



THE LANTERIAN

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
STAFFED BY
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

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:

The Trinity Adored by All the Saints. Tempera and gold on wood, circa
1400. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

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

Beginning with the vigil on Sunday we enter into the three days of reflecting on death and holiness. The Vigil of All Saints, All Saints Day and finally All Souls Day provide us an opportunity to remember the dead but to remember them specifically as Christian Dead.

The Jewish People handed on to us, through their suffering the burden of being the Chosen People, that proper understanding of death. To them, the full sense of death was not the cessation of biological functions but being severed from the communion of prayer within Israel. To be unable to pray in the Temple or synagogue because of illness is the real death. Prayers for healing in the Psalms always emphasize not just physical healing but restoration to worship.

*Have pity on me, LORD, for I am weak;
heal me, LORD, for my bones are shuddering.
My soul too is shuddering greatly—
and you, LORD, how long?
Turn back, LORD, rescue my soul;
save me because of your mercy.
For in death there is no remembrance of you.
Who praises you in Death? (Psalm 6:3-6)*

The power of Christ's resurrection answers the final question in verse 6 of the Psalm. Who praises God in death? The saints! All those who die in Christ are not cut off from the praise of God. The saints now stand before the face of God beholding His beauty and praising His goodness. The souls in purgatory, whom we remember on November 2 and for whom we continue to pray, suffer a time of purification but they do so with the certain hope that they too will have their spiritual vision sharpened to also behold the face of God.

Christian death is the last moment that we are able to exercise love. We have been given the gift of life out of God's love. Through the pilgrimage of life we are to grow in that love to the point that we have the freedom and hope at the moment of our own deaths that we return the love and the gift to God, who cannot be outdone in generosity and who returns the gift to us again with eternal life with Him through Christ. The Saints are those who have given this gift to God.

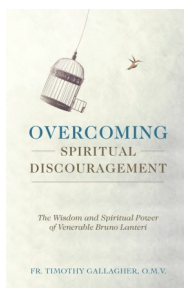
Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement

Feeling discouraged in your spiritual life is not uncommon, especially with the hardships and distractions in today's world. In a new virtual workshop with Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, you'll learn ways of dealing with discouragement and strengthening your relationship with Jesus Christ through the teachings of OMV founder, Ven. Bruno Lanteri.



Register at <https://www.omvusa.org/our-work/virtual-workshops/overcoming-spiritual-discouragement/>

As an expert on the life and writings of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, has much to share about finding hope and peace in times of spiritual struggle. A new virtual workshop on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement" is your opportunity to get a front row seat as Fr. Gallagher shares wisdom and practical lessons pulled right from the letters of Ven. Bruno to his spiritual directees.



Based on the popular book by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, the workshop offers a message of hope and a path to joy for anyone struggling with their faith journey.

By drawing on the teachings of OMV founder Ven. Lanteri, you'll learn how to move past spiritual obstacles without shame and build a relationship with the Lord based on love and mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 31

8:00 AM Denise MacPherson
9:15 AM In honor of the Holy Family
10:30 AM +Michael Delano
11:45 AM In honor of St. Joseph—special intention
1:15 PM +Fr. Pedro Estrada
4:00 PM +Harry F. Bonnet, Jr.
5:30 PM +Odilla Bolivar

Monday, Nov. 1

8:00 AM James Duane
12:05 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory in honor of St. Joseph
4:45 PM +Allan Cassidy

Tuesday, Nov. 2

8:00 AM +Joyce Picard
12:05 PM +Donald Osterman
4:45 PM +George William Kaster

Wednesday, Nov. 3

8:00 AM Joan Drury
12:05 PM +Matthew Perez
4:45 PM Norma Lorenzana—100th birthday

Thursday, Nov. 4

8:00 AM +Richard Mahoney
12:05 PM Brooke Rose
4:45 PM +Francisco & +Maria Dovala

Friday, Nov. 5

8:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Jo Holguin-Cuellar & Family
12:05 PM Patricia Bottary
4:45 PM +Clem Cheung

Saturday, Nov. 6

9:00 AM Magdalena & Serafina Munoz
12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez
4:00 PM +Rocio Lopez
5:30 PM Maria Castro—intentions

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.

Synod on Synodality From the Archdiocese of Boston

Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the Synod on Synodality. The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

That process will begin here in Boston now with asking as many people as possible to take a simple survey. The link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9>

This survey is the first step. Other upcoming steps will be:

- An opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, on Saturday, November 27, at 4:30PM. The Mass will be broadcast on CatholicTV, as well being a live event.
- Discussions in the Presbyteral Council, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils, using a set of questions which will be distributed soon.
- Focus groups in various ministries, religious communities, and demographic populations across the Archdiocese.
- Five regional sessions that will be open to the public.
- The collection of all of the feedback, and its compilation into a ten-page document which will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in April of 2022.
- A closing liturgy at the Cathedral in late April of 2022.

In this process, we hope to be able to make some contribution to the global conversation on synodality. More importantly, we hope to improve the synodality of various local institutions here in the Archdiocese, as well as of the Archdiocese itself.

Please feel free to address any questions about the process to psoper@rcab.org.

AllHallowTide

These next three days constitute a triduum of the Saints. October 31 is the Eve of All Saints Day traditionally known as All Hallows' Eve. All Saints Day proper is November 1 and All Souls' Day is November 2 when we remember the souls of all the faithful departed. These three days constitute a tide or season of Saintliness, and of the reminder of our faithful dead.



The Bishops of Texas Speak on New Heartbeat Law

We celebrate every life saved by this legislation. Opponents of the law argue the term "heartbeat" is misleading. They call it "embryonic cardiac activity" or worse, "electrically induced flickering of embryonic tissue." These attempts to dehumanize the unborn are disturbing.

Abortion is a human rights issue; the most fundamental human right is the right to life. Abortion is not healthcare. Abortion is not freedom. Abortion does not help women. Abortion is never the answer. It is always the violent taking of innocent human life.

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes must be "islands of mercy in the midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. The U.S. Catholic bishops' nationwide program, *Walking with Moms in Need*, also helps parishes nurture and protect life. Anywhere in the country, Catholics can sign up to Walk with Moms in Need at www.walkingwithmoms.com. For women and men suffering due to an abortion, there is hope and healing through ministries such as Project Rachel and Raphael's Refuge. God's mercy is limitless and is for everyone.