



## ST. CLEMENT EUCHARISTIC SHRINE

### SCHEDULE

#### MASS

Sunday, 11 AM and 8 PM  
Monday-Friday, 7 AM and  
12:10 PM  
Saturday, 11 AM

#### CONFESSION

Monday, 7:30-8:30 PM  
Sunday, *half hour before  
Masses*

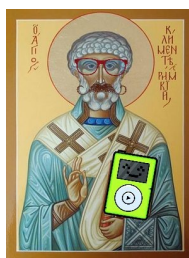
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"e-blast"*

## ST. CLEMENT IS GOING PAPERLESS IN JULY 2018

St. Clement is a busy place, and there are news updates all the time. In order to get all the news out most effectively, we are focusing effort on our newly reformatted e-blast. In a once-per-week, mobile-friendly, clickable update, you can get all the information you need to stay well connected and have an easy, direct line to the St. Clement office and various ministries.

**There will no longer be a weekly paper bulletin after June 24.**

*Sign up securely on [stclementshrine.org](http://stclementshrine.org). Click "bulletin" and enter your email address at the top of the page.*

### *Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

## 200th Anniversary Appeal

The Oblates are working to build a stronger, more connected community to sustain our ministries and formation program.

**Find more information and support the appeal on our homepage at [stclementshrine.org](http://stclementshrine.org).**



## Perpetual Adoration

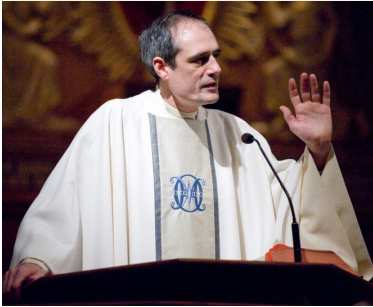


St. Clement is the only place of perpetual adoration in Boston, and we rely on men and women from all over the area to sustain this powerful spiritual initiative. One hour of eucharistic adoration each week or month is a concrete and attainable commitment that is sure to deepen your spiritual life.

For information, email [AdorationBoston@gmail.com](mailto:AdorationBoston@gmail.com). To see available hours, sign up, and find resources for a holy hour, visit [stclementshrine.org](http://stclementshrine.org) and click "adoration."

# June 17, 2018 | Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

## *Spiritual Thought from Fr. Peter Grover, OMV*



The book of Genesis reports that God walked in the Garden of Eden and asked Adam and Eve, “Where are you? He asked because they always want to be with God. God thought, “Adam and Eve are always excited to see me. The other day they almost ran me over. They said, ‘We think there is something wrong with the horses, they have really long necks.’ They’re not horses I explained. They are giraffes. I gave those fellas a long neck so they could eat high off the branches. And then the next day they came running to me and said, ‘we were in the sea, minding our own business and this monster leaps out of the water.’ I said, Oh, I forgot to tell you about that one. That is the whale; it will not hurt you unless I tell it to eat you. Yesterday they said I could not leave the garden until the sun went down because that is when the sky lights up with beautiful colors. I told

them I like to paint the sky before I turn in for the night. But where are they today?” Meanwhile Adam is hiding behind a bush because he just ate the forbidden fruit. He is hiding and thinking, “I hope he leaves. I hope God goes away.” That is evil. Evil wants God to go away, to depart from us. Grace is the opposite of evil. Grace says I want to God to always be with me. When God is with us he knows what we need and what he can give us. So Grace is God giving us gifts.

My brother let me stay at his place a few days down the Cape, so I wanted to thank him with a gift. He has been married now for a while, and I have not been to his house for a long time, so I do not know what he wants. So I decided to give him the impersonal gift card to Eastern Mountain Sports. Not too long after he got out of his car wearing a sky jacket in hot, hot fluorescent orange with a cobalt blue strip on the arms. I needed sunglasses to look at him. He said, “Look what I got with your gift card.” I had no idea. I thought, “Maybe earth tones...?” This goes to show you that you have to really know a person to give them the perfect gift. You have to live with them a long while, and you have to listen to them and all the subtle hints in conversations.

When we are with God, he knows what we need. One time I was called to the hospital to anoint a patient who was going to be taken off of life support. When I got there, the family was gathered around a man who was heavily sedated and unresponsive. He was hooked up to all kinds of tubes, and machines. I anointed the man, spent a few minutes with the family and left. After Mass one Sunday, someone came over to me and said, “I don’t think you remember me, but you came and anointed my father before we were going to take him off of life support. I want you to know that we took him off support, not because he was dying. He got better. He walked out of the hospital two weeks later. I wanted to thank you.” Naturally, I was thrilled to get such good news and to be a part of such a wonderful story, but I said to him, “It wasn’t me, it was grace.” God knew what I wanted.

I was on a two-lane highway when someone wanted to get in my lane so I let him cut in front of me. When I let him in, he slowed the car to a stop, put on his hazards, and got out of the car. So now I am stuck behind this car. I tried to get in the left lane the traffic was moving too fast. No one let me out. After a minute or two, someone saw my predicament and slowed down to let me cut in. I thought if I were God at that moment I would let him win the Megabucks, I would have all his favorite sports teams win championships for the next five years, and he will never have back pain again. Why him and not others. He stood out. He did something no one else did.

That is a Christian. We stand out because we do things no one else does. That is why God gives us gifts. Remember Adam who was hiding behind the bush, “I hope he goes away.” Adam and Eve sinned, they messed up, but that is not evil. Hiding from God and not wanting God in your life is evil. We sin. We all mess up. Maybe we feel ashamed and feel uncomfortable with God in our midst when we do. No matter what you did or feel, never ask God to leave our life, no matter what happens. There is a better option: grace.

