



# OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL — BOSTON

*Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston*

The Mass of Christ - December 25, 2016

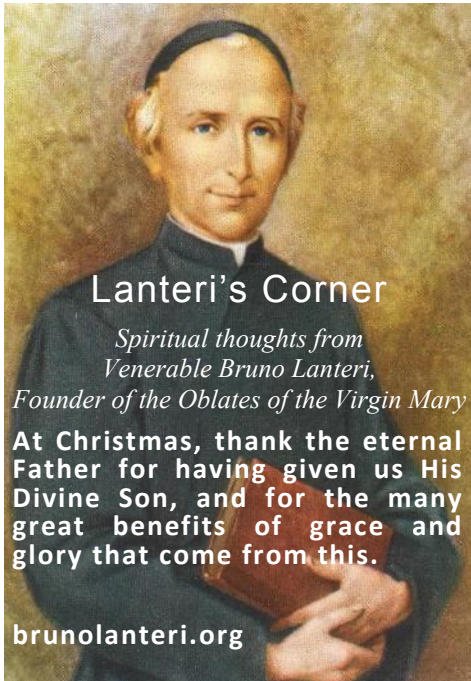
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*The Nativity, Luca Della Robbia*







## Lanteri's Corner

*Spiritual thoughts from  
Venerable Bruno Lanteri,  
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

**At Christmas, thank the eternal Father for having given us His Divine Son, and for the many great benefits of grace and glory that come from this.**

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**Is God calling you to join  
the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?**



Contact our Vocation Director  
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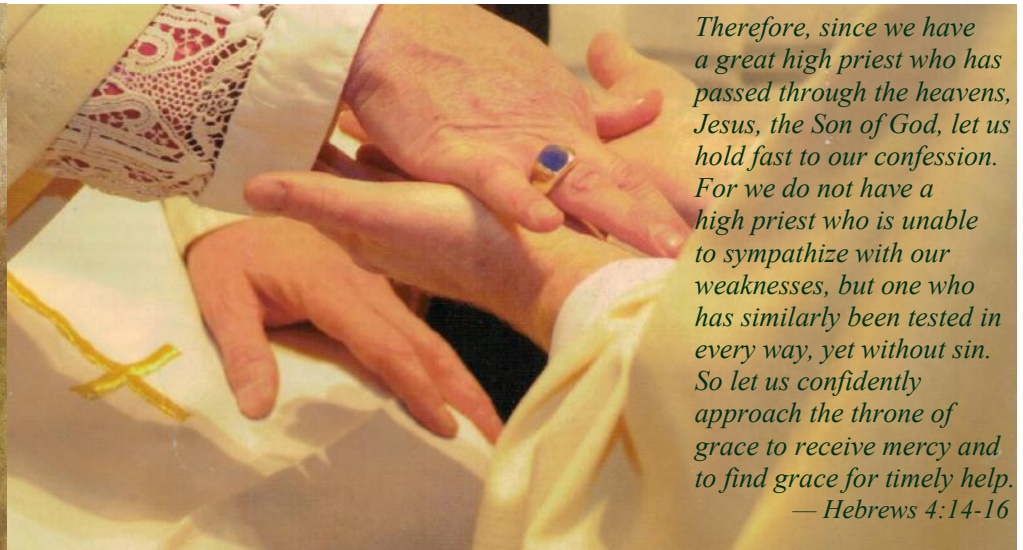
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*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.*

— Hebrews 4:14-16

*The priests and staff of the  
Saint Francis Chapel wish you and  
your loved ones a blessed Christmas  
and a peace-filled new year!*

### CHAPEL SCHEDULE

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM,  
1:15 PM en español, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 Noon

#### Confessions

Monday - Friday 11:15-11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM  
Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30 PM

#### Devotions

Tuesday after Mass: Memorare  
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude  
Mon-Fri after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM  
Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM 12:30 - 3:30 PM  
Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

#### Store Hours

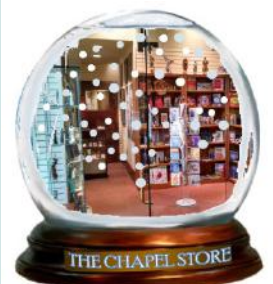
M, W, F - 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; T, Th - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM\*; Sunday 8:45 AM - 6:45 PM\*

\*Closed during Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses

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**Thank you for  
supporting the  
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this year!**



**Have a merry  
Christmas and  
a prosperous  
new year!**

Excerpt from Pastoral Letter

*Jesus' Eager Desire:*

*Our Participation in the Sunday Mass*

November 20, 2011

Cardinal Seán Patrick O' Malley, OFM Cap.

“Some of you have drifted away from the Church and have been waiting for a good time to return. I pray that you will consider this the time to join us on our faith journey toward Heaven. The sacred teachings of the Church offer guidance, direction and meaning in a world where so many cannot find their way. Our faith points us to Jesus, who is ‘the Way, the Truth and the Life.’

Some of you have made a choice to stop coming to Church because you have been hurt by the actions of someone in the Church or because of a difficulty with a Church teaching. From my first day as archbishop of Boston and perhaps for the rest of my days, I will always be asking the forgiveness of all those who have been hurt by the actions, or inaction, of people and leaders in the Church. Please do not let those experiences and memories separate you from the love of Christ and of our Catholic family and prevent you from receiving the grace of the sacraments. . . . A reporter [once] asked me what I would say to Catholics who do not attend Mass because they disagree with, or have questions about, Church teaching. I answered that our teaching does not change because people disagree with it; our faith comes from Christ’s own teaching in the Scriptures and through the teaching authority of the Church throughout the ages. We recognize, however, that many struggle to reconcile Church teaching with social norms in American society today; to them, we say that we want to engage in a meaningful conversation with you. We want you to know that you are part of our family. We want to assure you that God loves you and waits for you at Sunday Mass. The best place to begin a conversation is by gathering with the family of believers in the worshipping community.

To those who consider themselves unwelcome at Mass because of some irregularity or moral struggle, please know that you are always loved by God and the Catholic community desires your presence with us. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. An inability to fulfill all aspects of Christian worship or to receive Communion should not keep you from Mass. In fact, the habit of being faithful to the Sunday obligation can provide the actual grace, if you cooperate with it, to give you the strength to overcome current obstacles and find paths of reconciliation. We stand ready to help you.”



# MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sunday, December 25**

8:00 AM Regan Family  
 9:15 AM Christmas Novena  
 10:30 AM + Prof. Charlie Steele — 15th anniversary  
 11:45 AM (Latin) + Tom White  
 1:15 PM (esp) + Maria Inés Suárez

**Monday, December 26**

8:00 AM Christmas Novena  
 12:05 PM Danielle & Andrea  
 4:45 PM Norine Flavin — death anniv.

**Tuesday, December 27**

8:00 AM + John & + Louise Carroll  
 12:05 PM Christmas Novena  
 4:45 PM + Antonio H. Ozaeta — 1st anniversary

**Wednesday, December 28**

8:00 AM + Antonio H. Ozaeta — 1st anniversary  
 12:05 PM + Lynn Martignetti  
 4:45 PM Christmas Novena

**Thursday, December 29**

8:00 AM Christmas Novena  
 12:05 PM + Eddie O’Keefe  
 4:45 PM + Mary Barry

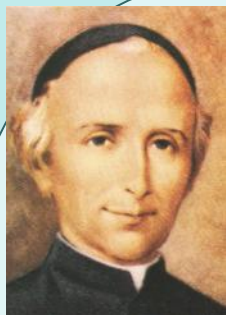
**Friday, December 30**

8:00 AM (Latin) + Jim Heile  
 12:05 PM (Latin) Christmas Novena  
 4:45 PM Special Intention

**Saturday, December 31**

9:00 AM Christmas Novena  
 12:00 Noon Eric & Jim  
 4:00 PM + Ruben Nolasco Amaya  
 5:30 PM Kingsley Family  
 7:00 PM (esp) + Jose Ignacio Taborda

# Oblates of the Virgin Mary – USA



Fr. Bruno Lanteri (1759-1830)

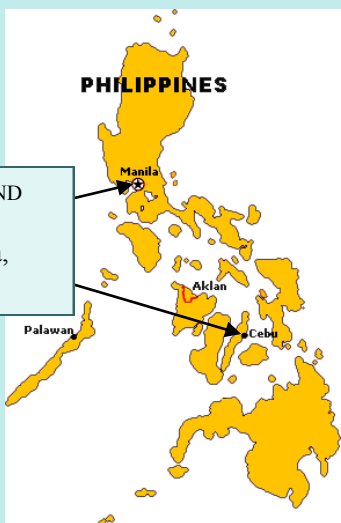
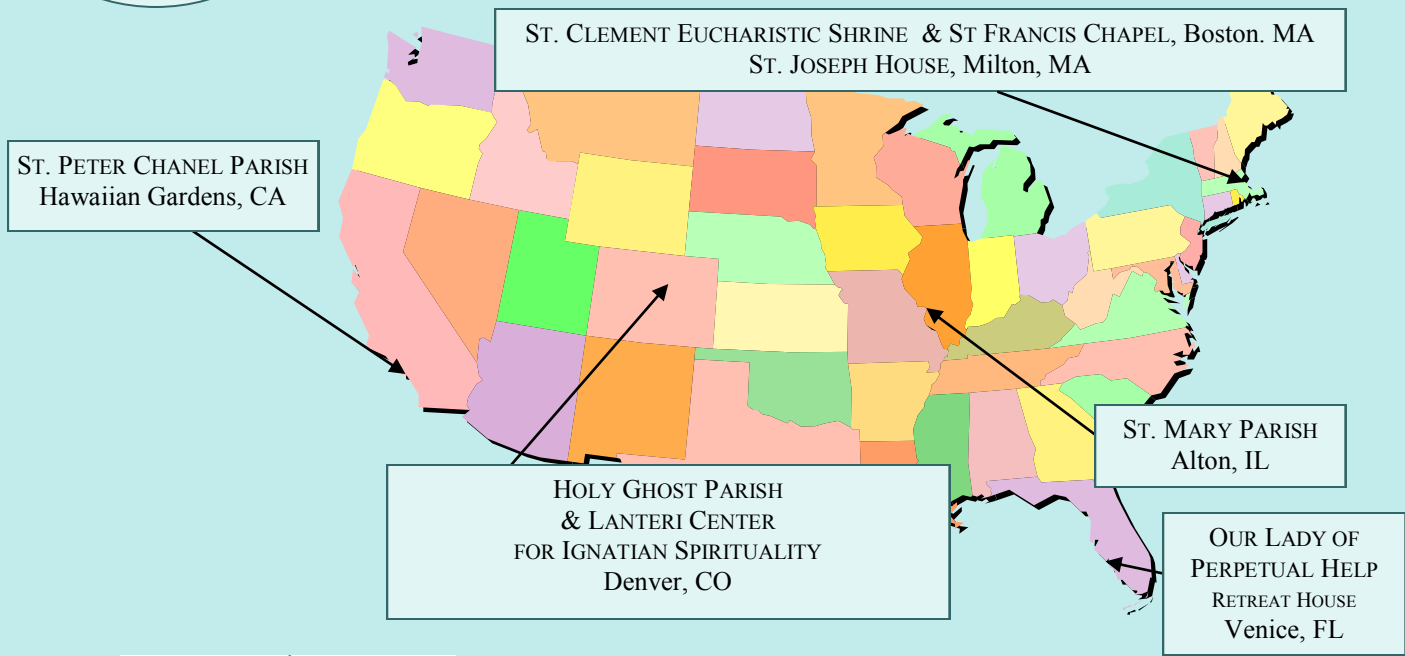
The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” - the first step to Sainthood.

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary is an international religious community of priests and brothers serving in Italy, France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, the United States and the Philippines. The Oblates are involved in retreat and parish missions, spiritual direction, parish work, the mass media, clergy formation, and the foreign missions.

The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.



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Cebu City & Manila, Philippines

The OMV motto,  
 “*MARIAM COGITA,  
 MARIAM INVOCA*”  
 “*THINK OF MARY,  
 CALL ON MARY*”  
 is taken from a homily  
 by  
 St. Bernard.