

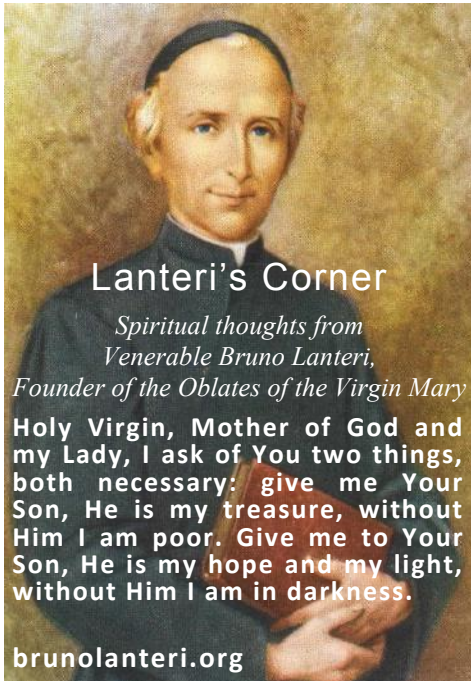


OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL — BOSTON

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God — January 1, 2017

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Lanteri's Corner

*Spiritual thoughts from
Venerable Bruno Lanteri,*

Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Lady, I ask of You two things, both necessary: give me Your Son, He is my treasure, without Him I am poor. Give me to Your Son, He is my hope and my light, without Him I am in darkness.

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the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?**



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Theotókos — Mary, Holy Mother of God

A Homily by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Back in the 5th century an ecclesiastic named **Nestorius** started telling people that they should call Mary *Mother of Christ*, not *Mother of God*. And this was before there existed Protestants. The Bible calls her *Mother of Jesus*. She is also presented as *Mother of Emmanuel* which means God is with us. When Mary was expecting and visited Elizabeth who was pregnant, Elizabeth said "Who am I that the Mother of my **Lord** should come to me?"

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Retreat on Ignatian Spirituality with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV

January 21 - 22

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine
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Fr. Gallagher is the author of seven books on the spiritual teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a biography of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, and a book on the Liturgy of the Hours. He is a frequent speaker on EWTN, and his digitally recorded talks are utilized internationally. He currently holds the St. Ignatius Chair for Spiritual Formation at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver.

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*
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Already in the 3rd century, Christians in Egypt were praying like this: “We fly to thy patronage O holy **Mother of God**; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from evil, O glorious and blessed Virgin”.

Nestorius had difficulty believing that Jesus had two natures; divine and human. So He said Mary was not Mother of God. The people would not hear of this — denying Mary divine maternity — so a council was called by the bishops to settle the dispute. In 431 at Ephesus the bishops met prayed and studied the Sacred Scriptures and discussed into the night while the lay people prayed outside for the Holy Spirit to be with them.

Finally the bishops opened the doors and they said that God the Son was one divine person with two natures, human and divine. And Mary was officially proclaimed *Mother of God*. The people cheered and sang and started a candle light procession accompanying the visiting bishops to their resting places. They condemned the thesis of Nestorius and he lost his job as Patriarch of Constantinople and was banished into exile.

St. John Paul says Nestorius’ objections offer us the opportunity to make several useful reflections for correctly understanding and interpreting this title. Theotókos means literally “**she who has begotten God**”, can at first seem surprising. How is it possible for a human creature to give birth to God?

The Church’s teaching is clear: Mary’s divine motherhood refers **only** to the **human** begetting of the Son of God not to His **divine** birth. The Son of God was **eternally** begotten of God the Father. **Mary has no part in His eternal birth**. But when the Son of God assumed our human nature 2000 years ago, He was conceived **by** and born **of** Mary. We affirm that Mary is the mother of the Incarnate Word, who is God. She is not mother of the whole Trinity, but only of the Second person.

St. John Paul wrote, “Motherhood is a **relationship** of person to person: a mother is not only mother of the **body** or of the physical creature born of her womb, but of the **person** she begets. Thus having given birth according to His **human** nature to the **person** of Jesus, who is a divine person, **Mary is the Mother of God**”. When we call Mary *Mother of God*, far from taking anything away from Christ, we exalt Him as God.

By recognizing Mary as Mother of God we proclaim our faith in the Incarnation because, as St. Augustine says, “if the Mother were fictitious, the flesh would also be fictitious... and the scars of the Resurrection”. St. John Paul says this title also proclaims the **nobility of woman** and her loftiest vocation. The human being closest to God Himself is a woman. She bore Him she nursed Him. She kept Him warm.

God treated Mary as a free and responsible person and did not bring about the Incarnation of His Son until He had obtained her consent.

Following the example of the ancient Christians of Egypt let us entrust ourselves to Mary who being the Mother of God, can obtain from her Son the grace of deliverance from evil and of divine salvation.

“We fly to thy patronage O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from evil, O glorious and blessed Virgin”.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 1

- 8:00 AM + Romelia & + Sergio Morena
- 9:15 AM Abigail — healing
- 10:30 AM Luisa Marino — health
- 11:45 AM + Kenneth Budd
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Lieven Cardoen
- 4:00 PM + Maria Heredia
- 5:30 PM + John J. Malloy

Monday, January 2

- 8:00 AM + Rodney Yetts
- 12:05 PM + Blanca Cardona
- 4:45 PM + Walter Morgan — death anniversary

Tuesday, January 3

- 8:00 AM + Mary & + Helen Corkery
- 12:05 PM José Oviedo — health
- 4:45 PM Ivette Laboy

Wednesday, January 4

- 8:00 AM + Dick Smith
- 12:05 PM + Omar Ruiz
- 4:45 PM + Joseph Capozzy

Thursday, January 5

- 8:00 AM + Mother Angelica
- 12:05 PM + Felix & + Victoria Maciora
- 4:45 PM + Anne Marie McGovern

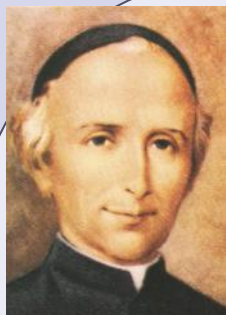
Friday, January 6

- 8:00 AM Richard McCulloch — health
- 12:05 PM Souls In Purgatory
- 4:45 PM Souls In Purgatory

Saturday, January 7

- 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00 Noon + Joseph Lysiak
- 4:00 PM + Victor & + Eva Fulchino
- 5:30 PM + Stan & + Ursula Sumoski
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Margarita Arboleda

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.

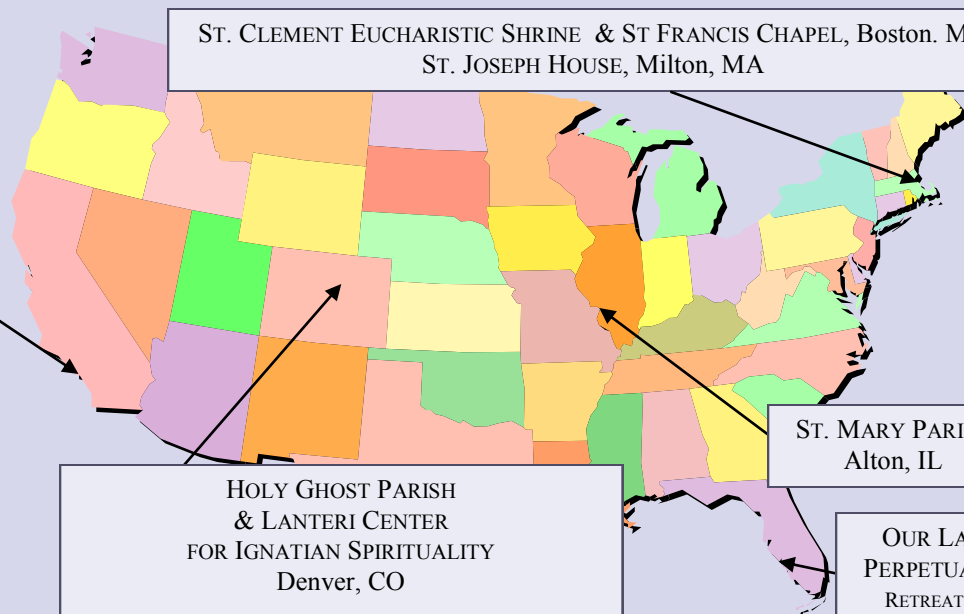
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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

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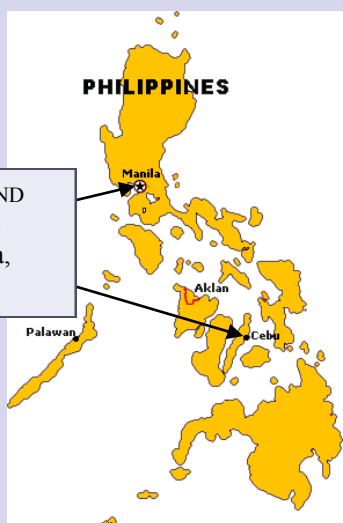


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The OMV motto,
“*MARIAM COGITA,
MARIAM INVOCA*”
“*THINK OF MARY,
CALL ON MARY*”
is taken from a homily
by
St. Bernard.