

THE **LANTERIAN**

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
STAFFED BY
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTERING THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 1, 2019

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*If you are interested in joining our
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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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The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week...

Nativities

*Prepare a place for the
new-born King!*



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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM,
7:00 PM en español

Sun. 8 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 PM Vespers;

Thursday after Mass: St. Jude;

Mon.—Fri. after 4:45 PM Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30 - 11:45 AM, 1:00 - 4:30 PM;

Sat. 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;

Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;

Sunday 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*

(*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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and we will print them in the *Lantern*.

Reflection for the First Sunday of Advent *By Fr. James Doran, OMV*

The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. Our Blessed Lord wants His disciples to know that they must be ready at all times for death and judgement. In the Gospel, He recalls the example of Noah: God wished to purify the earth of evil men. Noah and his family were good. God loved them and told them to build an arc to save themselves. Noah prepared for the flood while the wicked, who never even thought of God, perished when the flood came.

How many of us are ready to die? We do not know when we will die, so we need to be always prepared. Stay in the grace of God. Be a friend of God. We do not know when we will die. Every year we unwittingly pass the anniversary of our death yet to happen. That should not frighten us, but it should help us get ready. Be vigilant.

“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” (Matthew 24:43)

Jesus often says strange things to get our attention. Here, He compares Himself to a thief! We should not live in fear of judgement if we are living as God wills.

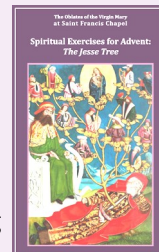
St. Paul also reminds us and the Romans that judgment is coming. *“Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”* What are works of darkness? He spells it out for us: *“orgies, drunkenness, promiscuity and lust, rivalry and jealousy.”* Instead let us put on the armor of light, that is, put on Jesus Christ.

If you are performing works of darkness, you *should* be afraid; afraid enough to change. *Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Spiritual Exercises for Advent

Please take one of our Advent prayer guides. The booklet contains daily prayers, short scripture passages and brief spiritual reflections for each day of Advent. This year's Advent spiritual exercises are based on the Jesse Tree Tradition. The Jesse Tree dates to Medieval times when, for each day of Advent, a new ornament was placed on the Jesse Tree; an ornament symbolizing significant people and events in salvation history. As the tree is 'decorated' each day, we recall how God has delivered on his promises through the ages.



Christmas Schedule at St. Francis Chapel

December 24 Christmas Vigil Masses: 4 PM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM (español), 8:30 PM

December 25: Midnight Mass 12 AM, 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45 AM,
1:15PM (español) **The Chapel closes after the 1:15 PM Mass**

NEWS

BIBLICAL PRAYER

Instructor: Fr. Peter Grover, OMV
Time: 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays during Advent
Place: Front Parlor, St. Clement Shrine,
1105 Boylston Street, Boston
stclementshrine.org

Biblical prayer is unique because the words we speak are not ours but God's own inspired words which we borrow from Scripture. This is our opportunity to pray in God's language.



Schedule :
December 3 *Prayer in the Gospel of Matthew*
December 10 *Prayer in the Gospel of Luke*
December 17 *Prayer in Paul's letters*

#GIVING TUESDAY

**December 3, 2019
is Giving Tuesday**

Giving Tuesday refers to the Tuesday after U.S. Thanksgiving. It is a movement to create an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Advent and Christmas seasons as a response to commercialization and consumerism in the post-Thanksgiving season (Black Friday and Cyber Monday).

The Friends of God: Blessed Ivan Sleziuk

Feast Day: December 2

Born in the Ukraine in 1896, Ivan studied for the priesthood as a young man with the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. He was ordained a priest in 1925. After twenty years of faithful ministry, Ivan was consecrated a coadjutor bishop in 1945, meaning he shared episcopal responsibility with the bishop who consecrated him. This was done as a precaution since the Soviet government was threatening to arrest Church leadership. Ivan himself was arrested soon after and was sent to a labor camp in Russia for 10 years. He was released in 1954. Once again, Ivan was arrested by Soviet officials and sentenced to a hard labor camp in 1962. He was released again in 1967 but spent the rest of his life as a bishop being constantly harassed by communist authorities and interrogated often by the KGB. He died of his injuries in 1975.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec.1

8:00 AM Br. Francis, FPO
9:15 AM + Burke Miller
10:30 AM + Florence Jendos
11:45 AM + Mary Desesa
1:15 PM (esp.) + Rafael Garcia
4:00 PM Jack Cuniffe
5:30 PM + George Diamandopoulos, MD

Monday, Dec. 2

8:00 AM + Therese Nguyen Thisu and
Dang Nguyen and Family
12:05 PM + John Cuniffe
4:45 PM + Annie Cuniffe

Tuesday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:00 AM + Tom Cuniffe
12:05 PM + Alan Bieri
4:45 PM Souls of Purgatory

Wednesday, Dec.4 St. John Damascene

8:00 AM + Edward G. Picardi
12:05 PM + Bridget Kissane
4:45 PM + Pat Cuniffe

Thursday, Dec. 5

8:00 AM Mrs. Norman C. Mendes
12:05 PM + Harry Morrissey
4:45 PM + George Rothenberger

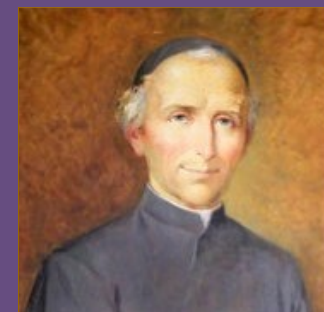
Friday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas

8:00 AM + Roger Lee
12:05 PM Rosemary Gallo
4:45 PM + Denis Kilday

Saturday, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose

9:00 AM + Amelia Martins
12:00 PM + Ercilia Nuñez
4:00 PM + Elisa Martinez
5:30 PM + Miguel Angel Cardenas
7:00 PM (esp.) + José Restrepo

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri
*Founder of the Oblates
of the Virgin Mary*

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to recognize, honor and glorify your infinite greatness and the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance, I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with so many praises, with so many wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

Catechesis: *Advent*

Advent is the first season of the Church year. We prepare for the coming of Christ in three ways: The first part of Advent is a focus on the second coming of Jesus at the end of time to usher in the fullness of the Kingdom of God. This is the goal of all of history — to be with God forever. It constitutes the first part of Advent because as the goal of history, it shapes everything else in the calendar.

The next way prepare for the coming of Christ is by grace. He comes to us in the sacraments and in the whole life of the Church throughout the calendar in the feast days and seasons of the year.

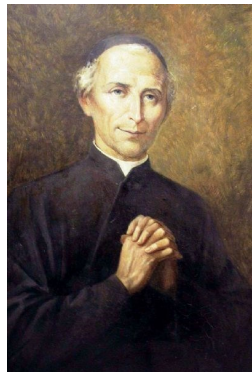
The final part of Advent (beginning December 18th) is the preparation for the coming of Christ in nature at his birth. Christmas is an entire season of the Church year where we celebrate the beginning of grace in our world due to the birth of Jesus.

It is important to fully embrace Advent as a time of renewal, penance and deep longing for God. We are meant to wait for God, not leap ahead. It's not Christmas yet.

Advent Exercises

By Ven. Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Let each of us be stable in all holy spiritual exercises, considering them of great importance. Let us be careful to avoid that tacit disdain for them found when one says it is of no importance if I omit spiritual reading, an examination of conscience, the rosary, holy Mass, etc. Sometimes we omit them in order to deal with other people, other times for some small occupation or because we feel indisposed. Once we become lazy about our spiritual devotions only with great difficulty can God, with all the strength of his dealings with our heart, subject that heart to himself. The demons know that if they do not cut away these locks of hair from the soul, they will never be able to bind this Samson. Hold in great esteem and be glad to value all the tender devotions which help in loving God. The saints made use of these devotions, and esteemed them highly, knowing that as the leaves of a tree protect its principal fruit, so tender motivations nourish solid virtue.



The Catholic Way: *St. Andrew's Day*

St. Andrew Day's is celebrated on November 30 and is traditionally a major solemnity in the Greek Orthodox Church. The Patriarch of Constantinople (considered the Ecumenical Patriarch for all Orthodox Churches) is considered the successor to St. Andrew. Every year the pope sends representatives to Constantinople (now Istanbul) to celebrate with the Greek Orthodox (the Patriarch of Constantinople in turn sends a representative to Rome on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul). St. Andrew's Day also helps to designate the beginning of the Season of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is always the first Sunday after the Feast of St. Andrew in the Latin Rite.

It is fitting that Advent would follow upon St. Andrew's Day as he was the first Apostle called by Jesus. Andrew, it appears, was a disciple of John the Baptist and was sent by John to follow Jesus. As such, Andrew is a great saint to prepare us for the coming of Jesus. In the Gospel of John Andrew asks Jesus where he is staying and Jesus replies, "Come and see." This is the spirit of Advent. With St. Andrew let us come and see where Christ is in our lives.

Lectio Divina

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." — Matthew 24

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to receive the word of God with reverence and joy.

Notice the thoughts and emotions within you. As you prayerfully consider this passage, are you able to identify what thoughts and feelings are generated?

This is the word of God. Take time to consider it carefully. Clear from your mind all distractions. Does it bring you hope or frustration? What does the Lord mean by this? From what are we awaking? Why would the Lord insist on being awake? Is the Lord threatening us, warning us or preparing us? Take time right now to let these words touch your heart. Might you ask Mary to help you listen with confidence to the Lord?

Ask the Holy Spirit, in your heart, to help you to apply this to your life.