



OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL — BOSTON

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

The Epiphany of the Lord — January 8, 2017

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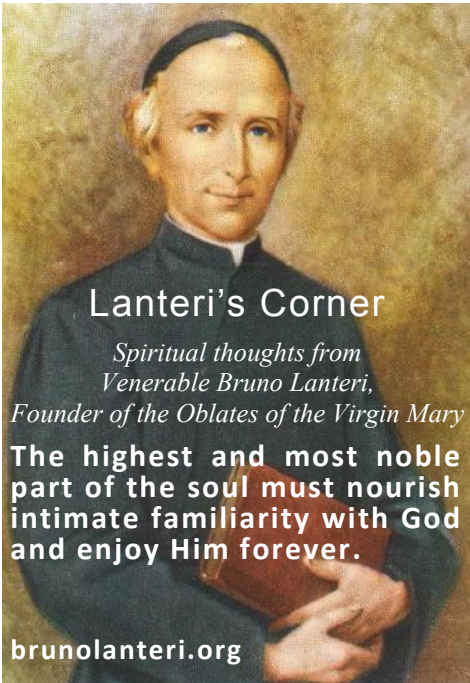
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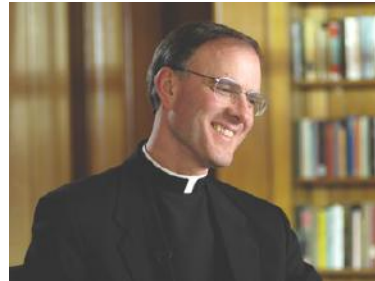


Lanteri's Corner
Spiritual thoughts from Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary
The highest and most noble part of the soul must nourish intimate familiarity with God and enjoy Him forever.
 brunolanteri.org



"Approaching, do not come with your palms stretched flat nor with fingers separated. But making your left hand a seat for your right, and hollowing your palm, receive the Body of Christ, responding Amen. And having with care hallowed your eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, take it, vigilant lest you drop any of it."

~ Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church, Saint; on the proper technique for receiving the Holy Eucharist in the hand (circa A.D. 347).



Seminar on Ignatian Spirituality with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV

January 21 - 22

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine
 1105 Boylston Street, Boston, MA.
 Contact Carol at 617-266-5999
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Fr. Gallagher is the author of several books on the spiritual teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola and currently holds the St. Ignatius Chair for Spiritual Formation at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, Colorado. This is a seminar for all who wish to "find God" more often and more deeply in the midst of daily busyness. It supplies the practical "how to" of living Ignatius' discernment in daily life.

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



Contact our Vocation Director Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV at jd paulinomv@gmail.com or visit omvusa.org

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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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The Chapel's Store

New Year's Sale!

Up to 50% off select items.

Item of the Week...

The Walls are Talking Former Abortion Clinic Workers Tell Their Stories by Abby Johnson

In this riveting book, the author tenderly holds out a loving hand of compassion to those millions of Americans who have participated in an abortion and takes a giant step toward healing our nation. This and other pro-life resources are now in our store.

Epiphany Means Manifestation

by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Epiphany means **manifestation** of God's love for us. This manifestation got the attention of these magi who lived a thousand miles away.

Who were these magi? Scripture scholars say they came from Persia — modern-day Iraq and Iran. A large church was built in Bethlehem in the 4th century. A fresco depicted the Magi as Persians. That was fortunate since in 614 AD, the Persians invaded Palestine and destroyed every Christian church except this one because it had the fresco of Magi dressed as Persians.

They were seekers of wisdom; they want to know the truth. They think about important things. Pope Benedict wrote they were on the lookout for the true star of salvation. They were not just astronomers. They were wise men, searching for God, they loved wisdom. Not just intellectual knowledge but they sought to understand it in its fullness. They sought the Creator of creation. They represent the religions and science moving toward Christ.

Pope Benedict says that in a way they are successors of Abraham who set off on a journey in response to God's call. They are like Socrates who questioned above and beyond conventional religion toward a higher truth.

St. Matthew does not say how many there were but three have been represented in art because three gifts were mentioned. They have often been portrayed as African, Asian and European to represent all peoples; in the kingdom of Christ there are no distinctions of race and origin. In Him and through Him, humanity is united, yet without losing any of the richness of variety.

Some artists have portrayed them as representing the phases of human life - youth, maturity and old age. Each stage of life finds its true meaning walking close to Jesus.

The key point is this: the wise men from the East are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ. They initiate a procession that continues throughout history. Benedict says they represent the inner yearning of the human spirit, the dynamism of religious and human reason toward Him.

God the Father announced the birth of His Son by this sign in the sky. People were used to looking at the sky; the stars were easier to see. It caused them great joy. When they found him they fell down and worshiped the Child as divine.

The gifts are not practical as the Holy Family would need at the moment but they reflect three aspects of the mystery of Christ; gold for a King, incense for God and myrrh points to the Passion. After the Crucifixion, Nicodemus brought myrrh, among other ointments, for the anointing of His Body.

What does this feast do for us? It gives us reason to worship God with joy. It helps us to realize how very blessed we are. I do not have to buy a camel and leave my homeland, risk my life to find the true King, Son of God. His star is right there by the Tabernacle. Instead of gold, frankincense and myrrh, He receives my prayers, sacrifices and work; my life.

The Magi found Him with Mary His Mother and so do we. She is the Star of the New Evangelization.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8

- 8:00 AM OMV Vocations
- 9:15 AM The Students and Staff of
Irving Middle School
- 10:30 AM + Daniela Lucchi
- 11:45 AM + Mary DeSesa
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Ana Vasquez
- 4:00 PM Richard McCulloch — health
- 5:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, January 9

- 8:00 AM + Irva Smith
- 12:05 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 4:45 PM + John Kreitner

Tuesday, January 10

- 8:00 AM Joseph Gallagher — health
- 12:05 PM + Florence McMahon
- 4:45 PM + Nate Cavallo — 1 yr. anniv.

Wednesday, January 11

- 8:00 AM + Luisa Grisolia
- 12:05 PM Boston Properties
- 4:45 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 12

- 8:00 AM + Kathy Murphy
- 12:05 PM James Purcill — health
- 4:45 PM + Walter Morgan

Friday, January 13

- 8:00 AM + Jesus & + Ignacia Chavez
- 12:05 PM + Sr. Conde
- 4:45 PM In Honor of the Holy Trinity
Through the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, January 14

- 9:00 AM + Mary Ellen Smith
- 12:00 Noon Cecilia Ozaeta — birthday
- 4:00 PM Fr. Edward Broom, OMV
- 5:30 PM + Rosalie McCarthy
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Lucely Noreña

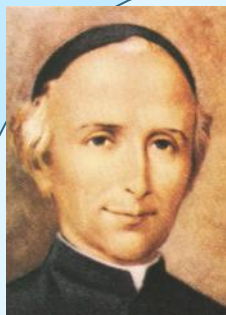
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(9 pm—6 am key required)

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Oblates of the Virgin Mary – USA



Fr. Bruno Lanteri (1759-1830)

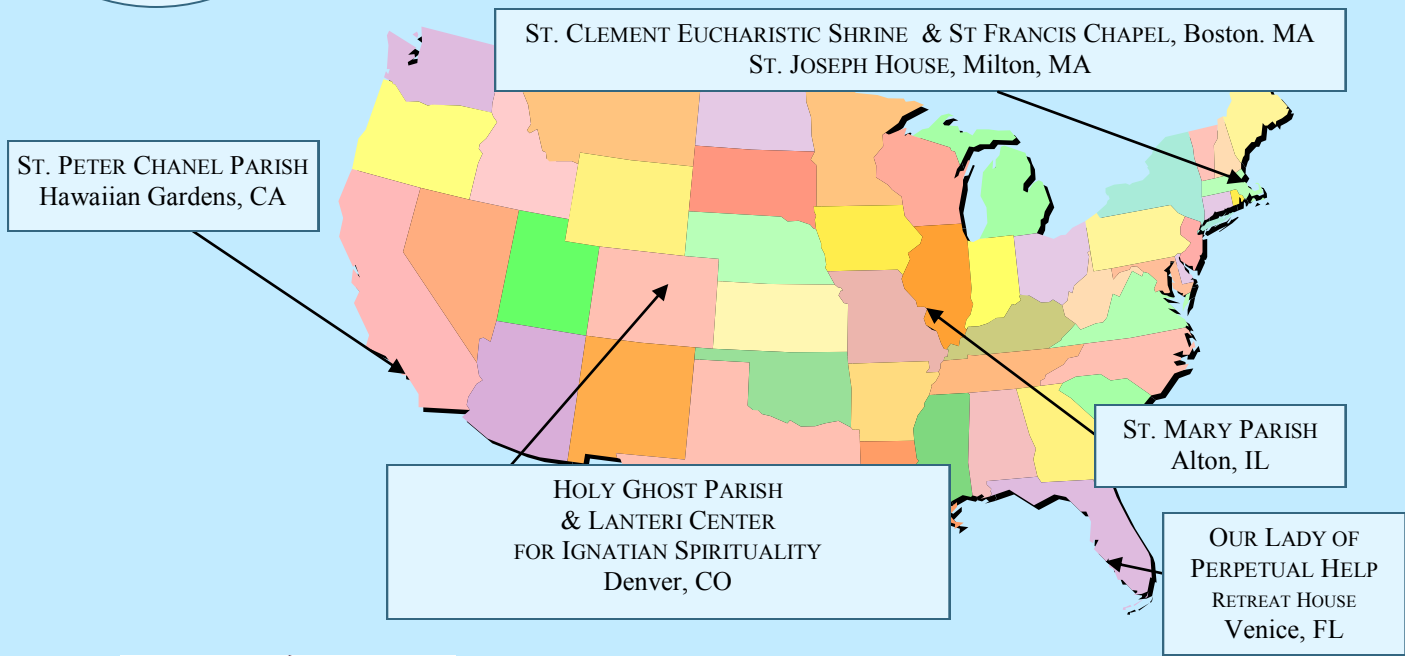
The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

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.