# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

## Oct. 4, 2015 Twenty-seventh Sunday

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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 Tuesday 7-9P Music Ministry, Upper Rm Thursday 7P Pure In Heart, Upper Rm

## Sunday, Oct. 4th Choral Motet: Otche Nasch (Our Father),

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971) Sung in Church Slavonic Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

## Next St. Clement Book Club Sunday, Nov. 8th 6:00-7:30 PM

In the Front Room

This meeting of St. Clement's book club, will continue to discussing the diary of St. Faustina *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. The diary is written in the form of a journal, records the last four years of her life. It reveals the depths of her spiritual life and illustrates the picture of the high degree of her soul's union with God. The Lord endowed sister Faustina with great graces: the gift of contemplation, a deep knowledge of the mystery of the mercy of God, visions, revelations, the hidden stigmata, the gift of prophecy and of reading into human souls.

All are Welcome. Please contact Joanne Donovan at <u>donovan.joanne@gmail.com</u> with questions .

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Through the RCIA program, the Catholic Church extends an invitation to:

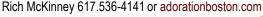
- Those who are not associated with a community of faith and who wish to become Catholics;
- Those who want to convert to Catholicism from another faith. For them, the RCIA is the process through which they will become full fledged Catholics;
- and Those who want to learn about the Catholic faith. These individuals may be involved in interfaith marriages or simply are actively involved in a Church of a different denomination and they want to learn more about the Catholic faith in the spirit of ecumenism.

The RCIA fills all these needs of those who are searching and inquiring about the Catholic faith. The Boston University, 211 Baystate Road, Boston <u>617.353.3632</u> offers a RCIA program that will begin October 18th. Michael Wegenka, S.J. (email at mjwegenka@gmail.com) is the RCIA class instructor this year.

The class schedule is each Sunday from 4:30pm till 5:45pm starting on October 18th through December 6th and then from January 24th through/ending at Easter.

#### **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 adorationho





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#### Spiritual Thought

My uncle was in Hawaii and visited the leper colony of St. Fr. Damien on the island of Molokai. The only way to the village was by donkey. When my uncle got on the donkey, he said, "This isn't so bad." But once the donkey stepped out on the ledge it was a different story. On one side was a wall of stone, on the other a thousand foot drop. When he saw the drop he said, "I don't think this looks like a very good idea." But, it was too late to turn around. The path was too narrow and is a one-way street. He turned to the guide behind him and asked about the conditions, hoping to hear some words of encouragement or reassurance. All the guide said was "Good Luck!" He made it to the colony, alive.

Sin is like getting on the donkey. It is not so bad at first, but when it steps out onto the ledge, it seems that your life is going in one direction without the option of turning around. I say this because Christ makes it clear that this will never happen to us. If our life is headed for the wrong direction, there is always a jug handle or a fork in the road with a sign: Turn Around Here.

In the ancient world, there were targets with a bulls-eye for archery. The target is a measure to determine the accuracy of a shot. Let's say you hiccup as you are about to shoot. The arrow will probably not be on a path to the bulls-eye. There is a Hebrew word for this: *Hatta*, which means, missing the mark. That is the word for sin. Now that we know the meaning of sin, we can take a look at Peter.

Peter had just got in from fishing all night, when our Lord jumped in his boat to preach to the crowds on the shoreline. Peter waited until he was finished so he could clean up and go home. After the discourse, Jesus says to Peter, "Let's catch some fish." I guess Jesus is not familiar with the good fishing strategy. If it is a warm sunny day, the fish are not going to be near the surface. Peter explains to Him that to fish you need the right time and condition, but, "If you say so, I will lower the nets." Well, we know what happed. The fish they caught almost sank two boats. Peter was impressed. The curing of his mother-in-law a few days earlier didn't muster up the same excitement. After seeing the fish, Peter knelt before our Lord and told Him to depart "for I am a sinful man." We now know what Peter meant when he said sinful. It means that Peter is on a path in life that is not going in the right direction. What does Jesus tell him? "Follow me and I will get you to the bulls-eye."

Everyone knows what confession is: We go and tell our sins. We get absolution from the priest and we feel nice and clean again for about five minutes until we mess up again. Then back we go to get rid of more sins. Well that is not confession. Confession is really a check-in with God to make sure we have the most important things in life: humility, honesty, and most of all, God. We think we are telling God our sins but what God hears is not what we say, but what is between the lines. It takes a humble, honest person who needs God to go to confession. When you go to confession, you just checked-in to tell Him your spiritual life going in the right direction. Sin always means that we need God. That is not a bad place to be with God. It means we need to follow our Lord and He will get us the bulls-eye.

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