



THE
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SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
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THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 26, 2021

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Garcia, Christina Roberts

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.



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The Holy Family. Painting by Francesco Allbani. Public Domain

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

Every sacrament has a proper minister: The one who celebrates the sacrament validly. In the Eucharist it is the bishop or priest who validly celebrates and consecrates the Eucharist. In marriage it is the man and the woman who are the ministers. In their speaking the vows and consenting to be a gift to each other and to God they make the sacrament of marriage happen. Later, the marriage is consummated in the physical embrace of the couple. It is in the consent to be a self-gift to the spouse and in physical consummation that the two become truly one flesh. In making this sacrament the Christian couple truly experiences a taste of the love that is within God Himself.

In exchanging their vows the man and the woman say “yes” to each other and to God. What exactly are they saying “yes” to? There are four concrete components that make a marriage. All four must be present to truly have a sacramental marriage.

1. Fidelity—“You and no other”
2. Openness to conceiving children without artificially preventing it
3. The good of the spouse—“I live to help you become a saint”
4. The Sacrament—“Our love is permanent and images the love of Christ for the Church”

These four components make a marriage, and it is to these that the spouses consent for life. It is living for these things that make love more than a sentiment, but a reality full of hopes and fears, joys, failures and recoveries. It is these four components that give marriage its substance and its power.

Throughout her entire history the central proclamation of the Church is that God loves us. He will never abandon us. His love is permanent. But it is one thing to say it and another to experience it. What is God's love like? It is like a marriage. That is what sacramental marriage ultimately accomplishes. It allows the family to experience what God's love is like, and it is a sign to the world that love like that really does exist. A permanent bond that creates new life, generates grace, gives glory to God and results in a man and a woman living for the true good of the other, not oneself, gives hope to the world that such love is possible. That is the vocation of Family Life.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

JESUS IS HERE



MASS | ADORATION | CONFESSION | EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL



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BISHOP
ROBERT
BARRON



BISHOP
DANIEL
FLORES

TICKETS:

Before March 31, 2022: \$39

After April 1, 2022: \$49

*Boxed lunch available at extra cost



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MUSIC BY
VILLAGE LIGHTS

Schedule of Events:

- 7:30 AM Doors open, Exhibitors available
- 8:30 AM Welcome, Music, Celebration of Mass
- 10:15 AM Break & Exhibition visits
- 10:45 AM Session 1: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers & Bishop Daniel Flores
- 12:15 PM Lunch and Exhibition visits
- 1:30 PM Session 2: Bishop Robert Barron
- 2:30 PM Break and Exhibition visits
- 3:00 PM Session 3: Jackie and Bobby Angel
- 4:00 PM Eucharistic Congress Procession
- 6:00 PM Conclusion

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 26

- 8:00 AM +Dorothy C. Morrison
- 9:15 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 10:30 AM +Noreen Flavin
- 11:45 AM Hendricks Delva
- 1:15 PM +Leo O'Brien
- 4:00 PM +Guy Boyleay
- 5:30 PM The Czajkowski Family

Monday, Dec. 27

- 8:00 AM +James Judge, Jr.
- 12:05 PM Leslie & Glen—Anniversary
- 4:45 PM +Juana Monzon

Tuesday, Dec. 28

- 8:00 AM +Antonio Ozaeta—anniversary
- 12:05 PM +James & +Barbara Kilroy
- 4:45 PM Gladys Vasquez—birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 29

- 8:00 AM +Michael, +Rudolph & +Maureen Zlody
- 12:05 PM +John Lyons
- 4:45 PM Emily Hanson

Thursday, Dec. 30

- 8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 12:05 PM +Augusto Mariluz Martinez
- 4:45 PM The Holy Souls

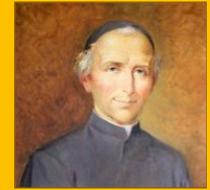
Friday, Dec. 31

- 8:00 AM Mary Anne West
- 12:05 PM +Leticia Yopez
- 4:45 PM Larry Nelson

Saturday, Jan. 1

- 9:00 AM +Maria Heredia
- 12:00 PM Employees of Boston Properties
- 4:00 PM Fr. Albert Culpitts—health
- 5:30 PM +Cheryl M. Gucwa

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.

From Pope St. John Paul II: *Letter to Families*

Through the communion of persons which occurs in marriage, a man and a woman begin a family. Bound up with the family is the genealogy of every individual: *the genealogy of the person*. Human fatherhood and motherhood are rooted in biology, yet at the same time transcend it. The Apostle, with knees bowed "before the Father from whom all fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named", in a certain sense asks us to look at the whole world of living creatures, from the spiritual beings in heaven to the corporeal beings on earth. Every act of begetting finds its primordial model in the fatherhood of God. Nonetheless, in the case of man, this "cosmic" dimension of likeness to God is not sufficient to explain adequately the relationship of fatherhood and motherhood. When a new person is born of the conjugal union of the two, he brings with him into the world a particular image and likeness of God himself: *the genealogy of the person is inscribed in the very biology of generation*.



In affirming that the spouses, as parents, cooperate with God the Creator in conceiving and giving birth to a new human being, we are not speaking merely with reference to the laws of biology. Instead, we wish to emphasize that *God himself is present in human fatherhood and motherhood* quite differently than he is present in all other instances of begetting "on earth". Indeed, God alone is the source of that "image and likeness" which is proper to the human being, as it was received at Creation. Begetting is the continuation of Creation.

And so, both in the conception and in the birth of a new child, parents find themselves face to face with a "great mystery" (cf. *Eph 5:32*). Like his parents, the *new human being is also called to live as a person; he is called to a life "in truth and love"*. This call is not only open to what exists in time, but in God it is also open to eternity. This is the dimension of the genealogy of the person which has been revealed definitively by Christ, who casts the light of his Gospel on human life and death and thus on the meaning of the human family.

Consecration to the Holy Family

O Jesus,
our most loving Redeemer,
who having come to enlighten the world
with Thy teaching and example,
didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life
in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph
in the poor home of Nazareth,
thus sanctifying the Family
that was to be an example for all Christian families,
graciously receive our family as it dedicates
and consecrates itself to Thee this day.
Do Thou protect us,
guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear,
true peace and concord in Christian love:
in order that by living according to the divine pattern
of Thy family we may be able,
all of us without exception,
to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary,
dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us,
by thy kindly intercession
make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of
Jesus,
and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph,
most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary,
help us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal
needs;
so that we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior
Jesus,
together with Mary and thee,
for all eternity.

(Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory, 3 times.)

Amen.