think it is easy for me to violate a very serious Mosaic Law right in front of my Lord and king? Do you think I want to do this? I only have one last hope in life. I only have one prayer left and I am going to take it."

It was uncomfortable and awkward, but the risk the leper took paid off. He was made clean. I don't think it was easy for the leper to go to Jesus, but we see what happened when he did. It is the same with any of us. Sometimes we do not feel pretty enough or holy enough to approach the perfect person in Jesus, but we must. Years ago, I enrolled in a Hebrew class so I could read the Psalms in their original language. On the first day, I arrived early and I met the students as they came in. I mentioned that I had had three semesters of Hebrew and that I thought it would be enough to get by in the class. One of them told me "We are doctorate students from Jerusalem." I said, "What?" He told me his first language is Hebrew. After the class got started, the professor asked me to read a few verses in Hebrew. Naturally, I was nervous and stumbled through the reading, mispronouncing words and putting the accent in the wrong places. When I finished, I apologized for destroying the language. After class, I went to the professor and told him that I was out of my league and that I would just be a drag on the class. It was better if I dropped out. The professor assured me that the class was designed for people like me who wanted to improve on the Hebrew and encouraged me to stay. I did.

The following year, I enrolled at Princeton University to continue my studies. Very early in the semester, a student was translating a Hebrew verse. He was having a little trouble so the professor asked if anyone could help him. No one volunteered so I raised my hand and said, "The verb you are translating is an intransitive verb, it doesn't have an object and while you are at it kick it into the passive voice." After I helped that guy, I became the designated "go-to" guy when anyone had any problems with Hebrew. After the class, the guy I helped the first time came over to me and asked, "Where did you learn your Hebrew?" I explained that if you hung out in a class full of guys from Jerusalem who spoke Hebrew as a first language, you would learn it pretty fast.

You may have reasons not to follow our Lord: He is too perfect, He has high demands, but if you do, you will be a better person. It may be hard work, but you will be well rewarded.

The leper in Mark's Gospel was not very good at keeping rules before and after his meeting with Jesus. He violated a Mosaic Law by approaching our Lord with his unclean condition, putting at risk Jesus and others around him. Then he went off telling everyone what happened, just after Jesus told him not to say anything. But his message was urgent. He let the secret out of the bag. He let us know that no matter what condition of impurity we may be in, we should go to our Lord. If we are in the good company of Jesus we will always benefit for the better.

SAVE THE DATE

The Seminarian Scholarship Auction and Dinner is to be held this year on Saturday, April 25, 2015
For more information contact Richard McKinney, 2 Ipswich Street, Boston, MA02215, 617 536-4141,
omv.office@gmail.com.

Attention Singers: We are looking for volunteers with any level of singing experience to join a choir that will provide music for worship at the 8pm mass every Sunday. We will rehearse Tuesday nights 7-9pm at St. Clement and have a warm-up before the mass. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Choir Director: Brett Kostrzewski: brettak@bu.edu

If you can, these are the most needed Hours:

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| Monday | 3P,5P |
| Tuesday | 3A, 7A |
| Wednesday | 3A, 10A, 12P, 3P, 5P |
| Thursday | 10A, 12P, 2P,3P |
| Friday | 11A, 12P, 1P |
| Saturday | 4A, 1P, 4P, 5P |
| Sunday | 2A, 3A, 4A, 4P |