St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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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 Room* **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 at adorationboston.com
 Monday
 3P,5P

 Tuesday
 3A, 7A

 Wednesday
 3A, 12P, 5P

 Thursday
 12P

 Friday
 11A, 12P, 1P

 Saturday
 4A, 1P, 5P

 Sunday
 2A, 3A, 4A

Weekend Seminar February 7 & 8, 2015 Discerning The Will of God

An Ignatian Guide to Catholic Decision Making. "Is it time to change jobs?"

"Should I marry?"

"Am I called to the priesthood or religious life?"

Sooner or later, every thoughtful Christian asks such questions.



This seminar will help you to make spiritual sense of your major life decisions. A few seats are still available.

To Register: email: OMVUSA@GMAIL.COM or call St. Clement's at 617 266-5999 x130* Include the spelling of your name & phone number.

Weekend Fee: \$50 – Students \$30

Fr. Tim n Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/frtimothygallagher

First Saturday, Feb. 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**

St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch Street Boston - Adult Confirmation Program 2015

Five Saturdays, 10:30A-12Noon beginning Saturday April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 Confirmation on Sunday May 17th.

Have you been baptized and made First Communion in the Catholic Church but have not yet been confirmed?

Adult Confirmation classes begin on Saturday mornings (see above schedule) at St. Anthony Shrine 101 Arch Street for adults (ages 20 and over). Candidates for Confirmation are adults who participate in Sunday Liturgy and the sacraments. Those preparing for the sacrament and their sponsors are all welcome. **Deadline for registrations for 2015 program will be early March 2015.** *Copy of Baptismal certificate is required*. For more information and to register, please contact Dr. Jackie Stewart at 617-542-6440, ext 143 or email evangelization@stanthonyshrine.org



Why did God Choose Abraham? Why did He go to Mesopotamia and ask Abraham to travel over one thousand miles to the Holy Land when He could have chosen someone already there? Why Abraham? It doesn't say. Why did Jesus go to Sea of Galilee to choose His disciples? Why didn't He just go to the local synagogue and find some upright, honest people there? Why did Jesus go to a tax collector, who was a part of the corrupt system of the Roman IRS? It doesn't say. But this is my guess.

I always try and leave one half hour earlier in the winter. Why? Our driveway has a steep incline and if there are three snowflakes on the driveway, the tires spin. One evening I decided to clean the cars and shovel the driveway so I wouldn't have to get up early in the morning and do it. I finished the job, said Mass, got something to eat and just before I went to bed I stuck my head out the window to check on the weather. The cars and the driveway were covered with snow. The snow on the roof had slid off and landed in the driveway. I got my coat and shovel and went back to work. As I shoveling, someone stuck his head out the door and asked what I was doing. I was holding a shovel so I thought it was obvious but I said, "Shoveling snow." "Why?" he asked. I answered, "Because there is snow on the ground." Then he asked, "I thought you already shoveled earlier." I said, "I did, but the snow slid off the roof." "Why are you shoveling at this hour?" "Because," I said, "it is going to freeze tonight and this wet snow will freeze." He said, "Oh," and went back into the house. He asked me every question except the one I wanted: "Do you need a hand?" About a year later, I thought, "I better go and start shoveling." I got my coat, shovel, and a bucket of salt. Ready to do battle, I opened the door and someone already cleaned off the cars and shoveled the snow. Wondering who did it I went on an investigation. After making enquiries, I learned that one of our new seminarians did it. I asked him, "Did someone ask you to shovel?" He said, "No, I just thought I would oit in case someone needed to use one of the cars." I later told the formation staff about him anticipating our needs. They were so impressed that they put him in charge of the cars.

Years later I went to his ordination. The Archbishop gave the homily and mentioned that God always seeks a servant's heart. I thought about what he said and I realized that is exactly what I did. After I found the driveway cleaned from the snow, I had to find out who did it. Only God can read the heart. It makes sense that when someone does something kind to another without being asked or without any rewards or praises. God must seek out that person. Maybe that is why He went out of His way to pick Abraham? I used to be the vocation director. One of my jobs was to advertise in religious periodicals. I didn't know anything about advertising, but I knew someone who did and he said that he could help and invited me to his office. Sitting around a large oval table, one of his staff asked me, "What exactly are you looking for?" I said, "I am looking for the best men out there. I am looking for men who are willing to make a sacrifice for others. Men who want to make a difference in the world with Christ. Guys that are generous, that do not get discouraged in times of difficulty, guys who can learn from their mistakes, guys who know how to say they are sorry and who are quick to forgive." The group around the table started to laugh. One of the girls said, "Yah, those kinds of guys are in big demand. They make great husbands." They also make pretty good CEOs. One of them, Brian, asked me, "What do you mean?" I said, "Well let me tell you about the seminarians we have now. One was accepted into a master's program at Harvard...he came to our seminary instead. Another gave up a job that was paying six digits. Another was the master of ceremonies for the archbishop of Denver, a job usually given to a priest, but he told the bishop to find someone else because he was coming to Boston. I meant to tell him about the seminarian who lived next to one of the best salmon runs in Alaska but Brian heard enough and said, "Wow."

Did you ever "wow" God? You have. That is why, God called you. You did something that no one else noticed, or you did something without any reward. But God knew you did it. That is why He called Abraham. He knows a servants heart.