



The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

First Sunday of Advent — December 2, 2018



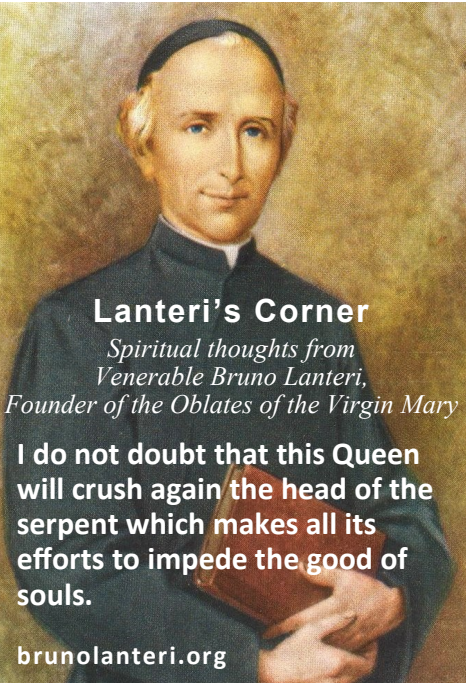
*Feast of the
Immaculate Conception*
Saturday, December 8

*Holy Day of Obligation (Patronal
Feastday of the United States of America)*

Mass Schedule: 9 AM and 12 PM

**Vigil Mass: Friday, December 7
5:10 PM**

Immaculate Conception, Peter Paul Rubens



Lanteri's Corner
*Spiritual thoughts from
 Venerable Bruno Lanteri,
 Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

I do not doubt that this Queen
 will crush again the head of the
 serpent which makes all its
 efforts to impede the good of
 souls.

brunolanteri.org

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



Contact our Vocation Director
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CHAPEL STAFF

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If you are interested in joining our
 choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on
 Saturdays, please email Kim at
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 Rehearsals - Saturdays, 4:45 PM

If you are interested in joining our
 choir for the 10:30 AM Mass on
 Sundays, please email Michael at
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The Christmas Giving Tree
 Is now up at the entrance
 of the Chapel!

This year. Your gifts will
 benefit the Back Bay
 Mobile Soup Kitchen and
 The Friends of the Unborn.
 Please take an ornament,
 purchase the gift requested,
 and return the unwrapped
 gift to the Gift Shop.
 Thank you for your
 generosity!

The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week...

*The Word Among Us /
 La Palabra Entre Nosotros
 Advent Edition*



Daily Readings and Gospels
 and commentary to help you
 prepare for Christmas.

Advent Special
\$2.50

Encountering the Powerful Love of Jesus in Your Life

A talk by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV

December 17
6 PM
at
St. Francis Chapel



Caroling **at St. Francis Chapel**

December 15
**After the 4 pm Mass &
 before the 5:30 pm Mass**

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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FROM THE HOMILY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, 8 December 2004

How great is the mystery of the Immaculate Conception that the Liturgy presents to us today! A mystery that never ceases to invite the *contemplation of believers* and inspires the *reflection of theologians*. The theme of the Congress that has just been mentioned: "*Mary of Nazareth welcomes the Son of God into history*", has fostered a deep examination of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a presupposition for receiving in her virginal womb the Word of God Incarnate, the Saviour of the human race.

"Full of grace", "κεχαριτωμενη": in the original Greek of Luke's Gospel, the Angel greets Mary with this title. It is *the name that God*, through his messenger, chose to use to describe the Virgin. This is how he had always seen and thought of her, *ab aeterno* (from all eternity).

In the hymn of the Letter to the Ephesians just now proclaimed, the Apostle praises God the Father "who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (1: 3). *What a special blessing God addressed to Mary from the beginning of time!* Mary was truly blessed among women (cf. Lk 1: 42)!

The Father chose her in Christ before the creation of the world, so that she might be holy and immaculate before him in love, preordaining her as the first fruits of filial adoption through the work of Jesus Christ (cf. Eph 1: 4-5).

The *predestination of Mary*, like that of each one of us, is linked to the *predestination of the Son*. Christ is that "seed" that was "to bruise the head" of the ancient serpent, according to the Book of Genesis (cf. Gn 3: 15); he is the Lamb "without blemish" (cf. Ex 12: 5; I Pt 1: 19), immolated to redeem humanity from sin.

With a view to the saving death of the Son, Mary, his Mother, was preserved free from original sin and from every other sin. The victory of the new Adam also includes that of the new Eve, Mother of the redeemed. The Immaculate Virgin is thus a sign of hope for all the living who have triumphed over Satan *by the blood of the Lamb* (cf. Rv 12: 11).

Today let us contemplate the humble young girl of Nazareth, *holy and blameless before God in love* (cf. Eph 1: 4), in that "love" whose original source is *God himself, one and triune*.

How sublime an act of the Most Holy Trinity is the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of the Redeemer! Pius IX, in the Bull *Ineffabilis Deus*, recalls that the Almighty "by one and the same decree had established the origin of Mary and the Incarnation of divine Wisdom" (*Pii IX Pontificis Maximi Acta, Pars prima*, p. 559).

The Virgin's "yes" to the announcement of the Angel fits *into the reality of our earthly condition*, with humble respect for the divine will to save humanity not *from* history but *in* history. Indeed, ever preserved free from all taint of original sin, the "new Eve" benefited uniquely from the work of Christ as the most perfect Mediator and Redeemer. The first to be redeemed by her Son, she shares to the full in his holiness; she is already what the entire Church desires and hopes to be. *She is the eschatological icon of the Church*.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 2

8:00 AM	Health & Welfare of Richard & Carol McCulloch
9:15 AM	+ Joan Devin
10:30 AM	+ Robert Malloy
11:45 AM	Widows & Widowers
1:15 PM (esp)	Margarita Gavidia—acción de gracias
4:00 PM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM	+ Kamal Abu - Hussein

Monday, December 3

8:00 AM	Margaret Doherty
12:05 PM	+ Frances Verette
4:45 PM	+ Hortense L. Chagnon

Tuesday, December 4

8:00 AM	+ Michael Diamond
12:05 PM	Health & Welfare of Richard & Carol McCulloch
4:45 PM	+ Beatrice Mazzary

Wednesday, December 5

8:00 AM	+ George Rothenberger
12:05 PM	+ Nguyen Thi Su & Family — thanksgiving
4:45 PM	+ Bridget Kissane

Thursday, December 6

8:00 AM	+ Michael Malone
12:05 PM	+ Helen Kushmerek
4:45 PM	Health & Welfare of Richard & Carol McCulloch

Friday, December 7

8:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM	+ Consuelo Monzon
5:10 PM	+ Mary Louise Florentine

Saturday, December 8

9:00 AM	+ Yukie Kubo
12:00 PM	Silvia Ooi & Family
4:00 PM	+ William Bulens
5:30 PM	Health & Welfare of Richard & Carol McCulloch
7:00 PM (esp)	Leticia Giraldo — birthday

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

December 3: St. Francis Xavier
Priest, Patron of Catholic missions

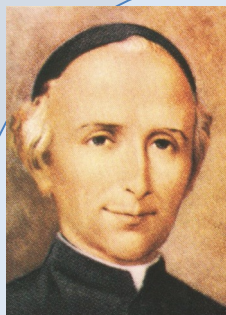
December 4: St. John Damascene
Priest and Doctor of the Church

December 6: St. Nicholas
Bishop, Patron of bakers and pawnbrokers

December 7: St. Ambrose
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

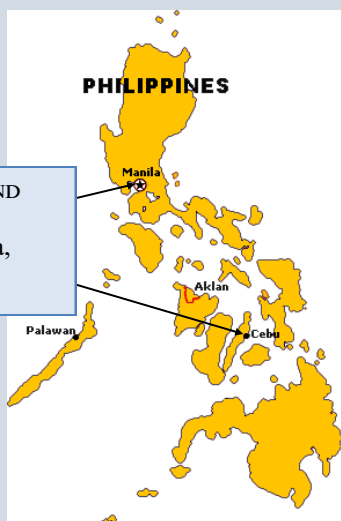
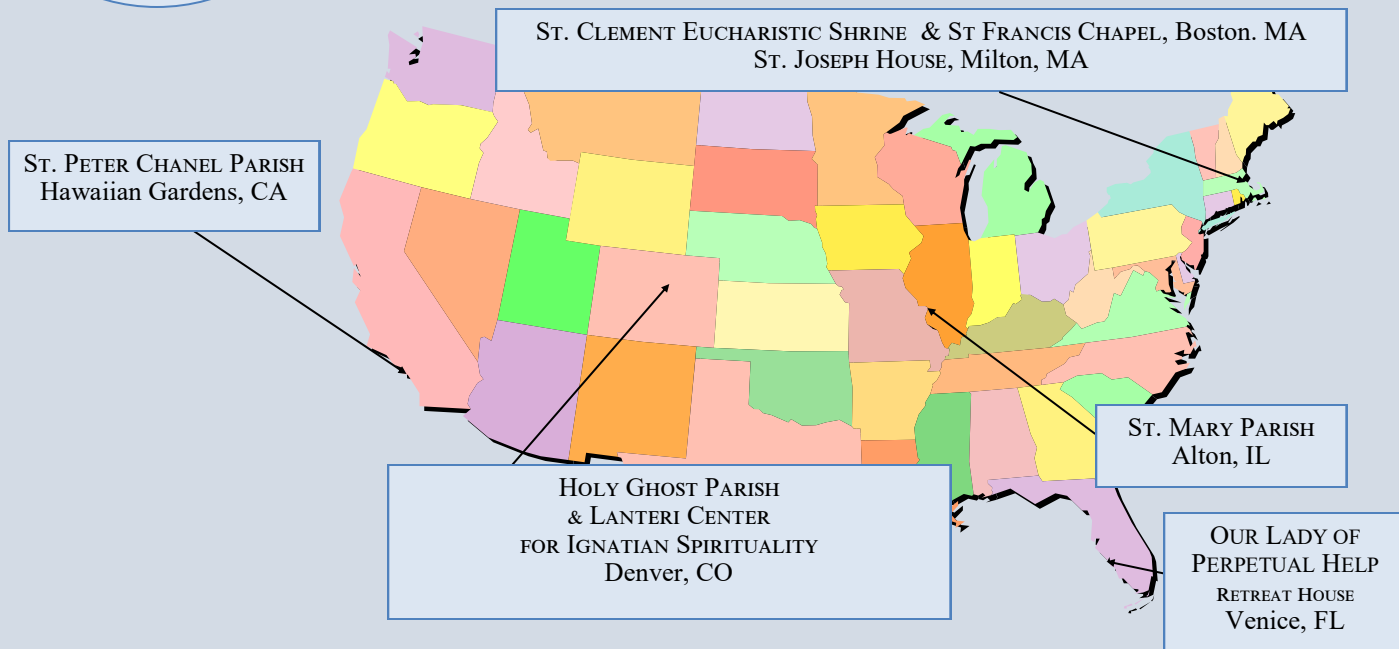
The Founder of the
Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

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.