

THE
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SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

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ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 17, 2021

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

We pray that every baptized person
may be engaged in evangelization,
available to the mission, by being
witnesses of a life that has the flavor
of the Gospel.



Cover Art:

Christ the Eternal High Priest. Icon from St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox
Monastery, Arizona. Photo by 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

Jesus had just announced to his disciples an imminent sorrowful event (his passion, death and his eventual resurrection). Today's gospel started with the unfortunate, and inappropriate, reaction that followed from his prediction by his two beloved disciples James and John demanding high positions in his cabinet. For such a demand to come to him at the moment he predicted his death for the third time speaks volumes. First and foremost, it showed a high degree of insensitivity, that can happen to anyone who doesn't keep his obsessions in check. It was indeed an ill motivated reaction that was unexpected, and this sparked some indignation among his other disciples.

Their reaction showed that they were completely clueless about the real mission of their Master. In it was a manifestation of a shallow understanding of what it means to be a servant leader. It was so obvious that they were carried away by the mentality of their time. As a result, the all important admonition of St Paul contained in Romans 12: 1-2 was highly needed: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

The inappropriateness of their request led to a patient and gentle reaction by Jesus to have an unscheduled conference on redemptive suffering for his disciples: "You do not know what you are asking.

Can you drink the cup that I drink
or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"
They said to him, 'We can.'

Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink, you will drink,
and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;
but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give
but is for those for whom it has been prepared.'"

Invitation to Drink the Cup and Receive the Baptism

In the brief conference, Jesus challenges them to drink the cup he will drink and undergo the baptism he will undergo. Here Jesus evokes the biblical image of the cup of suffering (Jer. 25:15-29) and the meaning of baptism as death by drowning (Rom. 6:3-4). He affirms that James and John will suffer greatly for their association with him. (Daniel J. Harrington Meeting St. Mark Today 2011).

The invitation to drink his Cup and receive his baptism is not just for James and John but for us all. "We are citizens of Heaven. We must expect to meet some obstacles on the way-there will be troubles and trials in our lives, but one look at our crucifix should make us realize how little we are asked to suffer for our own salvation when compared with what Christ has suffered to make salvation possible" (Kevin O'Sullivan The Sunday Reading 1966).

What would be the best **reaction** to all we have heard and read today. An appropriate reaction is needed for our hearts to be set aflame with the necessary generosity to accept the invitation to drink from his cup and be baptized with his baptism. This will enable us to accept realities that we cannot change with serenity. Pray with Jesus, whatever cup you permit me to drink, let your will not mine be done. This will go a long way in each of us fulfilling our mission as Christians both in name and in action.

For October, The Month of the Holy Rosary:

You may enroll your loved ones or other intentions in our Daily Rosary during October and the **Novena of Masses in honor of Pope St. John Paul II from October 14-22.**

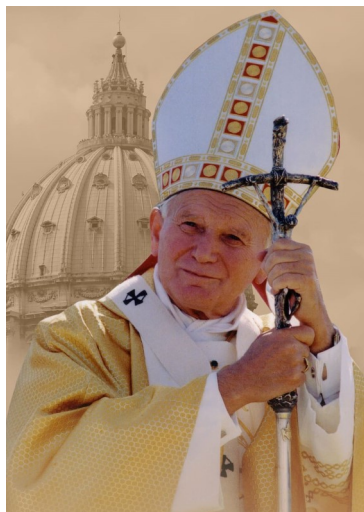
Enrollments cards may be found in the vestibule of the Chapel.

The Holy Rosary will be prayed:

- * Monday—Friday after the 4:45PM Mass
- * Saturday after the Noon Mass
- * Sunday after the 1:15PM Mass

Prayer by Pope St. John Paul II

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 17

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:15 AM Alice O'Brien
10:30 AM +Russell Eidell
11:45 AM John Paul II Novena
1:15 PM +Shirley Van Valkenberg
4:00 PM +David Hennessey
5:30 PM Taysen Van Itallie—health

Monday, Oct. 18

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. J. Perea-Rodriguez & Family
12:05 PM John Paul II Novena
4:45 PM IN Honor of Our Lady of the Pillar

Tuesday, Oct. 19

8:00 AM John Paul II Novena
12:05 PM Nary Alice Moore—health
4:45 PM Olga Torres—birthday

Wednesday, Oct. 20

8:00 AM John Paul II Novena
12:05 PM Holy Souls in honor of St. Joseph
4:45 PM The Holy Souls

Thursday, Oct. 21

8:00 AM +Davey Gardner
12:05 PM John Paul II Novena
4:45 PM +Joseph Vaccerille

Friday, Oct. 22

8:00 AM John Paul II Novena
12:05 PM +Juan Madriaga
4:45 PM +Joe Timilty

Saturday, Oct. 23

9:00 AM +Antonio Cataldo
12:00 PM Carola Pontone & Family
4:00 PM +Mary Louise Butler
5:30 PM +Josefina Melendez

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.

**Pope St. John Paul II's Challenge to Our Church:
The Inspiration for *Walking with Moms in Need*
By the US Catholic Bishops**

On March 25, 2020, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document, written by a great saint of our time, Pope John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

In this encyclical, the Holy Father explains that the Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, reflecting his glory and his imprint. We are therefore called to "respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."

Evangelium vitae highlights the special and particular role of women in bearing the gift of life to the world. Pope John Paul II offers heartfelt thanks to these "heroic mothers," who, placing their trust in God, "devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves."

Pope John Paul II also outlines the many challenges that expectant mothers may face, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health or that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. The Holy Father recognizes that an "unborn child is totally entrusted to the protection and care of the woman carrying him or her in the womb." For this reason, it is particularly important that the Church come alongside mothers, offering them encouragement, assistance, and support.

Through Christ, we have received the gift of the Gospel of Life in its fullness. As members of the Church, we are the *people of life and for life*. It is our duty to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life to the world, for "*to proclaim Jesus is itself to proclaim life*." Pope John Paul II tasked us with building a culture of life to combat the forces at work in the culture of death. He challenged us:

With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth.

In honor of *Evangelium vitae*'s 25th anniversary and in answer to Pope John Paul II's call, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities launched a nationwide effort entitled, ***Walking with Moms in***

Need. Parishes, through the support of their bishops and pastors, are invited to join this effort to increase the Church's outreach and support to pregnant women facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies. This special anniversary has provided the Church with an opportunity to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in need.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods, but in desperation, they are turning to other places for help. We know the needs and challenges can be immense for women in difficult pregnancies, especially women in poverty, and the sources for help may not be apparent to those most needing support. Women facing challenging pregnancies should see the Church as a place where they can find help, especially with its extensive social services dedicated to meeting the needs of people in crisis.

Through *Walking with Moms in Need* the Church is being asked to respond to Pope John Paul II's call and honestly assess the pastoral and practical assistance that it currently provides to pregnant moms and families in need and how effective it is in communicating such help.

Pope John Paul II wrote that, "gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to share [the Gospel of Life] with everyone." He said we need to bring this message "to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." By reaching out to lovingly support and care for pregnant women and their children, we witness to the sanctity of every human person, in every stage and every circumstance.

Evangelium vitae emphasizes that, "where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable... We need then to 'show care' for all life and for the life of everyone." Pope John Paul II highlights the incredible history of service and charity that the Church has provided throughout the centuries to those abandoned and forgotten by society. He urges that "every Christian community, with a renewed sense of responsibility, must continue to write this history."

We are called to reverence and love every human person as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us. *Evangelium vitae* teaches us that "the task of accepting and serving life involves everyone; and this task must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest."

Pope John Paul II wrote, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel." The Gospel of Jesus *is* the Gospel of Life, and to love Jesus is to love and serve life. As followers of Christ, may we strive to continually respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable entrusted to us by God.