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# SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL STAFFED BY

THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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THITEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 27, 2021

#### **CHAPEL STAFF:**

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV Fr. James Doran, OMV Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

#### **Sundays:**

Fr. James Walther, OMV Fr. Sean Morris, OMV Bro. Joe O'Connor, OMV

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**Cleaning of Chapel Environment**: Nubia Viasus

# The Pope's Prayer Intention for June:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



#### SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00PM, 5:30 PM, (en español)

**Sun.** 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

<u>Weekday Masses:</u> Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

<u>Confessions:</u> Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

Devotions: Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM; Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM; Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

<u>Gift Shop Hours:</u> **Monday—Friday** 10:00AM - 5:30PM; **Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*; **Sunday** 8:45AM - 6:30PM\* (\*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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#### Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel demonstrates the power Jesus has over illness and death. There are his true enemies, and as we read in the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, death entered the world through the devil. Our Savior's command over death should give us confidence to face this ultimate struggle, which we must all face.

In this year of St. Joseph we are reminded that one of his titles is Patron of the Dying. St. Joseph is powerful in assisting us to face death in faith, hope, love and courage and to persevere in grace to the end. He died a just man in the presence of the Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We should turn to St. Joseph in asking for the grace of final perseverance and to endure to the end as friends of God.

### Prayer to St. Joseph—Patron of the Dying

Oh, Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires.

Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your



Jesus and Mary at the deathbed of St Joseph. Stained glass window is in the parish church in Lourdes, France. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P., 2007.

heart. Press him in my name, kiss his fine head for me, and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen.

Cover Art: Jesus raises Jairus's daughter from the dead.

From a *Mirror of Holiness* (Mir'at al-quds) of Father Jerome Xavier Cleveland Museum of Art

# Life at the Chapel

#### SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR TRAINING

From October 2021 to October 2023, the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Joseph Retreat House, will direct an intensive formation program to train men and women interested in becoming spiritual directors and guides of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius.

The program entails three two-week sessions of in-person instruction and practical training. In between each session, students will engage in the ministry of direction, accompanied by an approved supervisor. There are prerequisites to the program.

For more information or inquiries see the St. Joseph House Ministry page at omvusa.org, or 617-698-6785, retreats@omvusa.org

## July 4th Holiday is observed this year on Monday, July 5

The Chapel's hours for Monday, July 5 is the following:

Masses: 9 AM 12 PM

Confessions from 9:30 AM till 11:45 AM

The Chapel will close after the Noon Mass.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

#### Sunday, June 27

8:00 AM Intentions of Sheila Walsh 9:15 AM Lauren 10:30 AM Elisia Feitelberg 11:45 AM +Chen Wan-Kung 1:15 PM (esp.) Segundo Savonel y Nancy de Savonel 4:00 PM +Michael Desesa 5:30 PM +Patrick Joyce

Monday, June 28 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory 12:05 PM Philip Kahkali 4:45 PM Rich—health

#### Tuesday, June 29

8:00 AM Therese Belfort 12:05 PM Dan Cotter—birthday 4:45 PM The Holy Souls

#### Wednesday, June 30

8:00 AM Katherine L. Kelly 12:05 PM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain 4:45 PM +Alejandro Prieto

#### Thursday, July 1

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain 12:05 PM +Suzanne Lopez 4:45 PM +Eric & +Louise Belfort

#### Friday, July 2

8:00 AM +Patrick J. Pressamarita 12:05 PM +Jarred 4:45 PM Coletta Kopp—health

## Saturday, July 3

9:00 AM +Samuel 12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez 4:00 PM +Nancy Coughlan 5:30 PM (esp.) +Joaquin Emilio Pareja y +Ana Maria Gracia

# **Prayer Before Mass**



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of 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 of him.

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 all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

#### **Religious Freedom Intentions from the US Bishops**

"Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community." (Pope Francis, *Fratelli tutti*, 116)

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

**1. Pray** that governments would respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

#### Reflect

For centuries, the Christians have carried on the healing ministry of Christ by building institutions dedicated to medicine and accompaniment of the dying. In recent years, activists have sought to undermine the Church's mission by forcing Catholic hospitals to perform procedures that destroy human life and undermine human flourishing, such as sterilization, gender reassignment surgery, and even abortion. And not only do some activists sue Catholic institutions, individuals who work in secular institutions may find that their conscientious objection to abortion does not receive respect. A nurse in Vermont was forced to choose between her job and her faith when she was told by her employer that she had to participate in an abortion. It is unthinkable that we would undermine our mission to heal by destroying innocent life and harming the persons for whom we are called to care.

#### Act

While existing federal laws already protect some conscientious objections to abortion, sterilization, and gender reassignment surgery in theory, this protection has not proved effective in practice. These laws can only be enforced by complaint to the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which has in the past refused to fully enforce these laws. The **Conscience Protection Act** would address deficiencies that block effective enforcement of existing laws, most notably by establishing a private right of action allowing victims of discrimination to defend their own rights in court. <u>Contact your elected officials in Congress and urge them to support the Conscience Protection Act!</u>

**2. Pray** for Christians in Iraq, and that people of all faiths in the land of Abraham may live in peace.

#### Reflect

Today, although ISIS was defeated, the threat from extremists remains as Christians who return to Mosul and the Nineveh Plains are often still subject to harassment, intimidation, and extortion; the task of rebuilding is daunting.

#### Act

Various international Catholic agencies are providing humanitarian assistance to the millions who have been affected and displaced by these conflicts in Iraq. You can join these efforts by donating to the Knights of Columbus Persecuted Christian fund. Support our brothers and sisters in the Middle East today!

**3. Pray** that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

#### Reflect

One of the promises of our country is that many voices, even voices expressing minority views, have a right to express themselves. Is that promise being fulfilled? Just this year, a book on problems with gender ideology by a prominent commentator was removed from Amazon. A Catholic news outlet had its Twitter account suspended for noting that a government official who claims to be a transgender woman is a biological male. While these companies may have a right to control the materials they help to distribute, it is disturbing that the views of some can be protected from scrutiny, particularly when these views do not promote human flourishing. On the feast day of two of our boldest preachers of the gospel, Sts. Peter and Paul, who faced intense hostility, let us resolve to have the courage to speak the truth with grace. And let us pray that the Lord will give us the prudence to be creative and compassionate in our witness.

#### Act

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