



THE *LANTERIAN*

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
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THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

THIRD SUNAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

CHAPEL STAFF:

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Music Director: Michael
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Music: Saul Garcia, Cesar
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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Cover Art:

John the Baptist Preaching. Photo by Thomas Hawk. 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

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion (Zephania 3:14)!

This Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as *Guadete* Sunday, we are called to experience the joy of knowing the Savior is near. Shout for joy!, we are urged by the prophet Zephania because the Lord has removed judgment and is in our midst. Joy is that passion that is experienced when we are in possession of that for which we long. Before we possess something we desire it, but once we actually have it we pass from desire to joy. Advent is a season of both desire and joy. Desire because we long for the gift of the Messiah. Joy because we do possess the gift of the Lord's life in grace.

But we all know that even in the grace of this world we do not possess the Lord perfectly because we do not possess grace perfectly. As sinners, there is also something lacking in our capacity to receive the gift of the Lord's life. Yet, even in this state, we are still able to rejoice because there is someone from among us, someone who is completely one of us, who indeed can receive the Lord perfectly and who does on our behalf. Daughter Zion is Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one who truly knows from the depths of her heart the joy of possessing the Lord.

December 12 is also the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. In 1531 Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico to establish hers and her Son's presence in the America's. Our Lady of Guadalupe is a powerful patroness who assures us that the immaculate joy she experiences in receiving and possessing perfectly the gift of the Lord's life is one she shares with us. Her motherly heart is attentive to the details of our lives, her children struggling in what is often a valley of tears.

John the Baptist makes his final appearance of the season in this Sunday's gospel. His preaching is a practical guide on how to clear the way in our hearts to possess the Lord and taste the joy known so well to Our Lady. John ultimately preaches good news. He, like Zephania, urges us to know deeply the joy of friendship with God.

St. Francis Chapel Music Director

St Francis Chapel is an example of the New Evangelization, celebrating Catholic worship and prayer in today's marketplace. The Chapel is located in the Prudential Center Mall and counts among its patrons residents and workers from Boston's Back Bay, conventioners from The Hynes Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel, college students from Berkley, Northeastern, MIT and many other schools in Boston.

Position Summary

St. Francis Chapel seeks a qualified candidate for a stipend position as a musical director. The Chapel celebrates 7 English language Masses on Saturday Vigil and Sundays. The number of Masses led by the director may vary but will also include recruiting and coordinating with other players and cantors. Playing and coordinating for special feast days and solemnities are also expected.

Requirements:

- The ideal candidate holds a Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, in music or music education with specialized training credentials in liturgical music and understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, but it is not required; knowledge of performance practice and liturgical styles and forms; understanding of musical, liturgical, and pastoral needs; the ability to exercise discerning judgment in selection of liturgical music based on the parish's musical style; proficiency in keyboard performances, especially piano; ability to sing; knowledge of basic piano maintenance; familiarity with vocal techniques and ability in choral leadership.
 - Proficiency with music coordination and training of cantors and choirs
 - Applicants who are also trained vocalists able to serve as both piano player and cantor will be given preference, but it is not a requirement
- Good familiarity with the Catholic liturgy

Job Responsibilities:

- Administers a multifaceted liturgy and music program including planning, scheduling and timely communication with other ministers.
- Develops specific choirs or ensembles and cantors for weekend liturgies.
- Prepares worship aids for liturgical celebrations.
- Selects music for liturgical celebrations in accord with Church documents.
- Oversees compliance with copyright laws and licensing procedures.
- Maintains choir library and liturgical/musical resources as needed.
- Ensures accuracy of information posted on the website concerning Liturgy and Music.
- Helps recruit other musicians.
- Participates in any needed staff meetings.
- Meets regularly with the staff and volunteers and is available to provide any training which may be needed.

Interested applicants please contact sfc.pru@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 12

8:00 AM In honor of Virgin of Guadalupe
9:15 AM Rosemond Auguste & Parents
10:30 AM +Sor Trinidad della Sagrada Familia
11:45 AM +Maria del Carmel Hernandez
1:15 PM +Rev. Flavian Musci
4:00 PM Maria Roy—deliverance
5:30 PM +Manuel Gerardo Lopez Guerra

Monday, Dec. 13

8:00 AM Holy Souls in honor of St. Joseph
12:05 PM The Nolan Family
4:45 PM The Holy Souls

Tuesday, Dec. 14

8:00 AM +Tom White
12:05 PM +Anne La Roux
4:45 PM +Ruth & +William Tehan

Wednesday, Dec. 15

8:00 AM Tina Sapanaro
12:05 PM +Annette Labut
4:45 PM +Christopher Florentine

Thursday, Dec. 16

8:00 AM Molly Heinrich
12:05 PM Special Intention for Geoffrey Kreger
4:45 PM +John Horan

Friday, Dec. 17

8:00 AM Henry K.—health
12:05 PM Elaine Bjork
4:45 PM +Michael Perro

Saturday, Dec. 18

9:00 AM +George T. Stone
12:00 PM Maciora Family Members
4:00 PM +Dolores Fabiano
5:30 PM Accion de Gracias

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.

Mass Schedule for December Holy Days

Friday, December 24, 2021: Christmas Vigil

The normal daily Masses for the last day of Advent at 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM will be celebrated as usual

4:00 PM

5:30 PM (Espanol)

7:00 PM

Saturday, December 25, 2021: Christmas Day

Midnight Mass (12:00 AM)

8:00 AM

9:15 AM

10:30 AM

11:45 AM

1:15 PM (Espanol)

There are no Masses at 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM PM on Christmas Day

Saturday, January 1, 2022: The Solemnity of the Mother of God

This year it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation

The Mass schedule will be the usual daily schedule on Saturday.

The Mass on Friday, December 31 at 4:45 PM will be a Vigil Mass for the Mother of God



Memorare to the Virgin of Guadalupe

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, that in thy celestial apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, thou didst promise to show thy compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting thee, seek thy help and call upon thee in their necessities and afflictions.

Thou didst promise to hearken to our supplications, to dry our tears and to give us consolation and relief. Never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, either for the common welfare, or in personal anxieties, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Mary, ever Virgin Mother of the True God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins, we come to prostrate ourselves in thy august presence, certain that thou wilt deign to fulfill thy merciful promises. We are full of hope that, standing beneath thy shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor need we fear illness, or misfortune, or any other sorrow.

Thou hast decided to remain with us through thy admirable image, thou who art our Mother, our health and our life. Placing ourselves beneath thy maternal gaze and having recourse to thee in all our necessities we need do nothing more. O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. (Here mention your petition.)

Five Hail Marys...in gratitude for the four apparitions to Juan Diego

