



OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

First Sunday of Lent — March 5, 2017



The Apparition of Virgin Mary Before the Shepherd Children, Sanctuary of Fatima, Portugal

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

Extra hours during Lent — Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:00 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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

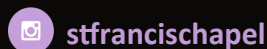
Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sunday 8:45 AM - 6:45 PM*

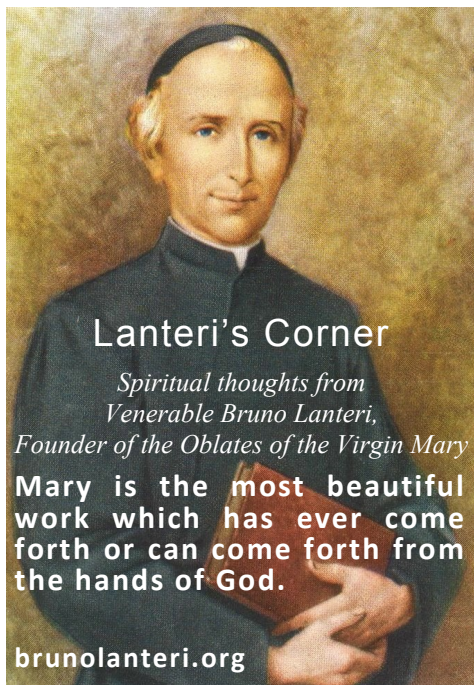
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 the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?**



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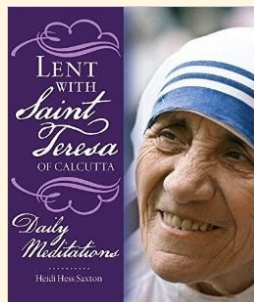
James Agolia

Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

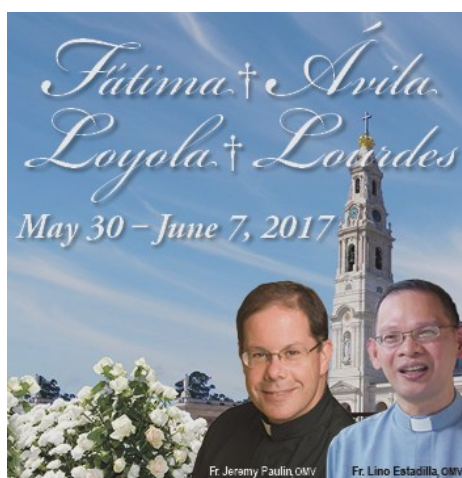
The Chapel's Store *Item of the Week...*

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pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady!

Join Fr. Jeremy, OMV and Fr. Lino, OMV on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain and Lourdes! This unique trip includes visits to the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua, the Eucharistic Miracle in Santarém, and the Capelinha in Fatima where our Lady appeared five times. We celebrate Mass there and enjoy a candle-lit rosary procession. We visit the birthplace and convent of St. Teresa of Avila in Spain and Loyola, home of St. Ignatius. We enjoy a breathtaking passage over the Pyrenees as we journey to Lourdes, where we visit St. Bernadette's home, bathe in healing waters and have time at leisure. Join our

Reserve by March 16th

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The following is excerpted from Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017.

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

We ... see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24,27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them" (v. 29). Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead" (v. 31).

The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 5

8:00 AM Ramirez Escobar Family
 9:15 AM + Albert Palanca
 10:30 AM + Thomas Bresnahan
 11:45 AM + Angela M. Wheatley
 1:15 PM (esp) + Maria & + Nene Brandao
 (mother and son)
 4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
 5:30 PM + Mary Alice Leach

Monday, March 6

8:00 AM Anna Marie Sarriso
 12:05 PM + Albert Palanca
 4:45 PM Dave & Diane Culliton

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 AM + Albert Palanca
 12:05 PM + Mary Portle
 4:45 PM + Daniel Mochen

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 AM + Judith Martin
 12:05 PM + Catherine Campbell
 4:45 PM + Albert Palanca

Thursday, March 9

8:00 AM + John Mahoney — 10th anniversary
 12:05 PM + Paulus Supomo
 4:45 PM + Hugh Thomas

Friday, March 10

8:00 AM + Harry Morrissey
 12:05 PM + Albert Palanca
 4:45 PM + Alice Mochen

Saturday, March 11

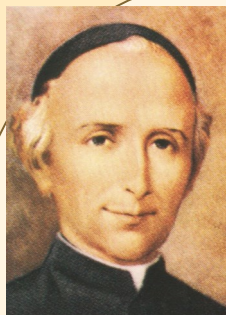
9:00 AM + Albert Palanca
 12:00 Noon Mike Takesuye
 4:00 PM + Dennis J. Kilday
 5:30 PM Abigail — healing
 7:00 PM (esp) + Jorge Cardenas

*Business professionals are invited
 to the chapel for:*

FORMATION FOR LIVING THE VOCATION TO BUSINESS

First group meeting —
 Wednesday, March 22 @ 5:30 PM

Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

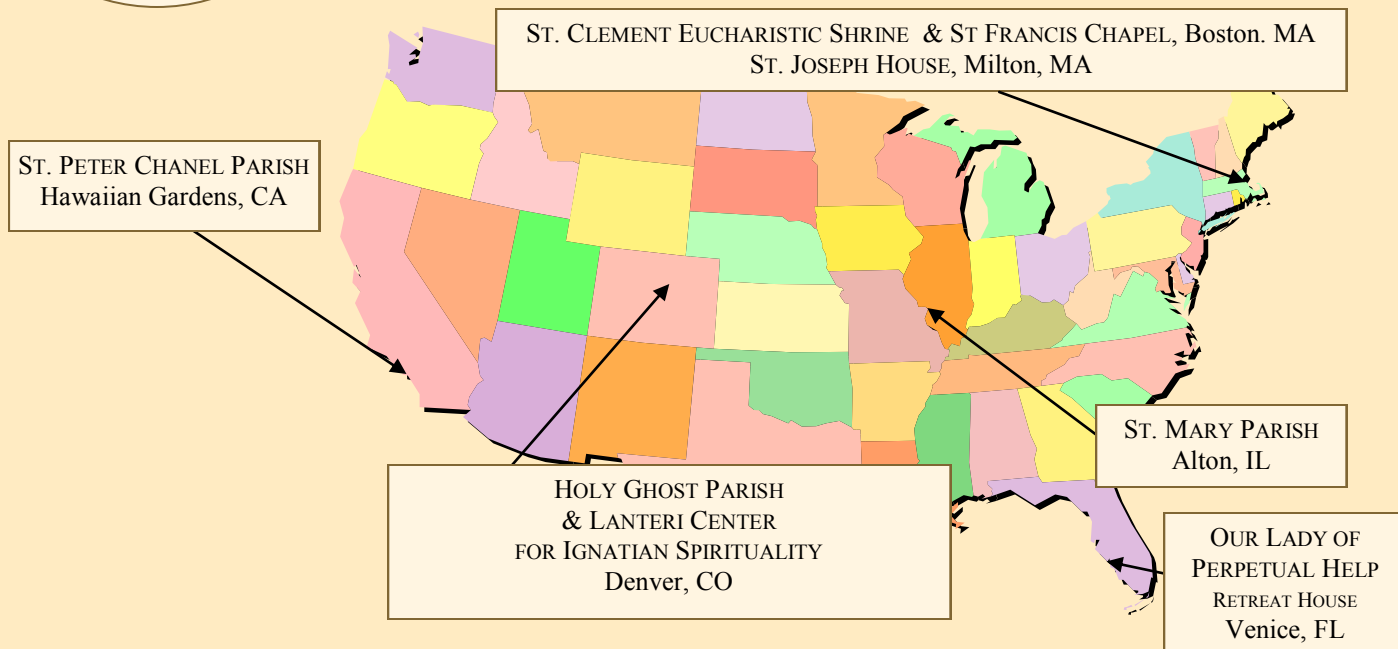
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the first step to
Sainthood.

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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Philippines



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