

# St. Clement Perpetual Eucharistic Shrine

September 6, 2015 Twenty-third Sunday

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## Eucharistic Adoration

These are the current "open" hours of Adoration where we need an adoror. 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)



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

## 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 Rm*



## Catholic TV 2015 Telethon

September 11<sup>th</sup> 9A-9P, September 12<sup>th</sup> 9A-10P

*Please tune in (Comcast 268; Verizon 296; Charter 101; and CatholicTV.com)*

The Catholic TV Network belongs to all of us and needs our support. It reaches people in the Boston Archdiocese as well as other in dioceses, even in Hawaii! The faithful and regular viewership grows each day. Many of those channel surfers who top for a brief moment end up staying because CatholicTV speaks to them about their life in Christ.

The cable companies want to be associated only with those TV networks who can deliver the viewers! They have to continue to prove to them that they can do this because there is a sizeable audience that wants the kind of programming that Catholic TV in Boston provides. Call and pledge your support to this very important work of the Church.

**Saint Cecilia** 18 *Belvidere Street, Boston* concert series:

### Boston American Guild of Organists Opening Service

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. - Free & open to all

Saint Cecilia Parish kicks off its 2015-2016 concert season on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. Members of the choir of Trinity Wall Street and Marsh Chapel, Boston University, will be joined by organ, brass, and percussion and will be conducted by, and featuring the music of, Julian Wachner, one of the most prominent and nationally covered young music makers in the United States. **MORE UPCOMING CONCERTS:** - Friday, October 30 @ 8:00 pm - Seraphim Singers - Friday, November 20 @ 7:00 pm - Saint Cecilia Day Concert - Thursday, December 10 @ 7:00 pm - Copley Singers

## Pregnancy Help 888.771.3914

is a pregnancy resource center sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston. Trained and caring nurses and case workers are available to assist any woman experience an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. Pregnancy Help provides free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasound, counseling, referrals, on-going support and material assistance to support women in finding alternatives to abortion. All services are free and confidential.

## Young Adults Activities

To be added to the Young Adult emails, contact [stclementyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:stclementyoungadults@gmail.com)

*Volunteer Opportunities:*

**St. Francis House**, 39 Boylston St.- **first Saturday of each month.** *Please contact Joey George*  
*[jgeorge@alum.mit.edu](mailto:jgeorge@alum.mit.edu)*

Only one of the lepers returned to thank our Lord. What really fascinates me is the way this man thanked his God. He knelt down at our Lord's feet and worshiped him. His whole heart and soul, as if his life depended on it, went into his thanksgiving. We can say this much about him, he knew how to worship the Lord. He left his need list home this time and loved his God. So, He knew how to pray. That is a real shocker because, as it turns out, the leper is a Samaritan. I was led to believe that Samaritans didn't know how to pray. Samaritans are unclean and they are despised because they can't pray very well.

The Israelites are the skilled worshippers. So they claim. That is why they do not take Samaritans seriously. The Israelites are the chosen people, the holy ones of God. Therefore, they are the ones who teach us how to pray.

As a Catholic I can relate to that feeling. I am baptized into the life of Jesus Christ. That is no small order. If you think of it, we have the greatest religion in the world. Some religions are a philosophy of life. Some are born from a book. Others are a product of bi-laws. Our religion is different because it is a person. To be a Catholic means to have a personal relationship with our Lord. Being grateful is a vital and necessary component of our religion.

If the story of the leper were told today it would go something like this: The Lord said to the Jehovah Witness, "Did I not heal ten? Where are the other nine Catholics?" The story gives us pause. Being a good Catholic is not automatic.

I have a very simple spiritual life. The sign for me that I am living my faith is that I am grateful. I am grateful for a lot of things. I am grateful for a wonderful family. I am grateful to be a religious and a priest. Believe it or not, I am also grateful for my failures. They tell me that I need God. They help me to be humble. I am grateful for my sufferings. Because of them I have learnt to be compassionate and patient. I am grateful because I have experienced the darkness of my sins and have been lifted into the light of forgiveness. For that I am most grateful to God. To be freed of the darkness of sin is by far the deepest sense of gratitude I have toward God. I watch carefully how this leper expresses his gratitude to God because I need to return to the Lord. Not just to return to Him after I rejected Him through my sins. Of course I return to Him to take away my illness, sins and darkness. But I need to return to thank Him profoundly for all His kindness and generosity.

I would like God to perceive me as very grateful. Grateful people are genuinely very gracious people. Grateful people show their gratitude. Grateful people are enthusiastic when they give. They usually make the best co-workers. They are the easiest people to maintain a friendship. They are usually not selfish. They usually admire greatness in others. They are perceptive and readily more available. These are the details that I want to have in my relationship with our Lord. And as we see in the gospel here, the most important detail of all, grateful people are very good at worship.

My favorite line of the leper story is when our Lord tells him to get up because *your faith has been your salvation*. What a response! Do you ever wonder what the Lord may say to you if you ever encounter Him? I often wonder what would the Lord say to me? If I can wish the words in His mouth, they would be the words He tells the leper. What would I have to do to have our Lord say those words to me? Your faith has been your salvation. That is exactly what we learn in the gospels. Do not underestimate gratitude. We are never going to hear those words if we do not return to our Lord in deep gratitude.

**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

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