# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine



#### June 21, 2015 Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time

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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* 

# Happy Father's Day

As You, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world, sending Your only Son to be our Savior, we ask You to help all men to imitate His unconditional love, His fatherly gentleness and mercy toward those who are weak; His humility, perfect obedience to Your Will, and fearless witness to Your Truth.

We ask Your blessing on all those who have shown a fatherly concern for us whether they be our father, stepfather, foster father, adopted father, godfather, grandfather, brother, teacher or priest who have watched over us and directed us in the path of goodness. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for You. Grant that we may honor them always with a spirit of respect.

**M**ay Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire all men with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love.

In a special way, we ask You to bless our Holy Father, Pope Frances inspire him in his ministry.

## Heavenly Father, Thank You!

Massachusetts March for Life June 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 Boston Common Parkman Bandstand Rally -1:00pm with Lift Ministries March - 2:30pm



Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that grows into a large tree." A mustard tree? Do you know what a mustard tree is? It is a weed. It is big and ugly. You would think that Jesus would come up with something a little more majestic like a great cedar of Lebanon or the glorious Californian Red Wood. Why a mustard tree? Precisely because it is flawed. The kingdom of God is meant for the weak, the rejected, the outcasts and the flawed.

In the collection during Mass, people still throw in pocket change. I am not complaining because it is money. One time the change accumulated and my office manager told me to take it to the bank. We filled a bowling–ball bag with the change and I went to the bank. It was so heavy I walked in leaning to one side. I went to the front and the teller gave me the be-with-you-one-in-a-minute sign. I waited and waited. I know why, he knew what was in the bag. I was neglected because I have baggage. Another teller walked in and asked, "I can help you?" I said that I have a bag of change. "No problem," he said, "That's why I am here." I suppose it is a simple image, but I picture God like that bank teller. No matter what baggage you may have or what sins weigh you down, God will be on the other side of the counter saying, "I can help. Bring them over here."

One day God appeared to Moses. You may say, "Mosses, he is a great prophet." Well this is before Moses was a great prophet. When God went to Moses, he was a runaway slave wanted for murder. In the ancient world, people respected people of honor. This guy was the furthest thing from honor. But God goes to Moses and says, "I want to be your God." And Mosses says to God. "What can you do for me and my nation?" God said, "I can give all of you your freedom. I will provide you protection from your enemies. I will give you food and water in the desert. I will give you property. You will be able to plant crops and there will be highways to connect people to the superpowers. Everyone will cross into your land and want to spend money so your economy will always be rich. What do you say, can I be your God?" Moses says, "Okay, but what is the catch?" God said, "Listen to My word." The point in the Gospel is that listening to God is not that hard. The kingdom of God is like a farmer who plants seeds and waits for the harvest. Allow me to explain to you how easy it is to listen to God's voice.

I plant hundreds of tulips every year. In the fall, I put the tulip bulb in the ground and that is basically it. The bulbs sit in the ground all winter and then one day in the spring they all sprout at the same time. They grow side-by-side, and on the very same day they all blossom. It is amazing. On the same day! How do they do that? What, do they text message each other? Last month I was outside in the garden and some people walked by and said, "Oh, what beautiful flowers." I said back, "Oh, thank you." They said. "Does it take a lot of work?" I said, "No, not really. All I did is put the bulb in the ground last fall and they did this." "No," they said. I said, "Yup that is all you do. No weeding, no fertilizer…all you do is put it in the ground and they know what to do." "That's hard to believe," they said. I thought to myself: "City people!" The word of God is like planting tulip bulbs. You plant the word in yourself. God does the rest.

Our Lord was in Peter's boat preaching. When He finished He told Peter to go to the deep and cast the net for a catch. Peter said to our Lord, "I am professional in this trade, and I can tell You that we will not catch anything because we were at it all night. However, because You told me, I will lower the nets. Listening to our Lord is not that hard. Peter had to go against his better judgement but he did the simple task. Behold, they caught so many fish that it almost sank two fishing boats. Peter then kneels before our Lord and says, "Depart from me for I am a sinful man, I have baggage, I am broken, I am a mustard tree. Our Lord said, "That is precisely the point. The kingdom of heaven was meant for the flawed, the broken and the rejected. God can take those who are low and raise them up. We see what God did to Moses and Peter; He can do this with us as well. I am in the church because I am flawed. I am not proud of it, but I know that I belong. The next time life is a little too complicated, when you think you missed the mark in life. Think tulips; you'll know what to do.

#### **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,3P, 5P

 Tuesday
 2A, 3A, 7, 10A, 4P, 10P

 Wednesday
 3A, 10,A 12:30P,3P,4P

 Thursday
 10A, 12:30P, 2P,3P, 6P

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

 Saturday
 2A, 3A, 4A,

 Sunday
 2A, 3A, 4A,