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Prepare

...you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

~Matthew 24:44



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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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, November 28 Recitation of the Rosary +Simeone and Victoria Dominijanni +Giuseppe Martiniello <i>2nd Anniversary</i> +Raymond Patalano <i>Memorial</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, November 29 +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM	Monday, November 30 Recitation of the Rosary
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Tuesday, December 1 +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Wednesday, December 2 +Sanctification of Priests +Elisa and Carmine DeSimone +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Thursday, December 3 +Frank DiSchino <i>Anniversary</i> +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 7:00 PM	Friday, December 4 +Holy Souls of Purgatory +Family of Saint Clement
7:00 AM 4:00 PM	Saturday, December 5 Recitation of the Rosary +Armando Federico <i>Memorial</i> +Elena Black <i>Anniversary</i> +Frank and Emily Donadio <i>Memorial</i> +Francis Donadio <i>Memorial</i> +Diane A. DiMatteo <i>Memorial</i> +Antonio Forcucci <i>Memorial</i>
9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Sunday, December 6 +Janice Clay +Pietro Cascio and Salvatore Pintone +Family of Saint Clement +Family of Saint Clement



PRAYER CORNER

Dora DelGizzi, Mary Ackerley, Brian Branson, Fred and Eleanor Hunter, Marie Lahue, Florence Breau, Stanley and Donna Chiozzi, Patricia DiFillippo, Sally Kiely and Thomas Marabella.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Our sanctuary candle for the month of November will burn in loving memory of Donald Kilgallen, given by his family.

FROM FATHER PHONG

A rainy Monday!

I love Mondays because each is (supposedly) for me a designated day of rest. And I do love the rain.

The tin roof of my little house in Vietnam had borne many holes. Despite the constant patching, mother nature and falling debris had always managed to create openings for the pleasant sunbeam and the rain to enter. The sunbeams were greatly appreciated when electricity was cut off caused by the village's power shortage or by mom's running out of money. But the rain water was a mess to the house interior - except for the exquisite concerto it made on the tin roof and the beautiful melodies played by various pots and pans situated on the floor right under the openings. Since immigrated to America, from time to time, when it rained hard I would get into my car and go to a park. Once there I just turned off the engine, reclined the seat, closed my eyes and listened to that exquisite concerto. The metal top of the car is not the same as the tin roof. But it is the closest instrument that I have.

Advent is here. The sacred season of waiting is here. We await once again for salvation. For peace. For harmony. For love. We long once again for an end to bickerings, misunderstandings, name callings, finger pointings and blamings and accusations and drawing boundaries and building walls. We dream once again for the world to come together as one. And we pray once again the words once uttered by our Lord Jesus Christ: May they be one!

Rabbi Barukh's grandson, Yechiel, came running into his study, in tears. 'Yechiel, Yechiel, why are you crying,' asked his grandfather. His sobbing grandson explained, "I was playing hide and seek with my friend, but he stopped looking for me and left me alone. He cheated. It hurt. So I cry." Rabbi Barukh caressed Yechiel's face and, with tears welling up in his eyes, he whispered softly, "God too, Yechiel. God too is weeping." Pulling Yechiel even closer with a tight embrace, Rabbi Barukh repeated, "God too, Yechiel, is weeping. For He is hiding and we humans have quitted seeking for Him." (*Adapted from Martin Buber, Tales of the Hasidim I*)

God does not hide. It is just that we often have our eyes closed or have them opened partially to see God only in comfortable and familiar places. Remember the time we flew into a rage when finding out that our beautiful Italian daughter had been dating an uncouth Irish man, or our prized Portuguese son wanted to marry a heavy English accented Chinese woman? Yes, we believe in the truths that all people are God's children, all people are our brothers and sisters, all people are loved by God and all God fearing Christians. But as recent as on this rainy Monday, these truths are professed but have not yet fully lived out. On this rainy Monday, we Christians have talked many talks but obviously have walked very little, if any, of the walk.

That is why, the Baby Jesus was born unrecognized then and still unrecognized now. And that is why we are still waiting. That is why we are still longing. That is why we are still lighting the purple candles and praying for peace and pleading for the Emmanuel to come. Into our everyday. Into our every moment. Into the inner sanctum of our very heart. May this Advent lead us to not only seek but find the Baby Jesus. Truly, may this Advent be our last!

SHALOM, FATHER PHONG



PLEASE PRAY FOR:
Hong Nguyen
 who was buried from
 Saint Clement Church
 this past week



ST. CLEMENT PARISH GIVING TREE



All Giving Tree donations benefit Respond, Inc. Somerville, MA. Twenty (20) families need our help this Advent season. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's Wish List will consist of gift card donations only. Gift card requests: Target, Walmart, Market Basket, Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, Marshall's, Old Navy, Carters, Stop & Shop, Burlington, Uber, Gap, Nintendo Shop, Ulta, TJ MAXX. Please return and deposit gift card donations in the locked box located at the Church entrance. We will sort and package the donations received and hand-deliver them to Respond, Inc. Copies of the Family Wish List are available at the entrance of the church. **The return date for all donations is on or before December 9, 2020.** Thank you in advance for your continued generosity & support.

SAINT CLEMENT PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

PASTORAL AIDE TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive a visit, the Eucharist, the weekly bulletin, or who would simply enjoy a weekly telephone call to chat, please submit their names to: secretarysaintclement@outlook.com. Thank you.

SAINT CLEMENT FOOD COLLECTION



We have begun collecting nonperishable foods for the local food banks. Donation boxes are located at the front entrances of the Church. We appreciate your continued support and generosity. Thank you.

Today we recognize those who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Catholic Appeal. Especially, during these challenging times, your participation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you!** If you have not yet given, it is not too late. We recognize that many of you may be navigating your own financial challenges but ask for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal at whatever level is comfortable for you. If you have not received a Catholic Appeal letter or email request, donations can be made on line at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org You can also place your donation in the Sunday Collection basket clearly marked "Catholic Appeal". **Remember that when our Parish exceeds its goal, a percentage of any additional funds received is returned for use in our Parish.** When each of our individual gifts are combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners in the Archdiocese, a very real difference is made in the ability to provide ministries and services.

2020 Assessment	\$ 16,036.00
Gifts and Pledges	\$ 11,515.00
Shortfall	\$ 4,586.00

This is our Church. Thank you again for your support.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Saint Clement Religious Education Program will begin in January 2021. Be assured the students in our First Communion and Confirmation Programs will be prepared to receive their sacraments in the Spring of 2021. If you have questions, please call Father Phong Pham, or Richard Johnston 617 633-6536, raaljohnton@yahoo.com.



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 6:00 PM on Tuesdays. Submit all notices to: secretarystclement@outlook.com.



COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection: \$3978.00
 No second collection this weekend.
 No second collection next weekend.