



# *THE* *LANTERIAN*

**SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL**  
STAFFED BY  
**THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

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

MARCH 27, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV  
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## Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV  
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## Pastoral Associate:

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**Music:** Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia, Ngozi Ibe

## Cleaning of Chapel

**Environment:** Nubia Viasus

## 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 Return of the Prodigal. 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

### *The Prodigal Son at First Light: A Micro Fiction Story*

It was first light; he was eager for the road. Many days had been spent pondering the far-off country and its excitements.

"It beckons," he thought to himself.

"It awaits just such a one as me."

On the road he passed the field workers digging, planting, sowing, reaping.

"Look at Moische," he mused with a pitying indignation.

"His fingers always caked with the soil. How he eats with them!"

Looking satisfyingly at his own fingers he flashed a smile at the gleaming rings that smartly adorned them. His smile stretched and his eyes glowed as he considered how easily father had relinquished the estate.

"Now I can live," he thought with assurance, rocking gently to the carriage as it conveyed him toward his freedom.

On the top of the last hill marking the boundary of the estate Moische pitched a tent and accoutrements thoughtfully. He straightened up and watched the carriage and its train descend under the dust cloud left in its wake.

"It is finished, my lord," Moische exclaimed, questioning the purpose of the construction.

"We shall come each day; at first light," his lordship assured with a low voice that seemed yet to echo into the far-off countries from its weight.

"Forgive me, my lord, but should he not have said farewell even as he made away with your estate?"

"It is enough, Moische, that he should take the one possession of mine he cannot spend."

"What is that, my lord?"

"My name."



## Prayer Exercises for the Fourth Week of Lent

*"My son, you are here with me always;  
everything I have is yours.*

*But now we must celebrate and rejoice,  
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;  
he was lost and has been found" (Luke 15:31-32).*

**Meditation:** Many of the great minds of history have sought to determine the central problem that affects human beings. The philosopher Plato said that we have forgotten what we are and need to remember in order to be happy. Freud said we need to satisfy every physical desired pleasure. But Jesus Christ said that our problem is that we are dead and we need to come back to life. He alone is able to do it. The solution to the central human problem then is to be found in Christ, coming to life in Him.

### 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:** Which son do you identify with, the younger or older?

#### Pope Francis:

*The figure of the Father in the parable reveals the heart of God. He is the Merciful Father who, in Jesus, loves us beyond measure, always awaits our conversion every time we make mistakes; he awaits our return when we turn away from him thinking, we can do without him; he is always ready to open his arms no matter what happened. As the father of the Gospel, God also continues to consider us his children, even when we get lost, and comes to us with tenderness when we return to him. He addresses us so kindly when we believe we are right. The errors we commit, even if bad, do not wear out the fidelity of his love. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can always start out anew: He welcomes us, gives us the dignity of being his children and tells us:*

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 27

**8:00 AM** +Irene Stepanyk  
**9:15 AM** Mike Craft  
**10:30 AM** +John Cuniffe  
**11:45 AM** Frederick Bush—birthday  
**1:15 PM** Luis Alejandro Munar—Salud  
**4:00 PM** +Stella Navarro  
**5:30 PM** +Anthony Nguyen

### Monday, March 28

**8:00 AM** Francis Cuniffe—health  
**12:05 PM** +Marie Gallo  
**4:45 PM** Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain

### Tuesday, March 29

**8:00 AM** +Kevin Murtagh—1st anniv.  
**12:05 PM** +Sister Cecilia Huyen, MTG  
**4:45 PM** Ronald Belfort—health & marriage

### Wednesday, March 30

**8:00 AM** +Anthony Nguyen  
**12:05 PM** +Margaret & +John Grogan  
**4:45 PM** Therese Belfort—health

### Thursday, March 31

**8:00 AM** Souls in Purgatory  
**12:05 PM** Blessings on Cabral Family  
**4:45 PM** Nicola Mariangela Mogavero

### Friday, April 1

**8:00 AM** Pierre-Marie Auguste  
**12:05 PM** +Robert Reiling  
**4:45 PM** Ivan Grandchamps

### Saturday, April 2

**9:00 AM** Abandoned Souls in Purgatory  
**12:00 PM** +Ercilia Nunez  
**4:00 PM** +Dr. Fisher, President Emeritus  
**5:30 PM** Del Rosarro Family

## 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.

## The Oblates of the Virgin Mary are excited to announce that the OMV Gala is returning to the Seaport this year on April 30!

We are now taking sign-ups for volunteers. Our volunteers play an important role in the success of the Gala, and we thank you for considering offering your talents. We hope you will consider sharing your gifts with us this year. The form can be accessed here: <https://forms.gle/k1wxZUhvemMER7kt6>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email [office@omvusa.org](mailto:office@omvusa.org).

### Holy Week Schedule at St. Francis Chapel

#### Holy Thursday, April 14

Confessions: 8:00 AM—4:30 PM

English Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:10 PM

Spanish Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:30 PM

No other Masses this day

Chapel open for prayer after the Spanish Mass till 10:00 PM

#### Good Friday, April 15

Confessions: 8:00 AM—2:30 PM

Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 2:30 PM

English Commemoration of the Passion: 3:00 PM

Spanish Commemoration of the Passion: 6:30 PM

#### Holy Saturday, April 16

Confessions: 9:00 AM till 7:00 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil in Spanish Only: 8:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday, April 17

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Marathon Runners' Mass at 10:30 AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00 PM

## The Traditions of Laetare Sunday

### Mothering Sunday:

A tradition that dates back to Medieval England and Ireland in which mother churches are honored. The mother church of every diocese is the Cathedral. A mother church also refers to the church where one was baptized. On Mothering Sunday the faithful would make a pilgrimage to the church of their baptism to honor God for the place of one's entrance into the new life of Christ. If one could not get to the church of baptism he or she would visit the cathedral, considered the mother of all churches in a diocese.

### Refreshment Sunday:

Coming the fourth week of Lent the tradition has been for the faithful to relax their Lenten penances on this day as a refreshment along the way but also in anticipation of the great celebration of the Sunday of all Sundays on Easter.

### Rose Sunday:

A long tradition dating back centuries of the pope blessing golden rose ornaments on Laetare Sunday to be distributed as honors on certain of the faithful, on churches or to heads of state. The ornaments are considered great honors the pope bestows on particular occasions. The last Golden Rose to be gifted to a person was to the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg in 1956. Today they are given to Marian shrines of cultural significance.



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The image to the right is of a Papal Golden Rose given by Pope St. John Paul II to the Monastery of Jasna Gora in Poland, which houses the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa.