

THE
LANTERIAN

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
STAFFED BY
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2021

CHAPEL STAFF:

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Enwright

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Garcia, Christina Roberts

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:

Christ and the Rich Young Man, stained glass. Cathedral Church of Saint Patrick (Charlotte, North Carolina) - Photo by Nheybo

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

In the year 1717, the governor of Sao Paulo, Brazil, with a large entourage was to visit the rural town of Guaratingueta' on his way to an important city. The townspeople anxious to provide a festive meal sent local fishermen to the river Paraiba even though it was not the best season for fishing. The fishermen, Domingos Garcia, Felipe Pedroso e João Alves prayed to the Mother of God to help them in their important mission. They cast their nets from canoes many times with no luck. About to give up, Joao Alves cast again. He caught no fish but found the head of a statue in the net. Curious, he cast again and pulled up the headless statue. The men recognized the image of the Immaculate Conception and with enthusiasm cast again and again, catching as many fish as their canoas could hold.

They cleaned up and repaired the Baroque style terracotta image which remained in the home of Felipe Pedroso for 15 years. His friends and neighbors often came to pray there together. People observed candles mysteriously going out and on again about the statue of Our Lady and more people came to pray.

An oratory was built for the statue of the Immaculate Conception, which came to be known as Our Lady Aparecida. 'Aparecida' means appeared in Portuguese. Soon the oratory was too small, so the pastor of the parish built a chapel for her in 1745.

In 1888, a church was consecrated in her honor. The cloak of Our Lady Aparecida was offered to her the same year by Princess Isabel, on her second visit to the Sanctuary. The robe is rich in meaning. The blue color of the mantle symbolizes heaven. The gold embroidery that adorns the mantle symbolizes royalty and reminds us that Our Lady Aparecida is Queen of Heaven and Earth. The Brazilian flag embroidered on the mantle symbolizes that she is the patron saint of Brazil. The Vatican flag reminds us that the Virgin Mary is Mother of the Church. The united flags of Brazil and the Vatican symbolize that Brazil is a Catholic country, under the protection of Our Lady Aparecida.

Along with the mantle, a gold crown was also offered to Our Lady Aparecida by Princess Isabel, on the same date, November 6, 1888. The crown reminds us of the fifth Glorious Mystery that we pray in the rosary: the coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The Princess also signed a law outlawing slavery that year.

In 1894 the Redemptorist Missionaries arrived to minister to the pilgrims who were arriving in in great numbers. The Redemptorists are still there today offering Mass and celebrating so many Confessions every day.

The church became a minor basilica in 1908 and Pope Pius XI decreed Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Aparecida, Queen and Patroness of Brazil on July 16, 1930. On the 250th anniversary of the devotion, Pope St. Paul VI offered Our Lady Aparecida a rose of Gold in 1967. Pope Benedict gave her another when he visited in 2007. Due to the color of terracotta the Brazilians affectionately refer to the statue as 'a Moreninha', the little dark Lady.

Among the many miracles attributed to Aparecida, this is a favorite. In mid -1850, a slave named Zacarias, imprisoned by thick chains, as he passed through the Sanctuary, asked the foreman for permission to pray to Our Lady Aparecida. Receiving permission, the slave kneeled and prayed contritely. The chains, miraculously, loosened from his wrists leaving Zacarias free.

125th Boston Marathon

Welcome back to Boston and to St. Francis Chapel to all runners. Our Annual Runners' Mass is the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday. We are grateful for seeing you again and rooting you on. We pray for your endurance.



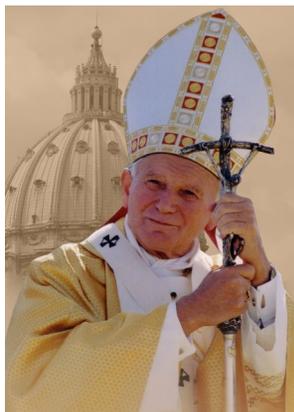
For October, The Month of the Holy Rosary:

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.**

Enrollment 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, Oct. 10

8:00 AM +Joseph Doyle
9:15 AM Ary-Lex Auguste & Therese
10:30 AM +Maria Elvira Celeolon
11:45 AM +Jose Pontes
1:15 PM +Ana Vasquez—6th anniv.
4:00 PM +Teresa Allen—birth anniv.
5:30 PM Martin Coleman

Monday, Oct. 11

8:00 AM Linda LeBlanc
12:05 PM +Truitt
4:45 PM +Michael Rossi

Tuesday, Oct. 12

8:00 AM The Falbo Family
12:05 PM Thomas McDonough
4:45 PM +George William Kaster

Wednesday, Oct. 13

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. G. Bajaneno, Garzon & Family
12:05 PM Karl & Sonia Feitelberg
4:45 PM +Sandra Trozzi

Thursday, Oct. 14

8:00 AM Enrollees in JP II Novena
12:05 PM +Dennis Shea—6th anniv.
4:45 PM Monica Ozaeta—birthday

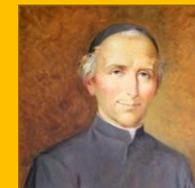
Friday, Oct. 15

8:00 AM +Mary McLaughlin
12:05 PM Enrollees in JP II Novena
4:45 PM +Carol Ann Sebergandio

Saturday, Oct. 16

9:00 AM Enrollees in JP II Novena
12:00 PM Raulene Rose—birthday
4:00 PM +Sheila, +Tony, +Cecilia Byrne
5:30 PM Nacira Mayorga

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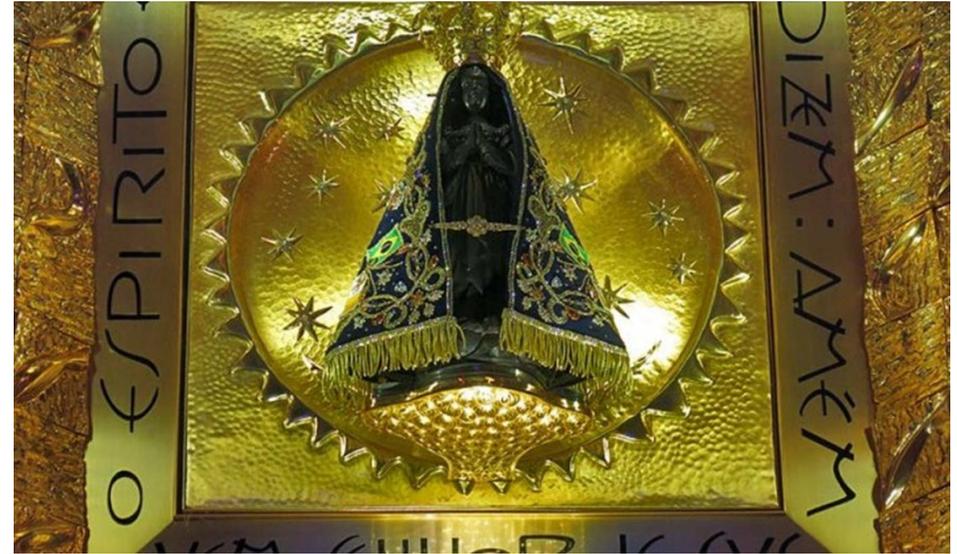
During the month of October we will hold our annual Baby Bottle Drive in Support of this vital ministry of Your Options Medical which assists women and men in crisis pregnancies.

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.

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.

Prayer to Our Lady Aparecida



Oh, incomparable Lady of the Immaculate Conception Aparecida. Mother of my God, Queen of Angels, Advocate of Sinners, Refuge and Consolation of the Afflicted, O Blessed Virgin, full of power and goodness, cast a favorable look upon us, that we may be helped in every need. Remember, most clement Mother Aparecida, that never was it known that anyone who appealed to you, invoked your most holy name, or implored your singular protection, was left unaided by you. Encouraged by this confidence, I turn to you: I take you now and forever as my mother, my protector, my consolation and guide, my hope, and my light at the hour of death. So then, Lady, deliver me from everything that might offend you and your Son, my Redeemer, and Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed Virgin, preserve this unworthy servant of yours, this house, and its inhabitants, from pestilence, famine, war, lightning, storms and other dangers and evils that may plague us. Sovereign Lady, deign to direct us in all spiritual and temporal affairs; Deliver us from the temptations of the devil, so that, following the path of virtue, through the merits of your most pure Virginity and the most precious Blood of your Son, we may see you, love and enjoy you in eternal glory, for all ages and centuries. Amen.