

OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL — BOSTON

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 15, 2017





Lanteri's Corner

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

Lord, we will run after You: with great fervor and speed, following your footsteps, teachings, counsels and heroic examples.

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



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January 21 - 22 St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine 1105 Boylston Street, Boston, MA. Contact Carol at 617-266-5999 or omvusa@gmail.com

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.

Light a candle online by going to our website, stfrancischapel.org, and clicking on the candles.



and pray for your intention.

Prayer and Life Workshop in Spanish Talleres de Oración y Vida

Te gustaria discubrir el verdadero sentido de la vida? Elarte de ser feliz, aprender a sufrir menos?... Como lograr una transformación según el modelo de Cristo Jesús?...

Para esto, con gran gozo queremos invitarte a vivir un Taller de Oración y vida del Padre Ignacio Larrañaga. St. Francis Chapel — cada jueves, empezando el 26 de enero, 7 PM. Para más información, llamar a: Melania Bruno — 617-513-0159 ó email: mbrunon@yahoo.com tovpil.org

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

<u>Weekend Masses</u> 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

<u>Weekday Masses</u> Monday - Friday 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 Noon

<u>Confessions</u> Monday - Friday 11:15-11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30 PM

> <u>Devotions</u> Tuesday after Mass: Memorare Thursday after Mass: St. Jude Mon-Fri after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

<u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u> 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

800 Boylston Street, Suite 1001, Boston, MA 02199 617-437-7117 stfrancischapel.org <u>The Chapel's</u> <u>Store</u> Item of the Week...



The Drop Box DVD

The Drop Box is a documentary that tells the true story of South Korean pastor Lee Jong-rak and his heroic efforts to embrace and protect abandoned children. This is a powerful and inspiring movie you won't want to miss. This and other prolife resources are in our Chapel's store.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Why did John call his cousin Jesus "Lamb of God"? John was the son of Zechariah who was a priest of the Temple. Every day one of the priests would beg God's pardon for his sins and the sins of the people by sacrificing a lamb and burning it up on the altar. John knew that Jesus would be sacrificed to take away our sins. Jesus is the Victim without defect. In the Roman Canon the Catholic priest prays to the Father; "we, Your servants and Your holy people, offer to Your glorious majesty from the gifts that You have given us, this Pure Victim, this Holy Victim, this spotless Victim, the Holy Bread of eternal Life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation".

A human being cannot take cancel a sin against God. Only God can cancel out a sin against God. God cannot die but the God-Man, our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary did die, and rose from the dead to take away the sins of the world. He IS the Lamb of God.

In our hymn, Glory to God in the Highest, we pray; Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us".

This short Gospel tells us a lot about Jesus and John's knowledge of Jesus. John says, "He is the One of Whom I said, a man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because He existed before me." John was born six months before his cousin, but John knew Christ as Son of God, existed before him.

John takes the opportunity to explain to his followers why he was baptizing. He did not say that his baptism would change people or deliver them from sin but "the reason why I came baptizing with water was that He might be known to Israel...I saw the Spirit come down like a Dove from Heaven and remain upon Him". Jesus did not need baptism. He submitted to encourage sinners by example and also it gave John an opportunity to fulfill his mission by his witness. John's work was to prepare sincere seekers for the long awaited Christ. John baptism came to an end. Jesus took over. John knew it would happen. He had said I must decrease.

John says; "I saw the Spirit come down like a Dove from Heaven and remain on Him". The Holy Spirit had always been with the Son of God, but here the Dove Spirit came down on Jesus in this moment to indicate that it was Jesus who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Today's first reading from Isaiah was chosen to go with this Gospel because it describes God's servant Who is so ready and willing to serve. He is made glorious in the sight of the Lord. This Sunday we are following up on the Baptism of the Lord. "Now the Lord has spoken Who formed Me as His servant in the womb...and My Lord is now My strength. It is too little for You to be My servant ...I will make You a light to the nations." It reminds us of Simeon's canticle.

Psalm 40 responds to the reading; "Sacrifice or offering You wished not but ears open to obedience", Father, You don't want animal sacrifice, Behold, I come. ..It is prescribed for Me, to do Your will O my God is My delight."

Jesus does not offer animal sacrifices as the priests of old. He offers Himself! "This Pure Victim, this Holy Victim, this spotless Victim, the Holy Bread of eternal Life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation".

Remember the Hebrews in Egypt smeared lambs blood on their doors to protect their first -born from death. They were saved by the blood of lambs. That incident was a prefigure of Christ, the true Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world. St. Paul wrote; Christ our Pascal Lamb has been sacrificed. 1Corinthians 5:7

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. John the Evangelist wrote about his vision of Heaven. The Angels worshiped Jesus and sang; "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

— Fr. James Doran, OMV

Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday, January 15

| 8:00 AM | + Barbara LeMaire |
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| 9:15 AM | Special Intention |
| 10:30 AM | Maria Anidi — thanksgiving |
| 11:45 AM | Michael J. Fitzmaurice |
| 1:15 PM (esp) | + Ana Berrio y + Abrahan y |
| | + Lionel Lopez |
| 4:00 PM | + Mother Angelica |
| 5:30 PM | Special Intention — Guardian |
| | Angel |

Monday, January 16

| 8:00 AM | Special Intention |
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| 12:05 PM | + Jesus & + Ignacia Chavez |
| 4:45 PM | Elizabeth Jenkins — health |

Tuesday, January 17

| 8:00 AM | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
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| 12:05 PM | + Joan Stuckart |
| 4:45 PM | + Philip & + Celia McDevitt & |
| | + Sr. Dolorata |

Wednesday, January 18

| 8:00 AM | Guardian Angel |
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| 12:05 PM | + Aline Serabia |
| 4:45 PM | Fr. Bill Neubecker, OMV |

Thursday, January 19

| 8:00 AM | Richard McCulloch — health |
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| 12:05 PM | + Brian Corrigan |
| 4:45 PM | + James Boldt |

Friday, January 20

| 8:00 AM | + Ruth Broom |
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| 12:05 PM | The United States of America |
| 4:45 PM | Donald Trump |

Saturday, January 21

| 9:00 AM 12:00 Noon | + Breege Heron McNally Family |
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| 4:00 PM | + John Cunniffe |
| 5:30 PM | + Debra J. Kelly |
| 7:00 PM (esp) | Acción de Gracias |



Thank you for your generous contribution to our second collection for our utilities fund which raised \$1,786 which covered 45% of

the chapel's monthly utilities expenses.

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