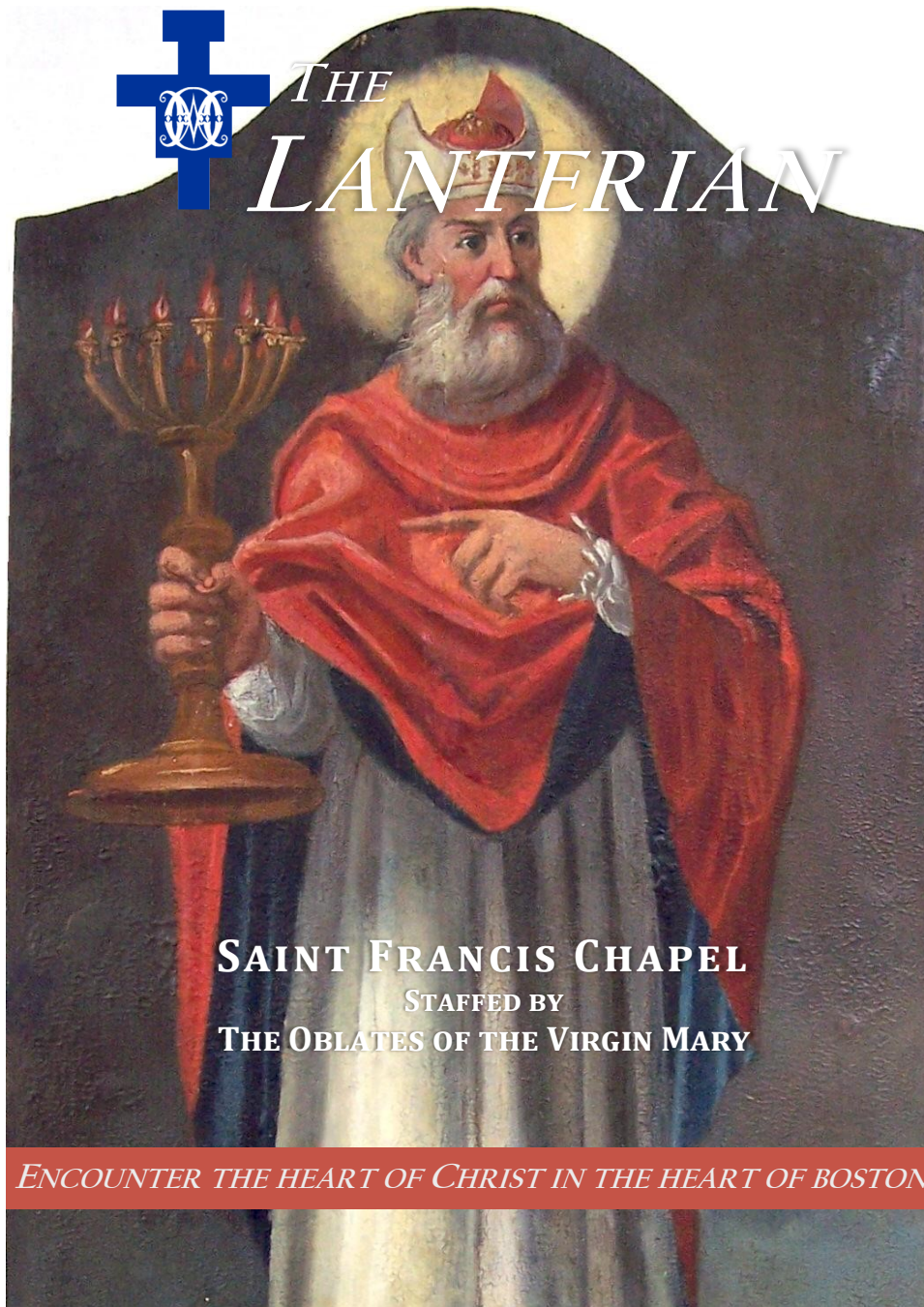




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ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for September:

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Cover Art:

The Prophet Zechariah, Greek Catholic Icon. Cathedral of Hajdúdorog, Hungary. Photo by [JojoJoe](#).

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

What are we willing to give up for heaven? Jesus gives the answer: Whatever jeopardizes our entrance into heaven. He offers the extreme example of sacrificing bodily integrity. Why's that? Heaven has no sin. All the sinful parts in us must be released before entering that love among the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

But we must bring this question into prayer: What are we willing to give up for heaven? If we honestly ask that question, we realize that we do not want to give up any bad habits. No. 1 is the excessive need for control. There is a comfort in organizing one's life to create exactly the right results.

For example, I would aggressively schedule my day in the seminary to complete all my assignments. I went to bed, satisfied that I did everything that I had wanted. But that inflexibility provided no time for loving service and presence when interruptions occurred. Schedules must have balance. Some things (Mass, prayer, medical treatments, term papers) must be scheduled to be completed. But flexibility must be included for the unexpected. My ministry at the retreat house has fostered flexibility. Retreats were canceled and added. Leaks in the basement had to be fixed. Sudden trips to the supermarket were made for a necessary ingredient for dinner. A visitor struck up a conversation with me, looking for spiritual help. Afterward, I walked away satisfied that God allowed me to serve Him in that moment.

Furthermore, today's Gospel passage reveals another effect of excessive control: turf wars. Some Christians jealously protect their ministries (serving the poor, providing flowers for the altar). They don't allow others to join nor accept suggestions for improvements. Such a stance is doomed to failure because the dominating personality eventually leaves, nobody can step in and the apostolate dies. But Jesus reminds us that everyone can participate in His mission. "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Mt 10:8 NAB-RE). We must have our eyes open to reach out and encourage the potential friends and allies in our mission.

How do we give up this unholy desire for control? First, recognize that such a desire comes from a wound of powerlessness. We were once hurt when we were weak. Consequently, we grasp at control so we can no longer be hurt again because of weakness. Next, experience God's loving care. Secure in His hands, we find that the need for power fades away. My favorite prayer is Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo's Novena of the Surrender to the Will of God. Facing insurmountable problems, I pray the short prayer: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!" God always comes through every time. Once, I was stressed over the multiple assignments. After this prayer, a canceled appointment and a last-minute extension gave me time to finish. What are we willing to give up for heaven?

Fr. Herbie Alphonso, SJ summarizes it well: "Let go and let God."

Life at the Chapel



Fall 2021 Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

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.

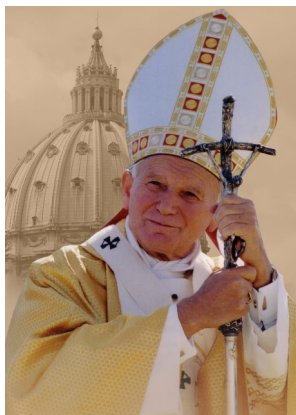
For October, The Month of the Holy Rosary:

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



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 26

8:00 AM Hendricks Delva
9:15 AM Angela Tobon—birthday
10:30 AM +Sgt. Arthur A. Rose
11:45 AM +Kooteen Mariegil Esma
1:15 PM Accion de gracias
4:00 PM +John Filipowicz
5:30 PM +Michael DeOssie

Monday, Sept. 27

8:00 AM +Kooteen Mariegil Esma
12:05 PM +John Filipowicz
4:45 PM Angela Flavin

Tuesday, Sept. 28

8:00 AM +John Filipowicz
12:05 PM +Kathleen M. O'Connor
4:45 PM Joshua Castillo & Family

Wednesday, Sept. 29

8:00 AM In honor of St. Raphael
12:05 PM +Rosalena Galuis
4:45 PM +Kim Norton & Family

Thursday, Sept. 30

8:00 AM Jason Allain
12:05 PM Souls in Purgatory
4:45 PM +Dr. Hogan

Friday, Oct. 1

8:00 AM +Rose & +James LeBlanc
12:05 PM Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crimmins
4:45 PM The Holy Souls

Saturday, Oct. 2

9:00 AM Mrs Rose T. Perea & Mar Leny-Perea
12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez
4:00 PM +Paul Copithorne
5:30 PM Fabio Garlindo y Amanda Ceballos-Salud

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.



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Free Pregnancy Testing & Ultrasound

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Brookline, MA 02446
CALL: (617) 505-5145

Revere
97 Broadway
Revere, MA 02151
CALL: (781) 222-0643

During the month of October we will hold our annual Baby Bottle Drive in Support of this vital ministry of Your Options Medical which assists women and men in crisis pregnancies.



A Woman's Concern was established in Boston in 1991 to provide an alternative to abortion for women and couples facing an unplanned pregnancy. The founders recognized the need to educate and empower women to make healthy, life-affirming decisions regarding their pregnancies and sexual health. Thirty years later, our appearance and name have changed and our reach extends throughout Massachusetts but we remain resolute in our founding purpose.

Currently, we have centers in Revere, Fall River, Sturbridge and Brookline and operate our mobile medical clinic where needed.

We believe all human life is sacred and made in the image of God. Women and couples facing unexpected pregnancies deserve an opportunity to have an ultrasound and receive counseling prior to making a decision regarding their pregnancy. And as Christians, we are committed to helping families meet the practical and material needs that they have that may cause them to consider abortion as their only option.

Our heart is to minister to a mother's emotional, relational, material, and spiritual needs and to care for her baby too.

Engage with life-honoring services by offering women and couples, especially those considering abortion, the information and free services that help them choose life.

Embrace with life-saving truth by providing the visual proof of life through ultrasound coupled with a spiritual discussion that we hope leads to a commitment to Christ.

Empower with life-changing support by offering parenting classes, material support, help and education they need to be good parents.

Medical Services for Pregnancy Confirmation

Free lab-quality pregnancy testing and ultrasound are offered to women facing an unplanned pregnancy in order to offer them medically accurate information regarding their pregnancy.

Mentoring & Support

We offer individual and group parenting classes that provide the education and encouragement that parents need as they prepare for parenthood or release for adoption.

Post-Abortion Help

Post Abortion Recovery helps individuals overcome the emotional trauma and spiritual issues that many women experience after an abortion. Specially trained advocates lead women through the process of forgiveness and restoration.