

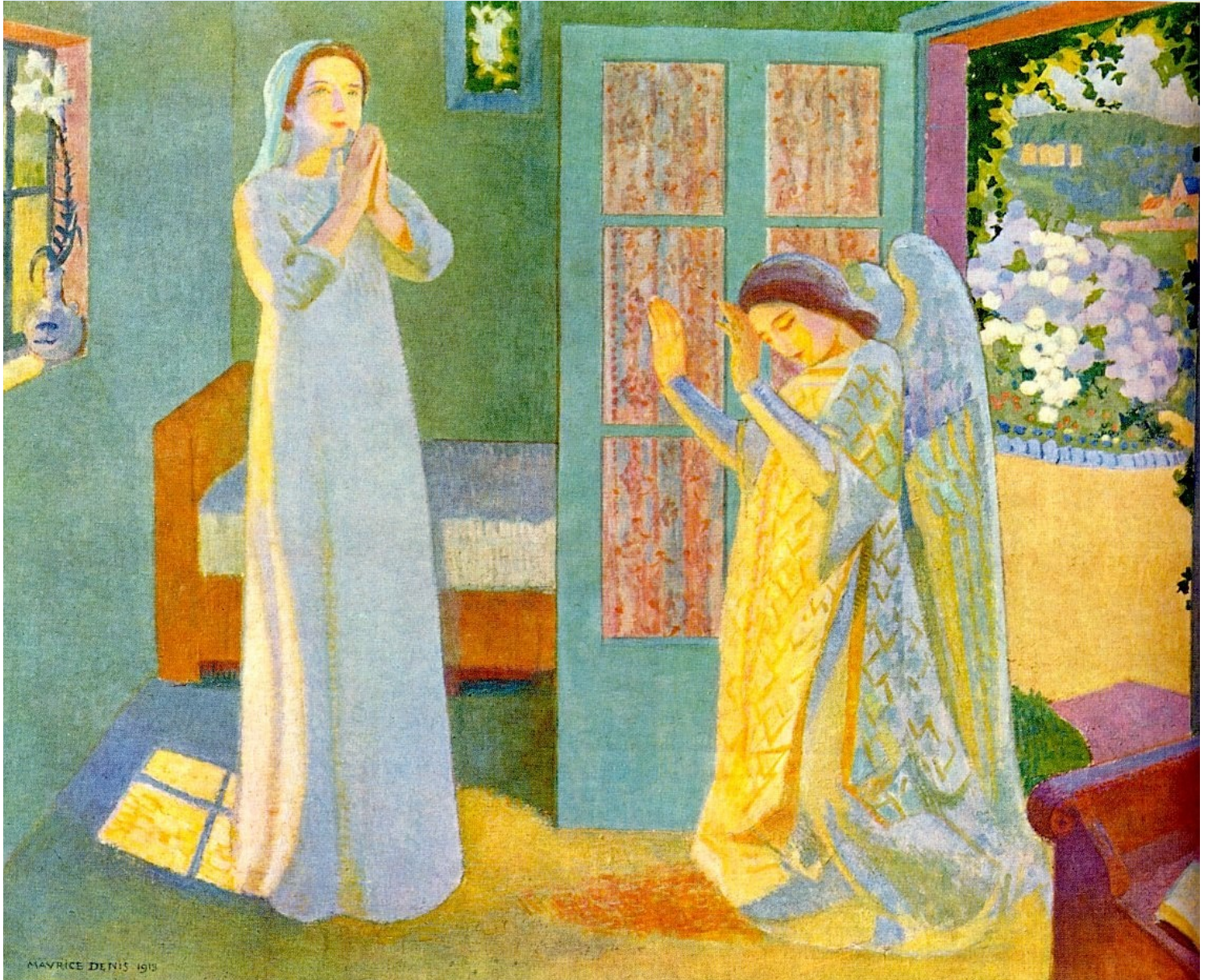


SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Third Sunday of Lent — March 24, 2019



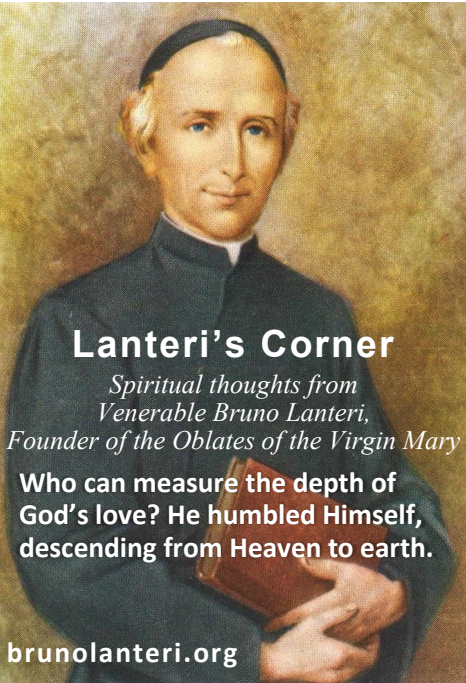
The Annunciation, Maurice Denis

From “Act of Consecration to Mary”

by Venerable Bruno Lanteri

I rejoice to see you raised up to the infinite dignity of Mother of God, and made beautiful in virtue, merit, and privileges beyond all the angels and saints together, as our Mother of mercy.

I place in you all that trust which a child places in his mother from whom he begs, with great confidence and without fear of being refused, all that he needs.



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

Who can measure the depth of
 God's love? He humbled Himself,
 descending from Heaven to earth.

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

Contact our Vocation Director
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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 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
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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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God bless you!

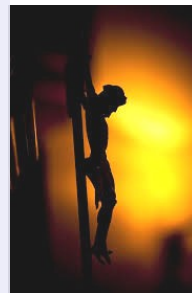


**Chapel Family
 Commitment**



Preserving
 An Oasis of Silence
 An Oasis of Prayer

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THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU
Extra hours of Confession —
Wednesdays in Lent, 6:30 - 8 PM

The Way of the Cross
Fridays in Lent
5:30 PM



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IN THEATERS MARCH 29

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**Oblates of the Virgin Mary
 Annual Gala on April 27, 2019**
Boston Seaport Hotel
Plaza Ballroom

If interested, please contact
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 Chapel by text, please text the word
 CHAPEL, leave a space and then the
 dollar amount to 617-209-2779. Thank
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Mar 24 2019

Reflection for the Solemnity of the Annunciation, March 25 by Fr. James Doran, OMV

She says “Fiat.” We say “Amen.”

Pope St. John Paul makes an interesting comparison between Our Blessed Lady’s *FIAT* and our *AMEN*. The Angel Gabriel explained God’s plan and invited Mary to accept. She replied, “Fiat” (“Let it be done according to your word”). Almighty God wanted to come into Mary’s body and soul, and she said “Fiat”.

During the Eucharistic prayer, we hear Jesus’ invitation: *Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.* At Communion time, the priest elevates the Sacred Host and proclaims, “The Body of Christ.” And the recipient responds, “Amen.” (“So be it.” “I accept.” “I believe.”)

We can imagine that after the Angel left her, Mary, knowing that the Son of God dwelt in her, newly conceived, must have felt a profound sense of gratitude. She must have felt enveloped in the **Divine Presence**. And so should we express profound gratitude and be attentive to Whom we have just received in body and soul.

There are many prayers of thanksgiving after Holy Communion to help us if we need it, like St. Thomas Aquinas’ *Adoro Te Devote*. The translation, by Fr. Gerard M. Hopkins, can be found in the Pew Missal, number 143:

Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore,
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more,
See, Lord, at Thy service low lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder at the God thou art...

Pope St. John Paul:

In a certain sense, Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God’s Word*. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation, Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord’s body and blood.

As a result, there is a profound analogy between the *Fiat* which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the *Amen* which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived “through the Holy Spirit” was “the Son of God” (Lk 1:30-35). In continuity with the Virgin’s faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine.



The icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians will be at the Chapel on March 30 & 31.

Join us in prayerful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, persecuted for their faith. There will be a prayer service on Saturday, March 30 at 12:30 PM

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday March 24

8:00 AM Those Enrolled in the Memorial Tree
9:15 AM Richard and Carol McCulloch
10:30 AM + Kendric Price
11:45 AM + Helen Baker — anniversary
1:15 PM (esp) + Franco Velez y Lilia Osorio
4:00 PM John Valleli — health
5:30 PM + Vincent Arno

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM Mary O’ Donnell
12:05 PM + Timothy Regan and Family
4:45 PM + Bernard Cardinal Law

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM + John & + Virginia Feeney
12:05 PM + Maria Chacón — anniversary
4:45 PM Roberta Bloom

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM + Matthew Donellan
12:05 PM + Andrew J. Kellogg
4:45 PM Sheila Coffey — healing

Thursday, March 28

8:00 AM + Elizabeth Daher
12:05 PM + Paul K. Leary
4:45 PM Richard & Carl McCulloch

Friday, March 29

8:00 AM Cathy Morrissey — health
12:05 PM + Corina Medina de Rosillo
4:45 PM Br. Francis, FPO

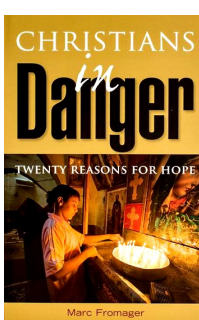
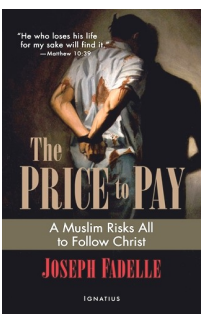
Saturday, March 30

9:00 AM Alba Osuna — healing
12:00 PM + Helen Ridge — 6th anniversary
4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM Michael Thomas — Thanksgiving
7:00 PM (esp) Acción de Gracias

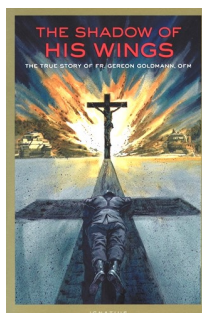
The Chapel Gift Shop

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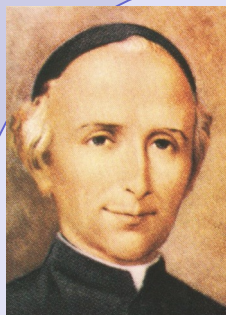
Books about Persecuted Christians



Hopeful, inspiring, true stories that will make you grateful for your own freedoms and will inspire you to pray for and support those brothers and sisters in the Faith who cannot rely on such freedoms.



Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

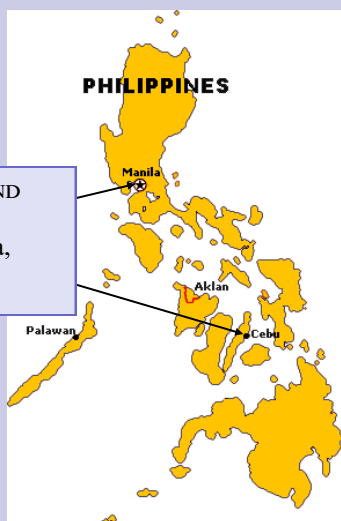
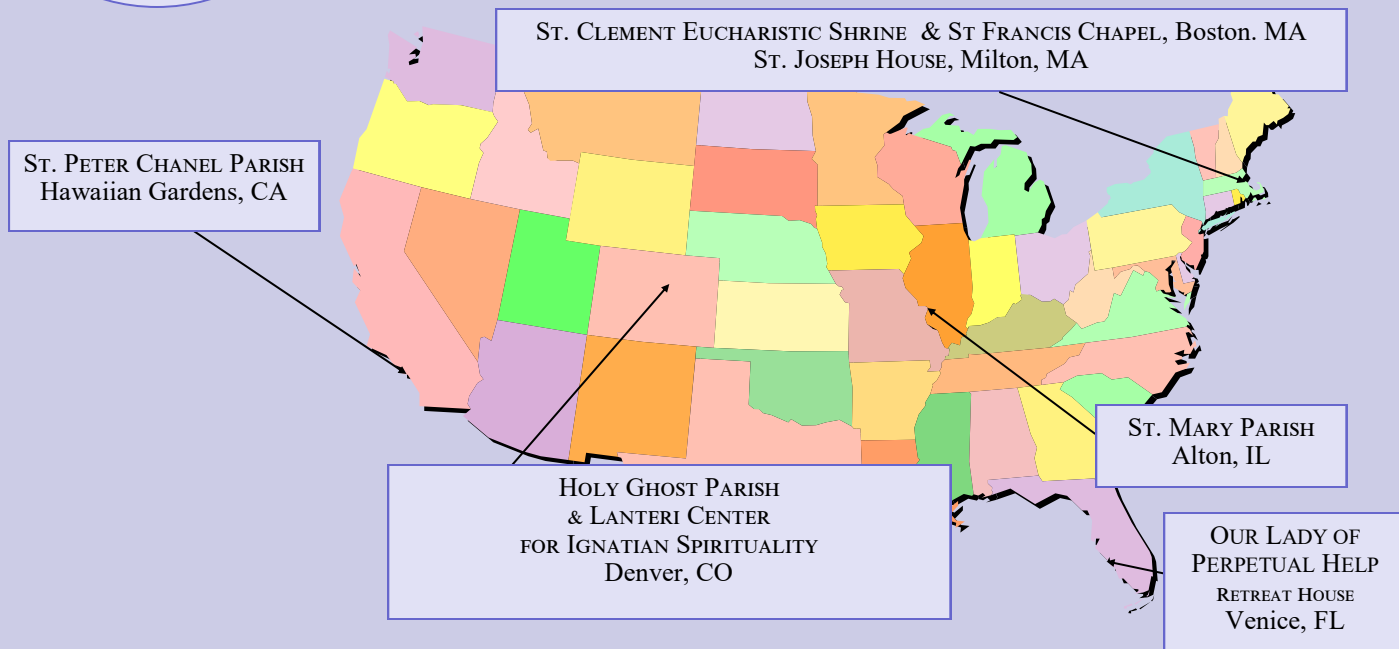
The Founder of the
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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

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.