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5th Sunday of Lent

"In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence." (Heb 5: 7)

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09:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

HOÀ GIẢI - RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LỊCH TRÌNH PHỤNG VỤ - LITURGY

Thánh Lễ Cuối Tuần - Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 (Việt)

4:00 p.m. (English - Việt)

Thánh Lễ Trong Tuần - Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday

7:00 a.m. (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Việt)

Chầu Thánh Thể - Benediction

Sau Thánh Lễ Tối Thứ Năm

Following the Thursday Evening Mass

Xin liên lạc Văn Phòng Giáo Xứ trong giờ làm việc hoặc
Cha Quản Nhiệm vào bất cứ lúc nào cho những Nhu Cầu
Mục Vụ khác.

Please contact the Office for additional need

MASS INTENTIONS

7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, March 20 Rosary IMO Frances Kenney +Margaret Griffin <i>Anniversary</i> +Patricia Bradley <i>Anniversary</i> +Donna and Aldo Ghiloni <i>Memorial</i> +Caroline DelMonte <i>Memorial</i> +Michael Falco <i>Anniversary</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00PM	Sunday, March 21 +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Monday, March 22 Recitation of the Rosary +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Tuesday, March 23 +Alberto Canas <i>Healing</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Wednesday, March 24 +Mario Cocchiara <i>Memorial</i> +Mary Hardy <i>34th Anniversary</i> +James Hardy <i>Anniversary</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thursday, March 25 +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Friday, March 26 +Orphan Souls of Purgatory +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, March 27 +Recitation of Rosary +Antonio Sacco <i>4th Anniversary</i> +Giovanni & Enrietta LoPriore +LoPriore and DiSisto Families
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, March 28 Family of Saint Clement Family of Saint Clement Family of Saint Clement

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for those in need, especially Dora DelGizzi, Mary Ackerley, Brian Branson, Marie Lahue, Sally Kiely, Thomas Marabella, Glenda Gutierrez, Tricia McShane, Mary Bottari, Ann Hoag, Anthony Capraro, Gennaro Annunziata, Alberto Canas, Linda Lameiras, Delia Cassidy, and Joseph Salemme. If there is anyone you wish to add, please call or email the Parish Office. All names will remain on our Prayer List unless our Office is notified to remove them.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Our sanctuary candle for the weeks of March 7 through March 31 will burn in loving memory of Antonio Damian, given by the Damian Family.

FROM FATHER PHONG

There is still one more load of laundry left to do, the whites. The two dark colored loads had been sorted and put away. Doing laundry for me is therapeutic. No thinking. No anxiety. No worry. But a mindless simplicity of habitual motions. I have failed to understand, however, why my heart breaks out in joy when all the socks are fully paired up. Perhaps it is my existential angst or, in a fancier theological jargon, my transcendental nature unceasingly longing for togetherness, for union, for peace and tranquility.

The owner of a restless heart I am. A deadly commingling of perfectionism and inferior complexes. I guess, now that I am nearing sixty years of age, I should stop blaming my mother for passing onto me her genes. I should really be accepting accountability for my incessant worrying and the immature impulse to have everything under control. But isn't it a truth that blaming others is as old as dirt itself? Heck, aren't I or--better--aren't we in our everyday existence often behave a little like Adam blaming Eve and Eve blaming the serpent? Perhaps herein lies the cause of all wars and violences and injustices: a refusal to accept one's fault and the denial of one's sinfulness.

Lent calls us to go back to the core of our being, to go deep into the heart, to go beyond the flesh and the bones so to reach the center of our soul. Stop the blaming game. Stop the outwardly pointing of the finger. Stop the tongue from spitting words of untruth. But, embracing the spirit of the prodigal son, let's strike our breast and confess the Mea Culpas. Abstinence from meat and fasting from food are really only baby steps of the Lenten journey. The meat of the real conversion to togetherness, to union, to peace and tranquility is the unceasing utterances of mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa...

An abbot was asked to travel to another community of monks to preside over a trial of one of the brothers being accused of a wrong doing. Unable to decline the invitation, the abbot set out on foot shouldering a bag filled with sand. The bag, however, was holed. With every step that pulled him closer to the monastic community, the abbot kept on speaking softly to himself: my sins are running out behind me and yet I am going to judge the sins of my brothers.

I remember this tale from Thomas Merton's little book, "The Wisdom of the Desert." I gave the book away when I left parish ministry, went back home to live with my parents and began working as an itinerant preacher for the world's poor. Somehow, among the many stories that Merton had collected and written down, this is the only one that remains in my memory. I remember this tale only perhaps because I am the abbot and the community of monks and the accused brother. I am in every sinner. I am in every accuser. And with God's grace and a lot of God's assistance, I desire to be in every transcendental being.

I need to run downstairs to retrieve the last load of my laundry, even though it is close to midnight. More importantly, before I close my eyes, I need to put my heart, my mind, my soul, my tongue, my hands, my feet, my everything into the washing machine - heavy load setting, hot water and with bleach added to the strongest of detergent. I know that if I put my everything through the washer of Calvary, with the Mea Culpas on my lips, I shall be transfigured - together and united with God in everlasting peace and tranquility.

SHALOM, FATHER PHONG



I have worked at Saint Clement for almost forty years. Years ago, Saint Clement was one of the most populated, vibrant, and financially stable parishes in the Archdiocese. Over the years, the demographics in the Medford/Somerville area changed; families moved to the suburbs and over time Saint Clement Parish declined.

I have been committed to be the "Shepherd of the Parishioners' Money" for a long time. At times the future looked bleak, but a financial miracle always seemed to save the Parish. We were comparable to the Wedding of Cana...the jug of wine just never ran dry! Luck was running out, and rumors of closing were the inevitable.

Then, we received confirmation that Saint Clement would become the first Vietnamese Parish in the Archdiocese. The day I met Father Phong, I saw my first glimmer of hope that Saint Clement would survive once again. I have not been disappointed.

I want to welcome and thank the new parishioners of Saint Clement. I am so grateful and appreciative of your faithfulness, your time, your talent, and your treasure that you so willingly share with Saint Clement.

I know in my heart that great days are ahead and I look forward to watching Saint Clement grow and thrive once again.

With gratitude, Mary Jane Hough, Business Manager



Stations of the Cross in English at 6:00 PM every Lenten Friday. The Vietnamese Stations right after the Friday evening Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is on the weekends and by appointment.

Passion Sunday. As of right now, the distribution of palms is permissible. How to carry that out safely is yet determined.

Celebration of Holy Thursday will be at 8:00 PM.

Good Friday Services. The English Service is at 3:00 PM and the Vietnamese Service is at 8:00 PM.

Easter Vigil, at present, is scheduled to begin at 8:00 PM. We are looking into the possibility of having an outdoor celebration.

Easter Sunday Morning, celebrations in English will be at 9:00 and in Vietnamese at 11:00.

The Archdiocese Annual Catholic Appeal continues. This Appeal provides necessary funding for the more than 50 ministries that serve our parishes, schools, and communities, helping us all live our faith together. This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you are directly supporting our parish and all those who turn to our Church for assistance. Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation.



To remember your loved ones at Easter, please take a Flower Envelope at the entrances of the Church.

Thank You from Catholic Daughters and the Red Cross for another successful Blood Drive! Last weekend, the Red Cross collected thirty-four pints of whole blood and four donations of platelets. Blessed, happy, and healthy Easter to All!



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

KINH KÍNH THÁNH GIUSE

Kính chào Đấng gìn giữ Đấng Cứu Thế,
Bạn trăm năm của Đức Trinh Nữ Maria:
Chúa đã trao Con Một của Chúa cho ngài.
Mẹ Maria đã tin tưởng vào ngài.
Chúa Kitô đã lớn lên thành người cùng với ngài.
Lạy Thánh Giuse điềm phúc,
xin cũng hãy tỏ ra ngài là cha của chúng con và hướng dẫn chúng
con đi trên đường đời.
Xin ban cho chúng con ân sủng,
lòng thương xót và lòng can đảm,
và xin bảo vệ chúng con khỏi mọi sự dữ.
Amen



If you are new or visiting at Saint Clement Parish, please introduce yourself to Father Phong, or call the Parish Office if we can be of assistance. If you would like to become a member, please complete the registration form at the entrance of the Church.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to Saint Clement Parish Office no later than 12:00 Noon on Tuesdays. Submit all notices to: secretarystclement@outlook.com.



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