



THE **LANTERN**

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
STAFFED BY
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER ~~THE~~ HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 1, 2021

CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
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Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV
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Pastoral Associate:

Isabelle Maria

Music Director: Michael
Enwright

Music: Saul Garcia, Cesar
Garcia, Christina Roberts

Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July:

We pray that, in social, economic
and political situations of conflict, we
may be courageous and passionate
architects of dialogue and friendship.



Cover Art:

Manna from Heaven Stained Glass Window
Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.

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

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

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

Gift Shop Hours:

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 by Bro. Jonas Verdeflor, OMV

How eagerly do we seek Jesus?

We all must admit that we are not eager. Sometimes, we do not seek Him. We struggle with disease, bad weather and inflation while Jesus seems far away. Besides, easy solutions are only a mouse click away: medicine here, video games there, cheap goods over there. I suspect that we are more eager for the Amazon delivery van than Jesus. At least, *that* seems to come through.

But seeking Jesus is good. The people in today's Gospel seek Jesus after the multiplication of the loaves. Surely, they think, he can do more of the same. Jesus knows this. Yes, food, clothing and shelter matter to sustain life. Our Lord instead points to the people's deepest desire for God and eternal life. He fulfills that innermost desire in the Eucharist. Through bread and wine transformed substantially into His Body and Blood, Jesus gives His divine life — His very self — to each one of us.

How eagerly do we seek Jesus? Rather, we should flip that question. How eagerly does Jesus seek us? He seeks each of us more than we seek him. Does Jesus not say at the Last Supper, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you" (Lk 22:15 RSV-CE)? Jesus' mission to seek and heal the lost is encapsulated in the Eucharist. This sacrament allows Jesus to be present in every part of the globe to all who lose their way.

Jesus furthermore fulfills the Scriptures: "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?" (Dt 4:7). We Catholics can ask that same question because Jesus draws so near to us in the Eucharist. If we seek him, all we need to do is stop by a Catholic church. He awaits us there in the tabernacle, ready to give His gifts of love, comfort and peace. Here at St. Francis Chapel, we offer the opportunity to deepen that intimacy with Jesus through daily Eucharistic Adoration. Such adoration brings us face to face with Our Lord and Savior. Thus, He also fulfills his promise to his disciples after the Resurrection: "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20).

In the book *In Sinu Jesu*, Jesus tells a Benedictine monk of His great desire to be with His people through the Eucharist: "I would draw souls to My open Heart, I would have them experience what it is to abide in the radiance of My Eucharistic Face, I would give Myself in intimate friendship to souls drawn to Me in the Sacrament of My love" (March 30, 2008).

Thus, Jesus desires not a long-distance relationship with us. He seeks us by coming in the appearance of bread and wine. All we need to do is turn to Him in this Blessed Sacrament. I repeat Jesus' invitation to you: Seek Him in the Eucharist. Time with Jesus is never wasted.

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



Volunteers

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

Please let us know if you are interested in assisting the Chapel in its mission with your time and talent.

Please respond to sfc.pru@gmail.com or let us know personally.

God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug 1

8:00 AM Mr. And Mrs. Jason Allain
9:15 AM Olize—special intention
10:30 AM +James E. Kilroy
11:45 AM +Cornelius “Neil” Leonard
1:15 PM +Paolo Leons
4:00 PM +Victoria Gerra
5:30 PM +Elcio Lopes

Monday, Aug 2

8:00 AM +Linda Kastor Bouton
12:05 PM In Thanksgiving
4:45 PM +Elcio Lopes

Tuesday, Aug 3

8:00 AM Alberto Perez—healing
12:05 PM +Vito Ruggeri
4:45 PM Peter Siekiera—birthday

Wednesday, Aug 4

8:00 AM +Hernando Nigrinis
12:05 PM Novellino Monzon Fagardo—health
4:45 PM Almas Purgatorio

Thursday, Aug 5

8:00 AM Teresa Belafort—birthday
12:05 PM +Tu Tun-Men
4:45 PM Ruttilia Ruiz—health

Friday, Aug 6

8:00 AM +Eddie Fitzpatrick
12:05 PM Special Intention—Jane Nowobilska
4:45 PM Kevin Concoy—health

Saturday, Aug 7

9:00 AM Joyce Kum Kee Chong & Family
12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez
4:00 PM +Sr. Noreena
5:30 PM Owners & Staff of Chiara Bistro

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.

August is the month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is focused on the love God has for us as expressed through the human heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart is focused on our love returned to God, immaculately in the heart of Our Lady. She is also very earnest to teach us how to love God from the heart.

In the Gospel of John we see that Jesus gave His Mother to us at the foot of the cross (John 19:25-27). It reads that from the hour that Jesus gave His Mother over to the Beloved Disciple that the disciple “took her into his home.” In the original Greek, the word that is translated as “home” actually means “his own.” The beloved disciple took Mary into himself, into his heart. We are all the Beloved Disciple of the Lord and He has left His Mother to us as a final gift. To take her into our own is to allow the Immaculate Heart of Mary to transform us from within to know deeply how to receive the love of God and how to return it as is fitting to the glory of the Lord.

Consecration to Our Lady

Prayer by Venerable Bruno Lanteri.

Most high Lady of the Universe, Queen of angels and of men, above whom there is only God, and below whom is all that is not God, prostrate before the throne of your mercy, in my name and in the name of all creation, I humbly ask your forgiveness for all the sorrow we have caused you by our faults, and our slowness in honoring you. May heartfelt thanks be given to you for all the blessings your loving Heart has obtained and shared with us as our Mother.

In reparation for so many faults and in gratitude for so many favors, I offer myself to you as your perpetual slave, with a pure, free and perfect gift of all my goods, my body, and all my being.

I desire to use forever all that I have and possess, all that I am, entirely in your service and that of your divine Son.



I ask you therefore to dispose of me according to your desire as my true and absolute Lady.

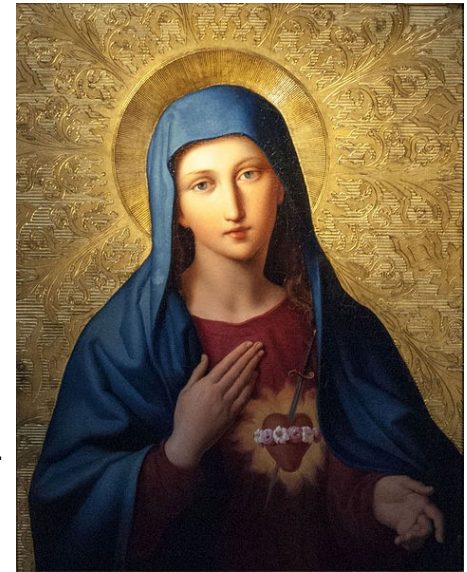
I rejoice to see you raised up to the infinite dignity of Mother of God, and made beautiful in virtue, merit and privileges beyond all the angels and saints together, as our Mother of mercy.

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.

I choose you as my loving Mother, and choose to depend on you in all my actions. I wish to discern at every moment what is most pleasing to you that I may fulfill with all my strength what you choose for me. I desire to be totally available to your desire, and that my only desire be what you desire. I declare above all, that my firm purpose is to adore, love and praise Jesus Christ, the fruit of your most pure womb, with that spirit, that heart, and in that perfect way that you, most blessed Virgin, adore, love and praise him in heaven, with the intention of giving him the same glory that you constantly give him in heaven.

Be pleased, my sovereign Lady and most loving Mother, to accept me as your unworthy servant and son, and grant me the grace to imitate the angels in my readiness to follow your desires, and to love Jesus with your own most ardent Heart.

Since I know myself unworthy of so great a grace, I ask the intercession of my Guardian Angel, of St. Joseph, St. John and my patron saint, that I may obtain this blessing, and the grace of a persevering fidelity to what I have promised. Amen.



The Heart of Mary, Painting by Leopold Kupelwieser. Photo by Diana Ringo, 2013.