



SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

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THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AUGUST 22, 2021

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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



Cover Art:

To Whom Shall We Go, Lord? Stained glass detail is from a window by Herbert Hendrie in Glasgow's St Kentigern's Cathedral. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Flickr

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

There is a Christian song that says: I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no looking back! Decisions are daily occurrences in our lives. In our pilgrimage of life, we encounter moments that require decision making: the decision to rest, to exercise, to eat healthy, to work hard, to live a virtuous life, to keep the commandments of God. Every split second, decisions are made. One interesting thing about decisions is every decision made is accompanied by a consequence which could either be positive or negative, either build up or tear down. A decision made in the right direction can propel a believer from the depths of sin to the angelic height of holiness. A decision that is well-informed by Christian principles is very attractive, for instance Mary's Yes to God's salvific plans for humanity makes her extraordinarily endearing to our hearts and makes her a model of cooperation with God's ongoing plans for our salvation.

Today, the liturgy presents us two characters that decided rightly. The person of Joshua in the first reading and Peter in the Gospel. Both were faced with situations that made sitting on the fence abhorrent. They needed to declare their allegiance.

Joshua invited his audience to renew its commitment to the covenant because he figured out that it was the right thing to do: He said: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling." And he declared his stance courageously: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Peter on the other hand, had to respond to Jesus' question in response to the rejection of the crowd of the precious gift of the Eucharist, which he offered to them. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Do you also want to abandon the food that gives at the expense of something of a lesser value which one gets apart from me? Simon Peter who had discovered that turning away from the Lord amounts to emptiness, "that a moment with the Lord is better a thousand elsewhere", answered him on behalf of the Twelve, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Joshua made a wonderful decision, so did Peter. The Lord calls us today to renew our decision that we made at our baptism to reject Satan and all his works and to believe in Him who is the Way, The Truth and the Life. He has promised to remain with us for ever. He is present in the Eucharist, the food of life.

Life at the Chapel



Fall 2021 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

September 25, October 16 & November 20

“Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself.”— A Project Rachel retreat participant.

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a “Come to the Waters of Healing” one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 25, October 16 and November 20 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug 22

8:00 AM The Falbo Family
9:15 AM +Peggy Lally
10:30 AM +Joe Timilty
11:45 AM +Eileen Haggerty
1:15 PM Cesar David Calderon, birthday
4:00 PM +Eileen Haggerty
5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, Aug 23

8:00 AM +Moira Giard
12:05 PM Juany Naveo—health
4:45 PM +Oscar Mayorga

Tuesday, Aug 24

8:00 AM +Elizabeth Alfonso
12:05 PM Coletta Kopp—health
4:45 PM Andrew Hutner—birthday

Wednesday, Aug 25

8:00 AM The Holy Souls
12:05 PM +Rita Kopp
4:45 PM The Holy Souls

Thursday, Aug 26

8:00 AM James Ooi & Family
12:05 PM Hendricks Delva—birthday
4:45 PM +Ana Maria Garcia—anniv.

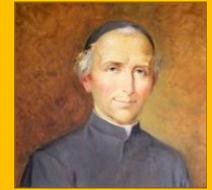
Friday, Aug 27

8:00 AM James Ooi & Family
12:05 PM +Daniel J. McLaughlin
4:45 PM +Fernando Meloncourt & Children

Saturday, Aug 28

9:00 AM James Ooi & Family
12:00 PM +Sean Moroney
4:00 PM +Francis & +Marianne Donahue
5:30 PM +Sna. Mercedes

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.

Year of the Eucharist Missionaries!

The Archdiocese of Boston continues with the Year of the Eucharist until the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022. We are looking for those faithful who are called by the Lord to become a missionary for the Eucharist at St. Francis Chapel.

What is a Year of the Eucharist Missionary?

It is someone who believes in the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and will dedicate him/herself to pray more, to participate in, and to promote the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Who can be a Year of the Eucharist Missionary?

We welcome anyone who is currently, or has been, a patron of the Chapel, whether living in Boston, or visiting, to join us as Missionaries, deepening your own love of the Eucharist, and praying for this Eucharistic Year to bear fruit in the whole Church. We want to invite others to a greater faith in the Eucharist, with adoration, and even to return to Holy Mass.

What does a Year of the Eucharist Missionary do?

Prayer, Participation, Promotion, Mission

1. **PRAYER** - Commit to praying an additional 1% each day. That's 15 minutes. This can be done at home, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, by going to Mass, or reading Scripture, etc.
 - Families and/or youth under 12 promise to say at least 3 prayers a day, such as the morning offering, grace before meals and a bedtime prayer.
 - Consider committing to one holy hour per week (or two 30 minute sessions, for example)
 - Participate in days of recollection/retreats and invite others to do the same.

2. **PARTICIPATION** - Commit to helping with and attending Year of the Eucharist events at your parish, school, shrine, campus ministry, or ecclesial community.

- Consider ways to help homebound missionaries participate, such as picking them up to attend an event and/or having them assist with an administrative task.

3. **PROMOTION** - Commit to witnessing to the power of the Eucharist in your life. You can do this a few different ways: give a witness talk at the end of Mass, on a video, or at a faith formation gathering; write something for the bulletin; make a picture to hang up at home, at church, or at school; spread the word about the Year of the Eucharist events.

4. **MISSION** - Sharing our Eucharistic Faith

- Invite others to participate in adoration or to come to Mass. At the Chapel this could even be combined with going to lunch in the mall or walking to the Boston Public Gardens or Commons.
- Utilize your particular gifts and talents to promote the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass. Examples of gifts and talents are knowledge of social media, video recording, organization, writing, singing, etc. Whatever talents that can benefit the mission to promote the Eucharist.
- Bring our Pilgrimage Icon to your home and invite others to pray with you and host an Agape Dinner. This is a dinner hosted by you that involves prayer, feasting and fellowship.

Missionaries may meet occasionally to share missionary stories, have fellowship with each other, brainstorm together. Prayer materials and other supplies will be provided by the Chapel. The Year of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Boston concludes with the Eucharistic Congress in July 2022.

To enroll or learn more, please contact our pastoral associate, Isabelle, at sfc.pru@gmail.com.