



# *THE LANTERN*



**SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL**

**STAFFED BY  
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

*ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON*

**FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY**

## CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV  
Fr. James Doran, OMV  
Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

## Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV  
Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

## Pastoral Associate:

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**Music Director:** Michael  
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**Music:** Saul Garcia, Cesar  
Garcia, Christina Roberts

## Cleaning of Chapel

**Environment:** Nubia Viasus

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



## Cover Art:

The Sermon on the Mount. Stained Glass. Bath Abbey,  
Somerset, England. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P. 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 by Fr. James Doran, OMV

With St. Valentine's feast coming, I am reminded of this passage from St. Alphonsus de Liguori's work "THE PASSION AND THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST: "The gift of Jesus Christ to us was the reserved arrow of which Isaias prophesied: 'He hath made me as a chosen arrow: in his quiver He hath hidden me' (Is 49:2). As the hunter keeps the best arrow in reserve to give the finishing stroke to his game, so did God amongst all his other benefits, keep Jesus in reserve, until the time of grace had arrived, and then He sent Him forth, as to give the finishing stroke of love to the hearts of men. The chosen arrow was kept in reserve in the bosom of the Father, until the fulness of time should come; and He was sent forth to wound the faithful."

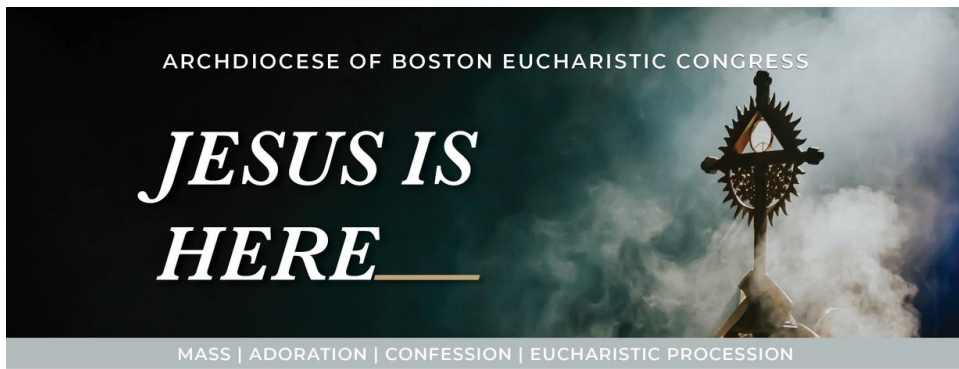
St. Peter was wounded by the Christ when Our Lord asked three times, "Do you love Me?". Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." [Jesus] said to him, "Feed my sheep" (John 21).

Peter was vulnerable to being distressed as he had denied His Lord three times and as yet, had no closure for that offence. The word vulnerable comes from the Latin vulnus, wound. Vulneratus means wounded. Perhaps the triple command, "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," "Feed my sheep," brought closure. Peter knew he was reconciled and entrusted with the yoke. He is learning from the Lord to be meek and humble of heart. "Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. If Peter understood that Our Lord was predicting Peter's martyrdom, that must have felt like another blow to the stomach or wound to the heart. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter remembered Jesus had said, "Take up your cross and follow Me." Now Peter knows He really means it. Following the Master means being vulnerable and open to be wounded with the Savior's blessing! That is what we signed up for at our Baptism and Confirmation. Again, I am encouraged by Sirach 2:1-6. My son, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for trials. Be sincere of heart and steadfast, undisturbed in time of adversity. Cling to Him, forsake Him not; thus, will your future be great. Accept whatever befalls you, in crushing misfortune be patient; For in fire gold is tested, and worthy men in the crucible of humiliation...v.11 Compassionate and merciful is the Lord; He forgives sin in time of trouble. V. 18 Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men, for equal to His majesty is the mercy He shows.





**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022**  
**8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**  
**TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL**



**TICKETS:**  
 Before March 31, 2022: \$39  
 After April 1, 2022: \$49  
 \*Boxed lunch available at extra cost



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**ALSO FEATURING**



**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

**To join the Pilgrimage Group from the Chapel, please  
 contact us at [sfc.pru@gmail.com](mailto:sfc.pru@gmail.com)**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Feb. 20**

**8:00 AM** +Richard & +Patsy Cardillo  
**9:15 AM** +Francis & +Ruth Goode  
**10:30 AM** Weini Tewolde & Family  
**11:45 AM** Silvia Munoz  
**1:15 PM** +Irene Valencia y +Octavio Restrepo  
**4:00 PM** Emily Howard & Emily May  
**5:30 PM** Thomas Conlon

**Monday, Feb. 21**

**8:00 AM** In honor of the Guardian Angels  
**12:05 PM** +John E. Manning  
**4:45 PM** +Jean Ray

**Tuesday, Feb. 22**

**8:00 AM** All souls in Purgatory  
**12:05 PM** +Robert LePage  
**4:45 PM** +Joseph Timilty

**Wednesday, Feb. 23**

**8:00 AM** Katherine Schwartz  
**12:05 PM** +Jean Ray  
**4:45 PM** +Theresa Lackie

**Thursday, Feb. 24**

**8:00 AM** +Theresa Lackie  
**12:05 PM** Jennifer Goode  
**4:45 PM** Magdalena Munoz

**Friday, Feb. 25**

**8:00 AM** +Theresa Lackie  
**12:05 PM** Harley Augusto  
**4:45 PM** Eileen Johnson & Family

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

**9:00 AM** Veronica Gonsalves & Family  
**12:00 PM** Hendricks Delva  
**4:00 PM** Kathleen & Robert Monroe  
**5:30 PM** +Tito Bonilla

**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.

## Excerpts from Pope Francis: Letter to Married Couples

*Dear married couples throughout the world!*

In this “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves.

We are being asked to apply to ourselves the calling that Abraham received from the Lord to set out from his land and his father’s home towards a foreign land that God himself would show him (cf. *Gen* 12:1). We too have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we too have been forced to leave behind our certainties, our “comfort zones”, our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole, which also depends on us and our actions.

Our relationship with God shapes us, accompanies us and sends us forth as individuals and, ultimately, helps us to “set out from our land”, albeit in many cases with a certain trepidation and even fear in the face of the unknown. Yet our Christian faith makes us realize that we are not alone, for God dwells in us, with us and among us: in our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and schools, in the cities where we live.

Like Abraham, all husbands and wives “set out” from their own land at the moment when, in response to the vocation to conjugal love, they decide to give themselves to each other without reserve. Becoming engaged already means setting out from your land, since it calls you to walk together along the road that leads to marriage. Different situations in life, the passage of time, the arrival of children, work and illness, all challenge couples to embrace anew their commitment to one another, to leave behind settled habits, certainties and security, and to set out towards the land that God promises: to be two in Christ, *two in one*. Your lives become a single life; you become a “we” in loving communion with Jesus, alive and present at every moment of your existence. God is always at your side; he loves you unconditionally. You are not alone!

Marriage, as a vocation, calls you to steer a tiny boat – wave-tossed yet sturdy, thanks to the reality of the sacrament – across a sometimes stormy sea. How often do you want to say, or better, cry out, like the apostles:

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” (*Mk* 4:38). Let us never forget, though, that by virtue of the sacrament of matrimony, Jesus is present in that boat; he is concerned for you and he remains at your side amid the tempest. In another Gospel passage, as they rowed with difficulty, the disciples saw Jesus coming to them on the waters and welcomed him into their boat. Whenever you are buffeted by rough winds and storms, do the same thing: welcome Jesus into your boat, for once he “got into the boat with them... the wind ceased” (*Mk* 6:51). It is important that, together, you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. Only in this way, will you find peace, overcome conflicts and discover solutions to many of your problems. Those problems, of course, will not disappear, but you will be able to see them from a different perspective.



Only by abandoning yourselves into the Lord’s hands will you be able to do what may seem impossible. Recognize your own weakness and powerlessness in the face of so many situations all around you, but at the same time be certain that Christ’s power will thus be manifested in your weakness (cf. *2 Cor* 12:9). It was precisely in the midst of the storm that the apostles came to know the kingship and divinity of Jesus, and learned to trust in him.

Remember also that forgiveness heals every wound. Mutual forgiveness is the fruit of an interior resolve that comes to maturity in prayer, in our relationship with God. It is a gift born of the grace poured out by Christ upon married couples whenever they turn to him and allow him to act. Christ “dwells” in your marriage and he is always waiting for you to open your hearts to him, so that he can sustain you, as he did the disciples in the boat, by the power of his love. Our human love is weak; it needs the strength of Jesus’ faithful love. With him, you can truly build your “house on rock” (*Mt* 7:24).

Before concluding, I would like to greet grandparents, who during the lockdown were unable to see or spend time with their grandchildren, and all those elderly persons who felt isolated and alone during those months. Families greatly need grandparents, for they are humanity’s living memory, a memory that “can help to build a more humane and welcoming world”