

St. Andrew's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Saint Clement of Rome Third Corinthians? Yet another Epistle to the Church at Corinth

Presented by Brian Ephrem Fitzgerald, PhD

Reminding us of earlier strife and dissension at Corinth in Saint Paul's era and of his two epistles, the Church at Corinth once again is turbulent, leading to a third epistle being written to it, this time from the Church of Rome by the hand of Saint Clement.

Admonishing reconciliation, love, humility, and repentance, Saint Clement of Rome writes a powerful third epistle which earns for him the title of the first Apostolic Father. Saint Clement, his epistle, and his times are the subjects of this discussion.



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Retreat Schedule:

- 09:30 am: Coffee and welcome
- 10:00 am: Third Hour and First Presentation:
About the Epistle and its Author
- 11:15 am: Break
- 11:30 am: Second Presentation:
Saint Clement's Theological Sources and Methods
- 12:45 pm: Lunch
- 02:00 pm: Sixth Hour and Third Presentation:
Ecclesiology: The Church as Saint Clement experienced it
- 03:15 pm: Break
- 03:30 pm: Fourth Presentation:
Theology of Saint Clement of Rome
Free discussion and Q&A

All are welcome to remain for coffee, fellowship, and Vespers at 6:00 pm.

There is NO COST for this event.

Lunch will be provided. (Free-will offerings will be accepted)

Please register so we may plan accordingly:

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