



THE
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SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
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ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

MARCH 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CHAPEL STAFF:

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Cover Art:

The Transfiguration. Icon.

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

Every year on the second Sunday of Lent the Church presents us with an account of the Transfiguration. What does Christ manifesting His divinity on a mountain have to do with His Crucifixion? We find hints in the Gospels. St. Matthew's Gospel says after Jesus was transfigured "*As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."* Mt 17:9. St. Mark's version states, "*As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So, they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.*" Mk 9:9-10

St. Luke mentions an important detail that the other two Evangelist do not. When Jesus was transformed and changed in appearance two more persons appear. "*And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.*"

What does **exodus** mean? The book of Exodus is the story of the Hebrew slaves, led by Moses, going out from Egypt. They went out of Egypt enroute to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the new Moses. Through His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension He leads His people out of slavery to sin enroute to our true Promised Land in Heaven. The Father said, "listen to Him". The Father calls us to imitate the Son. It is a call to conversion. Lent is the time to listen to Him in the Scriptures, seek His Face, accompany Him in the desert, climb Calvary and participate in the Exodus, the new Exodus. If we endure with Him, we will reign with Him and be transfigured, sharing His glory.

The witnesses to this theophany, this manifestation of Divinity, did not understand it as we can see by their reaction, their questions and Peter's exclamation, "*'Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'* But he did not know what he was saying."

We too can only come to understand over time and reflection. St. Anastasius of Antioch wrote "*since Paul in speaking of our bodies bears witness that they are sown as animal bodies and raised as spiritual bodies; that is, they are transformed in accordance with the glorious transfiguration of Christ who goes before us our leader.*"

Prayer Exercises for the Second Week of Lent

*As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram,
and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.
When the sun had set and it was dark,
there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch,
which passed between those pieces.*

*It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram,
saying: "To your descendants I give this land,
from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."
(Gen. 15:12, 17-18)*

Meditation: When we begin to fast, pray and give alms—as is traditional in Lent—it can often be accompanied by a terrifying darkness. When we live according to a certain pattern (e.g., dependence on food for emotional support, social media binging, constant business to avoid silence, shopping for excessive luxuries) it can be daunting to attempt to change. We can become so used to living one way that when we stop, darkness comes. But it is also an opportunity to be liberated from that which possesses us and build our lives anew on the promises of God.

Our Father...

Venerable Bruno Lanteri's Prayer to Our Lady:

O Virgin immaculately conceived, put into my heart those things of your Son most pleasing to him.

For Reflection: Have you attempted changes that brought about darkness and great fear?

Pope Francis:

When terrorism invaded the north of this [place where Abraham lived], it wantonly destroyed part of its magnificent religious heritage, including the churches, monasteries and places of worship of various communities. Yet, even at that dark time, some stars kept shining. I think of the young Muslim volunteers of Mosul, who helped to repair churches and monasteries, building fraternal friendships on the rubble of hatred, and those Christians and Muslims who today are restoring mosques and churches together.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 13

8:00 AM +Ed Zavaglia

9:15 AM +Richard Lim, +Rodolfo & +Jocelyn Acop

10:30 AM +James E. Cochran

11:45 AM +James J. Reilly

1:15 PM +Jose Paiva

4:00 PM +Yvonne Towne—13th anniv.

5:30 PM Litra Family

Monday, March 14

8:00 AM +James Edward Newman

12:05 PM +Sharon Canale

4:45 PM Chantal Auguste

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 AM +Richard Sullivan

12:05 PM +Mary Mai

4:45 PM +Mary Payson

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 AM +Elizabeth Giurleo

12:05 PM +Joseph Dieugrand

4:45 PM Luis Alonso Reguero

Thursday, March 17

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:05 PM +Jacqueline Pierre

4:45 PM Anne Belfort & Children

Friday, March 18

8:00 AM Deliverance for Lunide Exama

12:05 PM Deliverance for Evens Calixte

4:45 PM +Marguerito Reiling

Saturday, March 19

9:00 AM +Ann (Candy) Khambholja

12:00 PM Nicolas

4:00 PM Mark A. Donahue

5:30 PM Cecilia Gonzalez

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.

Litany of St. Joseph—Feast Day on March 19

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Saint Joseph,

Illustrious Scion of David,

Light of Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

Foster-father of the Son of God,

Watchful defender of Christ,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph most just,

Joseph most chaste,

Joseph most prudent,

Joseph most valiant,

Joseph most obedient,

Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,

Model of workmen,

Glory of home life,

Guardian of virgins,

Pillar of families,

Solace of the afflicted,

Hope of the sick,

Patron of the dying,

Terror of demons,

Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

V. He made him lord over his house,

R. And the ruler of all his possessions.

Let us pray.

O God, who in Thine ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him for an intercessor in heaven, whom we venerate as our protector on earth. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

An Offering to St. Joseph

O great St. Joseph, thou generous depositary and dispenser of immortal riches, behold us prostrate at thy feet, imploring thee to receive us as thy servants and as thy children. Next to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, of which thou art the faithful copy, we acknowledge that there is no heart more tender, more compassionate than thine.

What, then, have we to fear, or, rather, for what should we not hope, if thou dost deign to be our benefactor, our master, our model, our father, and our mediator? Refuse not, then, this favor, O powerful protector! We ask it of thee by the love thou hast for Jesus and Mary. Into thy hands we commit our souls and bodies, but above all the last moments of our lives.

May we, after having honored, imitated, and served thee on earth, eternally sing with thee the mercies of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph for Fidelity in Work

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God, disregarding difficulties and weariness; to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes death, and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, patriarch Joseph. This will be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

