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# WEEKLY NEWS

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✠ The 24th Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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## On Sundays

**Low Mass** is offered at 8 a.m. at Lady Altar after which silence is kept in S John's Chapel for **Centering Prayer**. At 10 o'clock we pray the **Rosary. Terce** is recited at 10.30 followed by **Solemn or Sung Mass** at 11 and **Coffee Hour** just after Mass in the Parish Hall. When scheduled, the **Sunday Forum** is then held in the adjacent Yarnall Room. **Vespers** is chanted in Latin at 3 p.m. in the church followed by the **Novena** to Our Lady of Clemency and **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Weekdays

**Daily Mass** is offered Monday through Friday at 12.10 p.m. (10 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays). **Vespers** is recited in the Church at 5.30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays followed by **Shrine Prayers** to Our Lady of Clemency.

*Service booklets for all services are published and available on the Usher's tables and at [www.s-clements.org](http://www.s-clements.org).*

## SAINTS ARE AT THE READY

Beloved in Christ,

While I write to you just after this Sunday's first vespers, I still have S Martin of Tours on my mind, particularly this inspiring antiphon from Lauds of his feast:

*Dómine, si adhuc pópulo tuo sum necessárius, non recúso labórem: fiat volúntas tua.*

"Lord, if I am still necessary for thy people, I will not refuse the labour. Thy will be done!"

"Thy will be done!" was Martin of Tours' deathbed response to his disciples who simply couldn't imagine how they would carry on without him. Their own antiphon reads: "Father, why are you leaving us? To whom will you entrust the care of your disconsolate children? For fierce wolves will invade your flock."

As Catholic Christians, Clementines are blessed with a deeply reliable annual cycle for praying that places serious emphasis on saints we commemorate each day, some with considerable solemnity, others with simpler memorials. These venerable ones represent all sorts and conditions of human beings from steadily holy folks to dramatically converted sinners. Their inspiring legends and stories about valiant confessions, munificent care for the poor, reckless generosity or outlandish bravery provide the church with an array of behaviors to emulate, along with enduring deposits of merit and prayers enveloping us in our devotions and strengthening our faith and our discipleship.

Daily the church's liturgies offer a potent remedy for coping with a dearth of unselfish leadership that so characterizes the brutal, cynical war-torn world in which we are asked to say our prayers and turn hearts toward the Gospel of peace. Knowing the saints are praying with us and for us, we keep daring to hope and living to love others as we are loved by God.

Yours faithfully,  
Fr. Alton

## About today's Mass

The devil, the author of evil, sows in darkness the cockle which causes weeds to grow with the corn in the father of the family's field. The necessary separation will be carried out; if the cockle grows it will be thrown into the fire, but harvest time must be awaited. That is God's providential plan: the separation of the good from the bad is postponed until the end of time.

Judgment belongs to God, and God is able to wait; He can put off for centuries His time of reckoning which will not fail to take place. For our part we should display goodness, kindness and patience to all men, whatever their condition, This duty is the greater since allowed to enter into the peace of Christ we are ourselves recipients of His mercy. St. Paul reminds us of it as a reason for joy and thanksgiving, but also as a requirement of charity which is incumbent on a Christian.

This patient charity implies, it must be said, no compromise or abandoning of principles; it leads, on the contrary, to a persevering will for good. On the part of weak mortals who themselves are constantly in need of God's pardon and help it is neither presumption nor pride, but a humble awareness of their own obligation to love and pardon as God loves and pardons them.

-- Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, O. S. B.



## Praying Online, Part One

The liturgical leaflets at S Clement's are all the remarkably fine work of our Sacristan Andrew Nardone and they are a great help to us as we assist at mass or the divine office. Especially in the weekly vesper booklets we see how advantageous it is to have all the necessary texts arranged for praying or chanting without having to flip pages in a breviary, a somewhat complicated task that can be challenging for those with considerable liturgical experience and downright frustrating for anyone new to this form of prayer.

While there are a great number of liturgical resources online, perhaps the best site for learning to pray some or all of the Divine Office is known as *The Divinum Officium Project* at [www.divinumofficium.com](http://www.divinumofficium.com) where the daily mass texts and the offices of Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers and Compline are presented in a comprehensive and attractive format providing Latin texts in one column and a choice of translations in a parallel column. Several version of the office are among the available options including Benedictine and Dominican uses and six versions of the Roman Breviary including the *Divino Afflatu* 1954 which closely tracks the calendar and rites in use at S Clement's.

Another excellent online resource can be found at [www.breviary.net](http://www.breviary.net). While this site requires an annual subscription, you will be rewarded with beautiful photos and illustrations (including our own sanctuary) highlighting the day's commemorations along with an English translation closely aligned with the Book of Common Prayer.

An added convenience -- both of these sites are compatible with smart phones!