



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
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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:

Saint John the Baptist 1550-1555. Oil on canvas. Titian. Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid. Photo by Lluís Ribes Mateu

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 Fr. James Doran, OMV

Many years ago, I read an article in the Catholic Digest about a priest who was sunk in despair and total spiritual desolation. He could experience no joy in prayer. He felt that no one was listening as if there was no one who cared. He lay awake one long night feeling the horror of meaninglessness. All of a sudden, there came to him the words, "**O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.**" He felt warmth and joy. He prayed those words as if she were listening to him and he felt that she was listening. He continued to pray those words throughout the night and in the morning, He got up refreshed. This priest never again experienced that despair.

Immaculate Conception means, **unlike** the rest of us, Mary was conceived **without** original sin. The sin of Adam and Eve was passed on to the rest of mankind like a hereditary disease, but when Joaquim and Ann conceived, God preserved their child from the contamination of that original sin thru the merits of Christ's future sacrifice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church: **490** *To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role."*¹³² *The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace".*¹³³ *In fact, in order for Mary to be able to accept the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be full of God's grace.*

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception states, *The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.* By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long. One might say, 'Good for Holy Mary! But you and I were not conceived without sin AND we commit many actual sins'.

Thanks to Mary's Son, we have Holy Baptism, the Sacrament of Penance and the other Sacraments that fill us with Grace. And if we persevere, we will live with Our Lord and our Lady forever! We sing a New Song.

Why do we have these holy days of obligation during the week? Three reasons; 1. to recall the **mystery**, 2. to **thank** God for the mystery, and 3. so that it will **bear fruit** in our lives. The fact that we come to celebrate the Immaculate Conception on a day other than Sunday highlights the importance of the mystery. As we celebrate it every year the mystery cannot be forgotten. It is only just that we thank God for the Immaculate Conception. We are all beneficiaries. By the Immaculate Conception we gained a Heavenly Mother and the Savior. We sing a song of thanksgiving.

The **fruit** of this solemnity is that we grow in **Faith** by **believing** that God created Mary full of Grace so that she would be a most fitting mother of the Divine Son. Another fruit is an increase of charity. As we consider and **celebrate** what God has done for us, we **experience** His love for us, and we **love** Him in return. **Hope** is another fruit bearing virtue since we grow in conviction that Mary intercedes for us and that Our Lord purifies us so that we may enjoy eternal life with Him in Heaven.

O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE.

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. 5

8:00 AM +Margaret McIntyre-Wheatley
9:15 AM In honor of the Holy Family
10:30 AM Maria Roy—healing
11:45 AM +Josephine Desesa
1:15 PM Maria Gonzalez—salud
4:00 PM John Broome
5:30 PM +Charles Athanasia

Monday, Dec. 6

8:00 AM +Tom White
12:05 PM Patricia Bottary
4:45 PM +George William Kaster

Tuesday, Dec. 7

8:00 AM Conor—health and healing
12:05 PM The Nolan Family
4:45 PM The Holy Souls

Wednesday, Dec. 8

8:00 AM The Falbo Family
11:00 AM Harrison Grandchamps
12:05 PM Aaron Revoir
1:00 PM Jenifer Goode
5:10 PM Eileen & Robert Johnston
6:15 PM Munoz Family

Thursday, Dec. 9

8:00 AM Thomas & Susan Conlon
12:05 PM +Lauren Mirandi
4:45 PM +George Justino

Friday, Dec. 10

8:00 AM +Benjamin Sibug
12:05 PM +Richard Balaga
4:45 PM Ary-Lex Auguste & Theresa

Saturday, Dec. 12

9:00 AM +Casmir
12:00 PM +Carol & + Joseph Lysiak
4:00 PM +Tim & +Anne Murphy Callahan
5:30 PM +Ana Maria Garcia & +Jaquin Barega

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

Wednesday, December 8, 2021: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 AM
11:00 AM
12:05 PM
1:00 PM
4:00 PM
5:10 PM
6:15 PM (Espanol)

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



The Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, come to my assistance.
O Lord, make haste to help me.

1. I thank Thee, O Eternal Father, for having by Thy Almighty power preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Daughter, from the stain of original sin.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (4 Times)

Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2. I thank Thee, O Eternal Son, for having by Thy wisdom preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Mother, from the stain of original sin.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (4 Times)

Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

3. I thank Thee, O Holy Spirit Eternal, for having by Thy love preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Spouse, from the stain of original sin.

Our Father...

Hail Mary... (4 Times)

Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

4. Glory Be...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

