

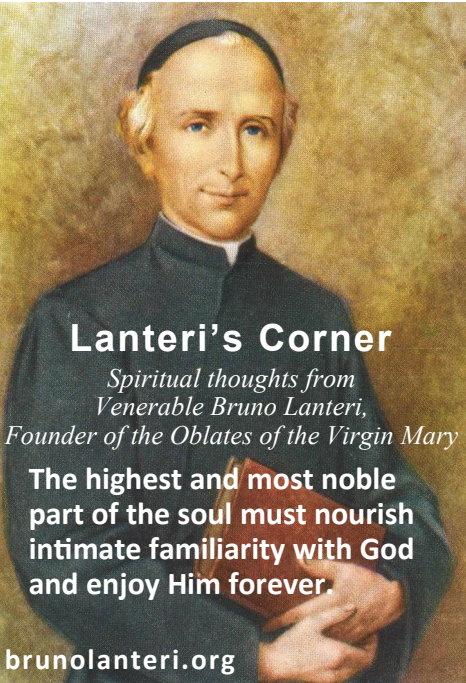


The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Epiphany of the Lord — January 6, 2019



Adoration of the Magi, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo



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

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 part of the soul must nourish
 intimate familiarity with God
 and enjoy Him forever.**

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 the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?**

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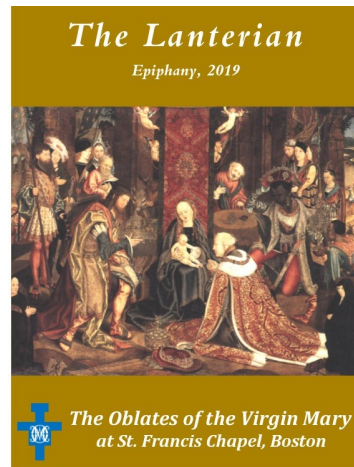
Cleaning of Chapel Environment:
 Nubia Viasus

From *The Lanterian*, Epiphany 2019

Epiphany blessing is a simple way to witness to your visitors and to the neighbors that the light of Christ has reached you and your home and that you will extend that blessing and welcome to all those who visit in this new year of grace.

Use blessed chalk to write the following above or near the doors of the home: 20 + C + M + B + 19. The numbers represent the year 2019. CMB represents two things. 1. The initials of the three Magi who are traditionally named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. 2. The Latin phrase for a home blessing is *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*. While writing, pray: *The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen*

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever.



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 Sacrament of the
 Holy Eucharist.

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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 and
 Saturday Vigil Masses)

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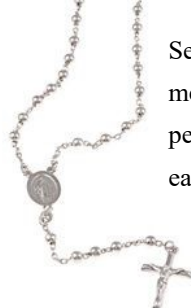
**If you are interested in joining our
 choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on
 Saturdays, please email Kim at
kim.araiza@gmail.com.
 Rehearsals are at 4:45 PM
 every Saturday.**



**If you are interested in joining our
 choir for the 10:30 AM Mass on
 Sundays, please email Michael at
michaelenwright@me.com.**

***The Chapel Gift Shop
 Item of the Week...***

Silver Rosary Necklace



See our collection of
 medals and crucifix
 pendants, bracelets,
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 collection and for the convenience
 of our regulars, we are making
weekly offertory envelopes available.
 If you would like an offertory envelope
 sent to you on a regular basis, please
 fill out one of the blue
 cards in the chapel
 entrance and drop it off
 at the Gift Shop.
 Thank you for your
 continued support!



A Reflection for the Epiphany of the Lord

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 with a fresco depicting 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 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. Mathew 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 point 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 6

8:00 AM	Patricia Devine—health
9:15 AM	Susan Savage — health
10:30 AM	George D' Cruz— birthday
11:45 AM	+ Mary DeSesa
1:15 PM (esp)	+ Ana Vasques y + Marta Yepes
4:00 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM	+ Walter Morgan

Monday, January 7

8:00 AM	+ John Kennedy
12:05 PM	+ Ken O'Leary
4:45 PM	Luis Martinez— birthday

Tuesday, January 8

8:00 AM	+ George H. W. Bush
12:05 PM	+ George H. W. Bush
4:45 PM	+ George W. Bush & Family

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 AM	Brendan Feitelberg
12:05 PM	Conversion of Sara & Javier
4:45 PM	+ Thomas Decrescenzo Jr.

Thursday, January 10

8:00 AM	Cecilia Ozaeta—birthday
12:05 PM	Conversion of Sara & Javier
4:45 PM	+ Frank Pfeffer

Friday, January 11

8:00 AM	Priests of the Franciscans of Primitive Observance
12:05 PM	Conversion of Sara & Javier
4:45 PM	Regina Bagsic & Family

Saturday, January 12

9:00 AM	Brothers of the Franciscans of Primitive Observance
12:00 PM	Conversion of Sara & Javier
4:00 PM	+ George Salvaggio
5:30 PM	Br. Francis, FPO
7:00 PM (esp)	Faustina—salud

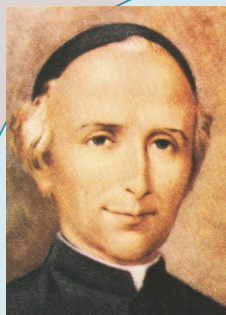
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

January 6: Epiphany of the Lord

January 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort
Priest

January 12: St. Aelred of Rievaulx
Abbot

Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



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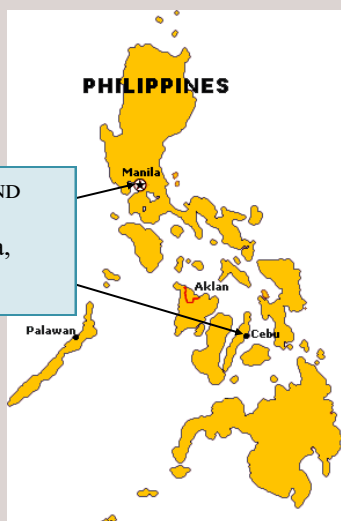
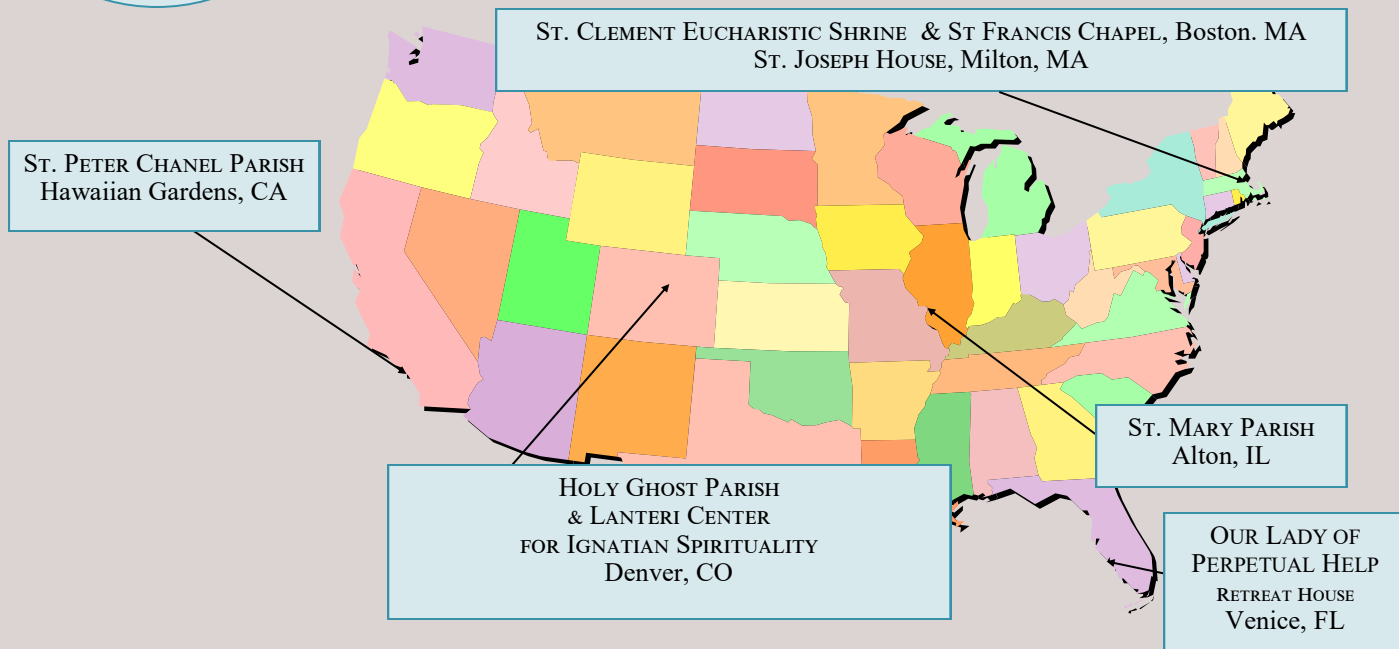
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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.



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