



The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 19, 2018



The Virgin Adoring the Host, Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres

Ingres, Pauline Louise, at the altar. 1832.

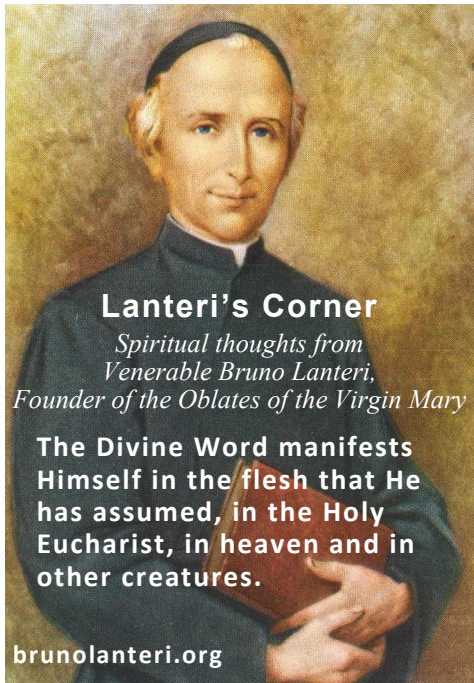


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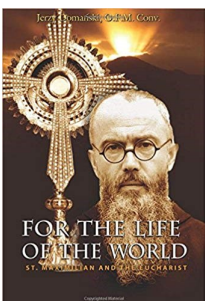
Cleaning of Chapel Environment:
 Nubia Viasus

If you are interested in joining our choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays, please email Kim at kim.araiza@gmail.com. Rehearsals are at 4:45 PM every Saturday.

The Chapel Gift Shop
Item of the Week...

For the Life of the World
St. Maximilian and the Eucharist
 by Fr. Jerzy M. Domanski, OFM CONV.

This book really reveals how committed St. Maximilian Kolbe was to spreading the message of Christ, especially through his devotion to the Eucharist. This book is a must-read for all those seeking a deeper devotion to the Eucharist, and a deeper understanding of St. Maximilian's faith (and the faith of a saint in general).



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

Contact our Vocation Director
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**CHAPEL SCHEDULE****Sunday Masses:**

Sat. Vigil 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:

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM,
12:05 PM, 4:45 PM;
Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM

Confessions:

Mon. - Fri. 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,
5:30 p.m. Vespers;
Thursday after Mass:
St. Jude;
Monday - Friday after
4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon. - Fri. 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

Gift Shop Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Tuesday - closed;
Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*
 (*Closed during
Sunday Masses and
Saturday Vigil Masses)

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St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical letter, ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA:



The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church. This worship is strictly linked to the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass — a presence which lasts as long as the species of bread and wine remain, derives from the celebration of the

sacrifice and is directed towards communion, both sacramental and spiritual. It is the responsibility of Pastors to encourage, also by their personal witness, the practice of Eucharistic adoration, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in particular, as well as prayer of adoration before Christ present under the Eucharistic species.

It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. John 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in His Heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the "art of prayer", how can we not feel a renewed need to spend in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!

St. Genesius of Rome
Patron saint of actors
Feast day: August 25



In Saint John Paul's "Letter to Artists" he referred to all artists as "*Images of the Creator.*" He wrote, "*to communicate the message entrusted to her by Christ, the Church needs art. Art must make perceptible, and as far as possible attractive, the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God.*"

In the early years of the first Christian Millennium [as it is today], the theatre was debased and inhuman because human culture had become debased. Even though Christians desired to participate in the culture, they often avoided the theatre because of this.

That is one of the reasons why the story of the actor and martyr named St. Genesius is so unique and inspiring.

During the brutal persecution of Christians under the evil emperor Diocletian in the third and fourth centuries, a pagan man named Genesius wrote a play mocking Christianity.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 19

8:00 AM John Valleli — health
 9:15 AM + Maria Carvalho
 10:30 AM + Tony, + Cecelia & + Sheila Byrne
 11:45 AM + Sr. Mary Alfonsa
 1:15 PM (esp) + Mercedes Sofia Ponte
 4:00 PM + Mary Harold
 5:30 PM + Francesco Mogavero

Monday, August 20

8:00 AM Ditas Ruemmler — health
 12:05 PM May Dewitt — health
 4:45 PM Francie Cuniffe — health

Tuesday, August 21

8:00 AM Richard Ruemmler — physical and spiritual health
 12:05 PM Brophy Family
 4:45 PM + Nan Donnellan Kennedy

Wednesday, August 22

8:00 AM George & Maureen Boulger
 12:05 PM + Michael Rallo
 4:45 PM Lilian Abdallah

Thursday, August 23

8:00 AM + Mary Adams
 12:05 PM James Cotter
 4:45 PM + Philip Di Benedetto

Friday, August 24

8:00 AM + James Heile
 12:05 PM Special Intention
 4:45 PM Roberta Bloom

Saturday, August 25

9:00 AM + Luciano Platoon
 12:00 PM Regan Family
 4:00 PM + Jane Heanue
 5:30 PM Rev. Bradford Wolcott
 7:00 PM (esp) +Oscar Majorga

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When the time came for the performance of the play [in front of the emperor], Genesius appeared on stage, playing a bedridden sick man who cried out to be Baptized. An actor playing a Christian priest came to baptize the sick man. The entire play was supposed to mock the Savior Jesus Christ and the Christian way of life.

But, the Lord had other plans.

As the actor playing the Christian priest poured water over the head of Genesius, the grace of God fell upon him. He encountered the Risen Jesus Christ and saw the truth of the Christian faith. According to the Acts, Genesius began to give testimony to Jesus Christ in front of all who were watching and affirmed the Christian faith. He boldly called on Diocletian to give his life to Jesus Christ in these words:

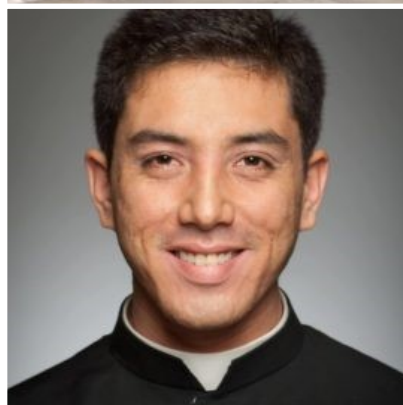
I came here today to please an earthly Emperor but what I have done is to please a heavenly King. I came here to give you laughter, but what I have done is to give joy to God and his angels. From this moment on, believe me, I will never mock these great mysteries again. I now know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the true God, the Light, the Truth and the Mercy of all who have received his gift of baptism. O great Emperor, believe in these mysteries! I will teach you, and you will know the Lord Jesus Christ is the true God."

Diocletian became enraged. He had this holy, newly baptized Christian, tortured and beheaded when he refused to renounce his faith in Jesus Christ the Lord. Genesius is the Patron Saint of Actors. St. Genesius, pray for us!
 — catholic.org.

The Priestly Ordination of Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

On August 4th, the feast of St. John Vianney, Br. Paul Nguyen, OMV was ordained in St. Peter Chanel church in Hawaiian Gardens, CA.

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." — St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests



Let us pray for Fr. Paul.

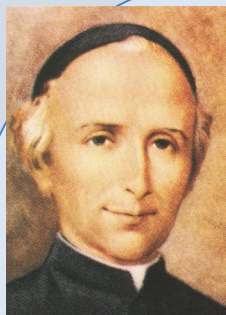


Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV blesses his siblings.

"On this day I want to attend to pleasing God, to carry out in everything His will, and to do everything for His Greater Glory."

— Venerable Bruno Lanteri

Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

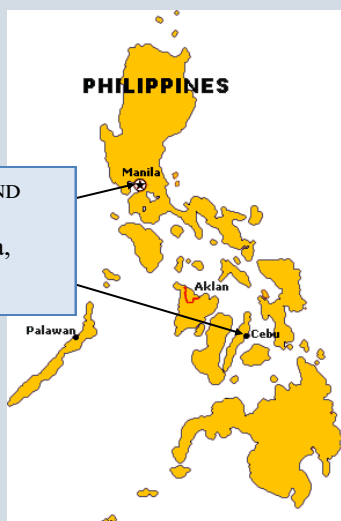
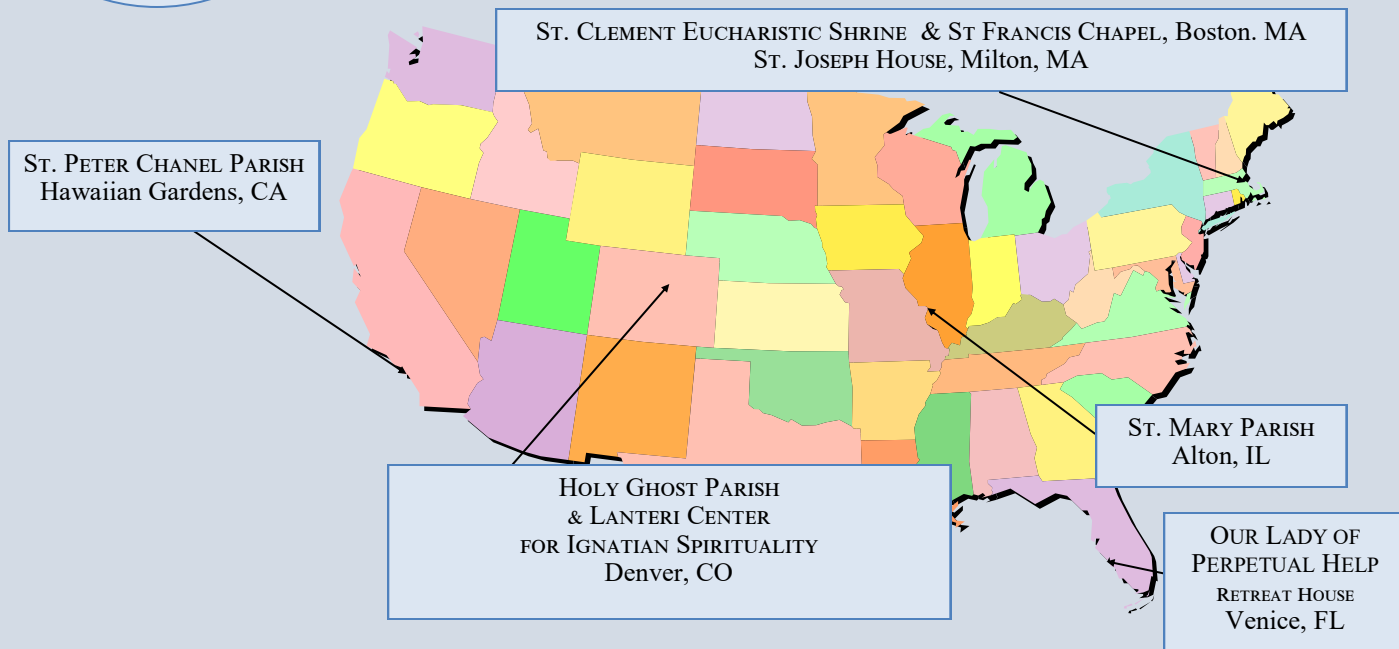
The Founder of the
Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

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.



OMV FORMATION AND
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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.