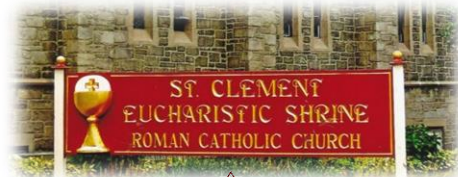


# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

March 15, 2015 4th Sunday of Lent  
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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.

**Fast/Abstinence** All Fridays in Lent: No Meat. Good Friday: 1 Meal-No Meat

**Wednesday, March 18, 7:00P--Theology & Culture Chapter** *Front Rm*  
Introducing a new, Catholic chapter of Mass. Citizen for Life, which will draw nourishment from Scripture, prayer, theology and high culture (poetry, music, art). The goal is to grow in love & wisdom, to become more creative advocates for the most powerless human life. With Dr. David Frank, all are welcome.

### 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



**Sunday, March 22, 6:00-7:30pm** front room  
**St Clement Book Club** We will be reading and discussing Notebook 1 (up to p. 221) of St. Faustina's Diary



*Bless me Father for I  
have sinned, it has been  
(weeks, months, years)  
since my last confession.*

**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 parishes and chapels in the Boston Archdiocese 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.



**Fr. Peter's Friday Night 7pm Stations of the Cross**

### 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*

### Holy Week March 29-April 5

**Palm Sunday 3/29** Palms Distribution during the 11am and 8pm Masses

Lent comes to an end before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This liturgy begins the *Triduum*, the great Three Days that celebrate the central mystery of our Faith.

#### Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 12am in the Upper Room

**Good Friday** (*Day of Fast & Abstinence: one meal– no meat*)

Stations of the Cross 12:00pm - Confessions until 3:00pm

7:00pm Veneration of the Cross and commemoration of our Lord's Passion and Death. Although not a Mass you will be able to receive Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday** (*The church will be open all day for prayer & reflection*)

8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday** 11:00am and 8:00pm Masses

*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. Offer Him 1 Adoration Hour.*

**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**

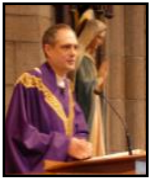
*If you can, these are the most needed Hours:*

Monday	8A,3P, 5P
Tuesday	2A, 3A, 10A
Wednesday	3A, 10A, 12P
Thursday	10A, 12P, 2P,3P
Friday	2A, 11A, 12P, 1P
Saturday	2A, 3A, 4A, 4P, 5P
Sunday	2A, 3A, 4A

## **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,, 617 536-4141, [omv.office@gmail.com](mailto:omv.office@gmail.com).*



When I was in the seminary, I attended classes in anthropology, metaphysics, Canon Law, systematic theology, sacramental theology, and biblical studies. What I should have taken was "Boilers 101." I went into the church one Sunday morning and it was freezing. I immediately ran to the boiler room and I saw a flood. I called the plumber and I said, "If you can fix the boiler, I will get you free parking, a cup of coffee, some lunch, gas money, and you can be my friend." Actually, he wrote up the contract, gave me the list of parts that I needed, the hourly wage, and the time frame of payment. The one in need does not write up the contract. It is always the one who provides the service who writes up the bill, the party in need does the signing.

When the Israelites were in the desert, they had no food, water, nor passports. Having no place to go, they turned to God. God said, "I will provide you with food and water. I will give you land with beautiful weather. On your part, I want you to keep the Ten Commandments. Without hesitation, the Israelites signed the contract. As the years went on, God saw that it was really hard for them to keep their side of the contract. So, God sent His Son to give us a new contract.

This is the contract. A rich man came to Jesus and asked Him "How can I have eternal life." Jesus said, "Keep the commandments." The man said, "I have kept the commandments since my youth." Then Jesus said, "Because you want to upgrade the services to eternal life, I want you to sell all that you have and give it to the poor. Then, follow Me." The Scriptures report that the rich man went away sad. Why? He could have been present at the most significant events in human history! He could have been there where Jesus took a few loaves of bread some fish and fed five thousand families. He could have been there to watch Lazarus walk out after being dead for four days. He could have been at the Last Supper. Which one of us would not want to have a ticket at that event? He could have been in the upper room on the day of the Resurrection. He would have had churches named after him. There would not be a person born, in the last two thousand years that would not know his name and legacy. He went away sad. He missed out.

Let me ask this question: Why was Mother Theresa great? Was it because she won the Noble Peace Prize? Was it her honorary doctorate at Harvard? Is it because she was the founder of one of the largest and most successful religious congregations in the twentieth century? I saw a picture of her that I believe was the moment of her greatest achievement. She was sitting in a dirty gutter in Calcutta, holding in her arms a boy who was obviously suffering from malnutrition. She was feeding him. When you look at Mother Theresa's face you know that this is her finest hour. This is the moment of her greatest achievement. She spent her life obeying the commandants for this moment. She spent hours in prayer for this moment. She gave up her career, and left her home because of this moment. Mother Theresa was great because she was special. The contract that God gave the Israelites made us good. The contract that Jesus gives us to follow Him, makes us special.

When I was in the 6th grade, instead of a graduation, we put on a variety show. Our teachers brought us to the auditorium and we broke up into groups. My teacher came over and asked me if I would work with three kids from the special education class. When I saw they had Down Syndrome I knew that my friends and classmates were going to tease me because 6th graders are cruel. We went over to the piano teacher and she said, "Let's sing *Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head*. I immediately saw that these kids couldn't sing or dance, it was going to be a disaster. I also noticed that they were constantly happy, they like to have a good time and were always smiling. So, we hit it off. On Friday afternoons for the next 2 months, we met to practice our routine.

The day finally arrived; the curtains opened and the four of us walked out single file waving our top hats and holding our umbrellas. We did the "flipper flapper" with our feet. We did the "hide behind the umbrellas trick." We did the umbrella "pirouette" and we did the "staking head" behind the curtain. For the grand finale we sang in four-part harmony and slid across the stage as they closed the curtains. We got up, stood in front of the curtain so when it opened, we could bow in unison. When the curtain opened, I could not believe what I saw. Everyone was on their feet, the families, teachers, and all my classmates. They didn't stop applauding. We stood there, maybe two minutes, and basked in the glory. It wasn't because we were good. In fact, we were awful. It was because we were special.

God gave a contract in the desert that made us good. But Jesus gives us a contract, to follow Him, that makes us special. Here is my advice. Make sure you sign the new contract.