

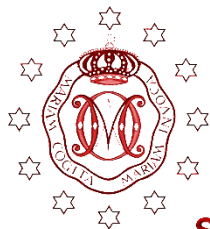
St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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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*

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom is the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith. Through wisdom, we come to value properly those things which we believe through faith. The truths of Christian belief are more important than the things of this world, and wisdom helps us to order our relationship to the created world properly, loving Creation for the sake of God, rather than for its own sake.

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a hard time understanding how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, understanding allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith.

Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

Fortitude While counsel is the perfection of a cardinal virtue, fortitude is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a cardinal virtue. Fortitude is ranked as the fourth gift of the Holy Spirit because it gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel. While fortitude is sometimes called *courage*, it goes beyond what we normally think of as courage. Fortitude is the virtue of the martyrs that allows them to suffer death rather than to renounce the Christian Faith.

Knowledge The fifth gift of the Holy Spirit, knowledge, is often confused with both wisdom and understanding. Like wisdom, knowledge is the perfection of faith, but whereas wisdom gives us the desire to judge all things according to the truths of the Catholic Faith, knowledge is the actual ability to do so. Like counsel, it is aimed at our actions in this life. In a limited way, knowledge allows us to see the circumstances of our life the way that God sees them. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we can determine God's purpose for our lives and live them accordingly.

Piety, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

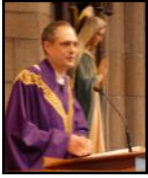
Fear of the Lord The seventh and final gift is the fear of the Lord, and perhaps no other gift of the Holy Spirit is so misunderstood. We think of fear and hope as opposites, but the fear of the Lord confirms the theological virtue of hope. This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him. Our desire not to offend God is more than simply a sense of duty; like piety, the fear of the Lord arises out of love.

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace and heav'nly aid to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

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 3P, 5P
Tuesday 2A, 3A, 6A, 7, 10A,4P
Wednesday 3A, 9A, 10,A 12P,3P,4P
Thursday 10A, 12P, 2P,3P ,6P
Friday 2A, 8A,12:30P, 1P ,4P
Saturday 2A, 3A, 4A,
Sunday 2A, 3A, 4A,4P



I never succeeded, although I gave it my all, to get out of doing the dishes at my grandmother's house. I used every trick in the book i.e. "I have to make a call." "Time to feed the cat!" I failed every time. I finally resorted to verbal trickery. I said to my grandmother "Why bother to clean the dishes you're only get them dirty again." She was not impressed. "Why should I feed you? You are only going to get hungry again and don't forget the pot on the stove.

This was my early introduction in the value of cleaning. Learning the importance of cleaning was indeed a bitter pit to swallow growing up. Let's face it; cleaning is less fun than eating ice cream. I also learned that there are two types of cloning, the quick, superficial get-done-only-what-you-see method. The other is the more aggressive: move out the furniture and get behind the closets and under the rugs. Cleaning the unnoticed, unseen dirt is the best way to clean we all agree. But if we have to go someplace in a hurry like the ice cream store or the beach we will probably opt for the quickly method. Besides, you may think, we are not going to see hidden dirt anyway. It is more inviting to take the path of least resistance.

If our Lord was to give the quickie method a name (based on the gospel) he would probably call it Pharisee method. Clean the outside while avoiding the unseen dirt. It is the unseen dirt however, that always does the most damage. That type of dirt sneaks into the delicate hard to get places in equipment like computers and jams their movable parts. For our Lord, who came to live light to the blind, the solution is simple. See that which is not seen. It is not really that hard.

Materialism was a philosophy that didn't work because basically it reduced reality to "what you see is what you get." A sunset is just a sunset; a mountain is just a mountain. But a saint, a poet or an artist has the ability to see a reality beyond the obvious; they see the beauty of God. When they see a mountain they see more than just a mountain. They see the majesty of God. It is important to see beyond the surface. Doctors do just that. They look inside when the smile on the outside is gone because of pain or illness. Our Lord is telling us to look inside at the heart, beyond the surface to the deeper more profound reality. Once inside it will be easy to keep the heart clean. The surface will clean itself. Having the ability to see beyond the surface to deeper realities is the first step to seeing the "unseen" God in the world, in ourselves and in one another. The spiritual life is as easy as cleaning a room. Cleaning the right way doesn't mean that we have to give up eating ice cream. It may mean that we will probably eat a little less.

Young Adults Activities

To be added to the Young Adult emails, contact stclementyoungadults@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities:

St. Francis House, 39 Boylston St.- **first Saturday of each month.**

Please contact Joey George jgeorge@alum.mit.edu

Friendship Works, Boston 617-482-1510 Assist elderly and/or adults with disabilities getting to doctors appointments

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