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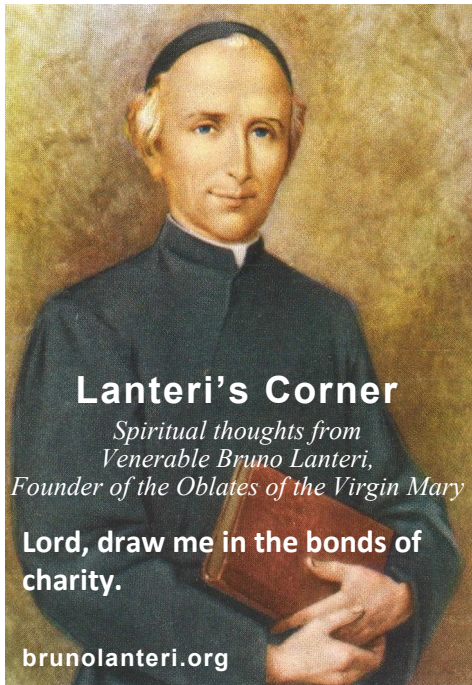
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Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 4, 2019





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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:

Monday — Friday

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;

Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;

Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*

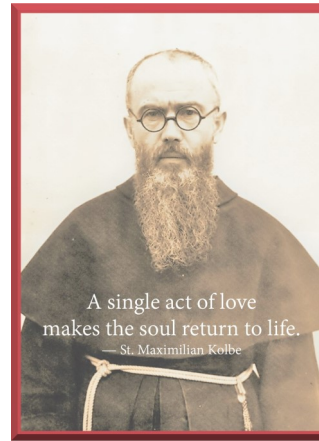
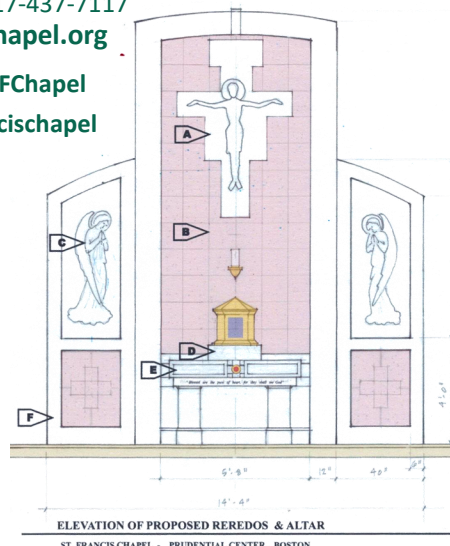
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 Saturday Vigil Masses)

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Enroll your loved ones in
 a Novena of Masses in
 honor of
 St. Maximilian Kolbe from
 August 5–13
 at St. Francis Chapel.
 Novena Mass cards are
 now available in the
 chapel entrance

**St. Maximilian Kolbe
 Marian Saint of Mercy**

Feast day: August 14

**Patron of drug addicts, prisoners, families,
 and the pro-life movement**

St. Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the Nazi death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family. It is said that, during the last days of his life, Kolbe remained calm and led the prisoners in prayers to Our Lady.

St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the feast of the Assumption.

In life he was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12 years old.

"That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

CHAPEL RENOVATION PROJECT

For half a century, St. Francis Chapel has served as a place of welcome and worship for those away from home and an oasis of prayer in the modern marketplace. Your generous donations will help us maintain and improve this sanctuary. Please visit stfrancis chapel.org for more information, including opportunities for memorials for your loved ones. You may also donate at the giving kiosk in the chapel entrance or at our gift shop. Thank you for your support!

A Reflection on the Transfiguration (Feast day: August 6) by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Who were the three who accompanied Jesus to the mountain? Peter, James and John. And who accompanied Him to the Garden after the Last Supper, saw Him sweat Blood and see Him captured? Peter, James and John.

Jesus invited these three to see His Transfiguration in order to prepare them for the Crucifixion. They were going to have to see His humiliation in His Agony. This vision on the mount would prepare them for that.

He took them up the mountain to pray. Jesus seeks to get away from the crowds to pray. There are **times** for liturgical prayer and common prayer but there must be time also for listening. More than twenty times the Gospels tell us that Jesus went off to pray. Sometimes on the mountain, in the desert... at times very early in the morning, often at night... He sought solitude so that He could be with His Father and pray.

Prayer is necessary for children of God, in order to know His will and gain the strength to do His will. That is why we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between Masses here at the chapel. Communication with God is fundamental for friendship with God. If you want to follow Christ you have to speak with Him and listen to Him. Intimate friends tend to imitate each other, have common interests and attitudes. Those who are intimate friends with Jesus and the saints develop similar **habits**, which we call virtues.

While Jesus was on the mount, He prayed and was transfigured. He allowed His divinity shine through His skin and clothes. His face shone with glory. The disciples would never forget that scene.

St. Pope John Paul included the Transfiguration among His luminous mysteries. The light enables us to see. The Transfiguration illuminated the disciples about the Person of Jesus. It was a manifestation of His divinity.

Two holy men from the Old Testament appeared with Jesus, Moses and Elijah. They represent the **Law** and the **prophecies** about the Messiah, which are fulfilled in Jesus. They speak with Him about His coming Passion and death that will take place in Jerusalem. Jesus wanted to show His friends that His death is part of the Divine plan. The Passion and Crucifixion are the way to Salvation. The Apostles do not understand but they are so happy to see Jesus in His glory so Peter says; "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here..." Peter was thinking of the Jewish custom of setting up tents outside the city of Jerusalem for those who came from other places for the feast of Tabernacles. It was God's plan that Jesus be raised on the cross to save us. It is the plan of God that we also carry our cross after Jesus. Through our participation in the Passion and cross we will reach holiness and glory. There is no other way.

The Father speaks out; "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to Him." This is a light to our understanding. Jesus is the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not created, consubstantial with the Father. He is a divine person with a divine nature and a human nature.

Pope St. John Paul suggested that as we finish each decade of the Rosary we ask for a particular **fruit** concerning the mystery just meditated on. As I pray the mystery of the Transfiguration I usually ask for an increase in the **virtue of prayer** or a greater love of prayer. Prayer is a virtue. The word virtue is another word for a good habit. We wish to do and experience what is good as often as we can.

St. Peter inspires me to make this request when he said "Lord it is good that we are here". Yes it is good that we are here in the Presence of God that we be aware of His Presence. How good it is love frequent and prolonged prayer. I think it was Fr Ignacio Larranaga who said that there is inertia to prayer. The more we pray, the more we want to pray. The less we pray, the less we want to pray. So, let us pray much this Lent and ask for the grace to love prayer even when it is hard. And if you spend much time with God, He will transfigure you and make you like His Son, Jesus. He will give you hope in your own times of suffering. Suffering and death do not have the last word. "Lord let Your Mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You."

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM + John & + Elizabth Riely

9:15 AM + Bernadette Chin

10:30 AM + Lorraine Cahall

11:45 AM + Rose Salles

1:15 PM (esp) + Rafael Lopera y Familia

4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:30 PM + Sheila Coffey

Monday, August 5

8:00 AM St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Enrollees

12:05 PM Therecia Meloncourt — birthday

4:45 PM Matt Dwyer

Tuesday, August 6

8:00 AM + Matthew McGoona — birthday

12:05 PM Jane Nowobiliska

4:45 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Enrollees

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 AM Bonnie Waldron — birthday

12:05 PM In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

4:45 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Enrollees

Thursday, August 8

8:00 AM St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Enrollees

12:05 PM + Maria Carvalho

4:45 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 9

8:00 AM Dr. Gerry Doyle

12:05 PM + Nancy Sullivan

4:45 PM + St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Enrollees

Saturday, August 10

9:00 AM + St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Enrollees

12:00 PM Ary & Therecia Auguste — anniversary

4:00 PM John & + Elizabth Riely

5:30 PM + Julius D'Amato

7:00 PM (esp) + Neredia Rubio

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

August 5: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

August 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions
- Martyrs

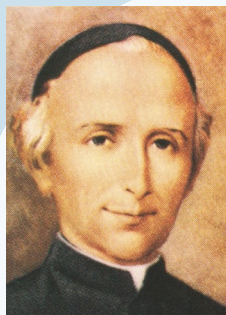
St. Cajetan - Priest

August 8: St. Dominic - Priest

August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Virgin and Martyr

August 10: St. Lawrence - Deacon and Martyr

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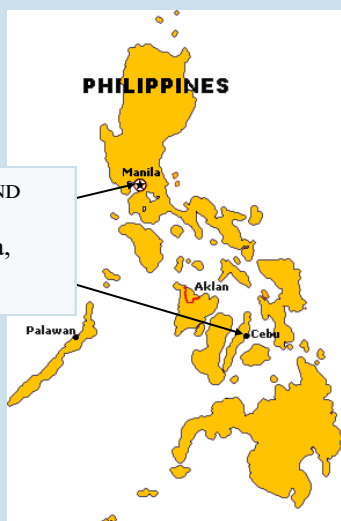
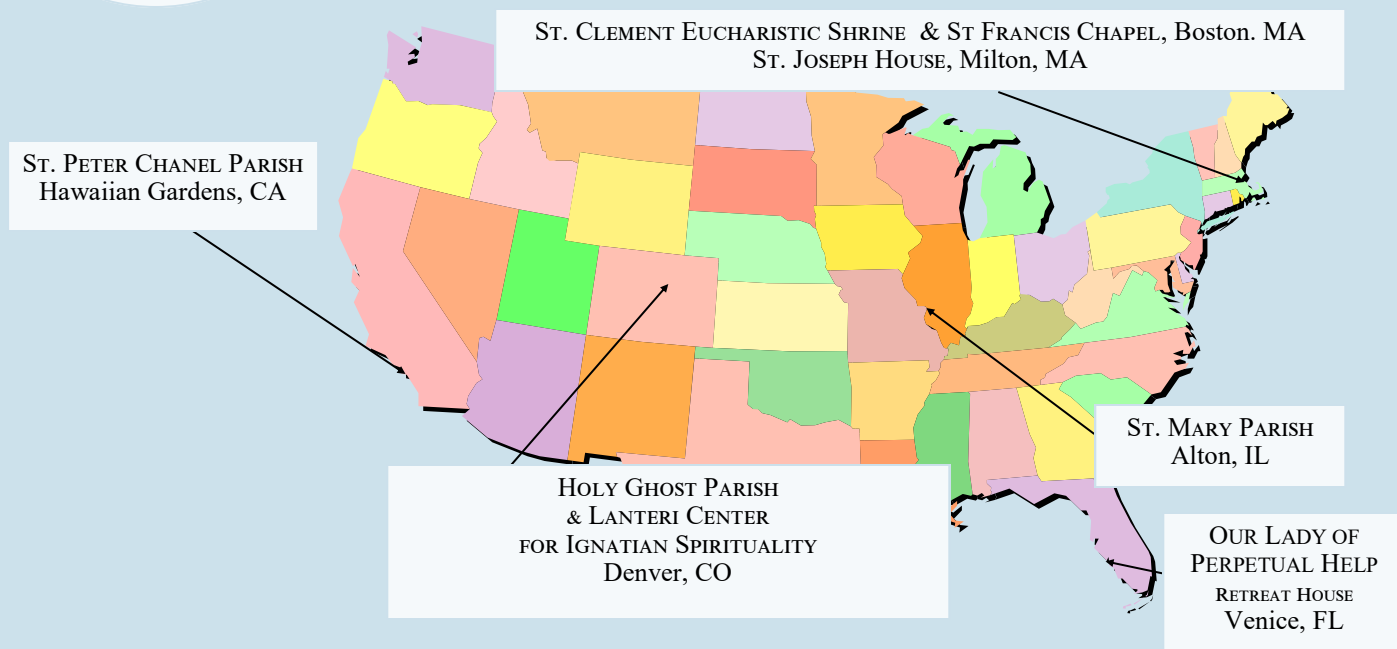
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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

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.