

# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

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**Nov. 29, 2015 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**



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

Park in-between  
the Church Parking Signs.  
If you park beyond  
you will be towed.

## 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 Rm

**Tuesday** 7-9P

Music Ministry, Upper Rm

**Thursday** 6P

Legion of Mary, Front Rm

**Thursday** 7P

Pure In Heart, Upper Rm



## Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
in which the Son of God was born of the most  
pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem,  
in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe,  
O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my  
desires through the merits of Our Saviour  
Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother  
**(mention your request) Amen.**

*Imprimatur: Michael Augustine, Archbishop of New York, February 6, 1897*

*Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the above beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.*

### December 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00pm

Pure in Heart - Healing Mass & Service Upper Room

Guest: Frank Kelley

### December 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

## Holy Day - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Masses 7:00A, 12:10P, 7:00P**



*After the 7PM Mass, all are invited downstairs to the Refectory where there will be light refreshments in celebration of Advent with families, friends and benefactors.*

### December 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:00pm "Rest in Him"

**Scripture, Adoration & Song with the Oblate Seminarians**

### December 13<sup>th</sup> Potluck Brunch

Join us for a potluck brunch after the 11AM Mass in the Upper Room, sponsored by Adoration Boston. For more information email [adorationboston@gmail.com](mailto:adorationboston@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome! Should you wish to bring a potluck offering, please remember there is no access to a fridge or stove.

### December 13<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 pm St. Clement Book Club Front Room

In *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*, bestselling author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, reveals St. John Paul II's witness for our time. Building on the prophetic voices of Margaret Mary Alacoque, Thérèse of Lisieux, Maximilian Kolbe, and Faustina Kowalska.

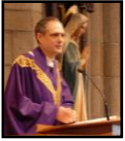
## Eucharistic Adoration

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](http://adorationboston.com)



<i>Monday</i>	3P, 4P
<i>Tuesday</i>	7A, 10A, 2P
<i>Wednesday</i>	8A, 10A 12:30P, 3P, 5P
<i>Thursday</i>	9A, 12:30P, 2P, 5P, 9P
<i>Friday</i>	2A, 11A, 1P, 10P
<i>Saturday</i>	3A, 4A, 3P, 4P, 5P
<i>Sunday</i>	2A, 3A, 4A, 9A



### Spiritual Thought

When I die I want to ask St. Peter a question: "Why did Jesus have to ask you three times if you loved Him?" What was Jesus looking for in the answer? I would like to know in case Jesus ever asks me. "Peter son of Alfred, do you love Me?" I'd rather not wait until I die to find out. I want to know now. Well, there is some good news. Apparently, others asked Peter about the matter so he wrote the following letter to Christians: "May your love be fervent." We all know the significance of the word fervent except me, so I looked it up in the Greek dictionary. Fervent means to strain forward; it means to lean into the tape at the end of a race. In other words, it is not what you do at the beginning of the race; it is about what you do at the end. Everyone is excited at the beginning and wants to win. Everyone has lots of energy, yet it only matters what happens at the end...are you leaning into the tape?

When I was in the seminary, Dad did a number of road races: 5k, 7k. My brother joined him on one of the races. At the beginning of the run, Dad gave him some advice: "You want to pace yourself because this is your first race. You don't want to go too fast at the beginning." When the race started, my brother jumped out front and for the first half-mile, he ran with the leaders. Everyone on the road was cheering him on. At the half-way point, my father caught up with him and asked, "Are you okay," He said, "I'm dragging, but I'll make it." After the race, Dad socialized with the other runners. After a time, someone asked: "Where is your son?" He never officially finished because they removed the finish line before he appeared. The lesson is obvious: It is not how well you do at the beginning of the race, but it is how you finish.

The first question I asked after I entered the seminary was, "When am I going to say Mass?" Naturally, that is not the way it works. I had to take classes. My first class was 17th and 18th century English literature and had to read was Spencer's "The Faerie Queene." Needless to say, I struggled. Some of my classmates would take naps before the exams and get perfect grades. I worked hard to just pass. When some of the gifted students left, I turned to God and said, "Don't let the talented ones get away, otherwise you will be stuck with me." I was in the seminary for ten years, but it wasn't about how well I did when I first entered, thank goodness. It is about finishing the job. I leaned into the tape.

I invited my uncle to my ordination. He said, "No." I asked why. He said, "The first day is easy. It is new, people are happy, taking pictures and you get lots of well wishes. I will go to your twenty-fifth anniversary. Well, uncle Bobby, I am sending the invitation.

Do you remember the parable of the seed and the sower, and what happened to the seed that fell on rocky ground? It sprouted up strong, but the sun scorched it and it withered. I believe that the parable is a warning to all of us. Notice that the rocky ground happens to be the name Jesus gave Peter: Rocky. Yes, the disciples were enthusiastic at the beginning. They gave up their boats and their livelihood. They went out in twos and cured the sick. They expelled demons and passed out bread to five thousand people. They were part of a team that brought the dead back to life. They were impressive to say the least. But what did they do in the end? Persecution, suffering, and they dispersed: one betrayed, one denied, and the others fled.

I believe the most important thing Jesus ever said was the last thing He said while He was on the cross: "It is finished." He wanted us to hear those words so that we would know that it is what we do at the end that is most important.

The greatest commandment is to love God. How do we achieve this with success? Finish the job. Yes, we get tired, sometimes we get down, but we need to persevere to the end. It is not what we do at the beginning; it is what we are doing at the end. Be fervent in your love.