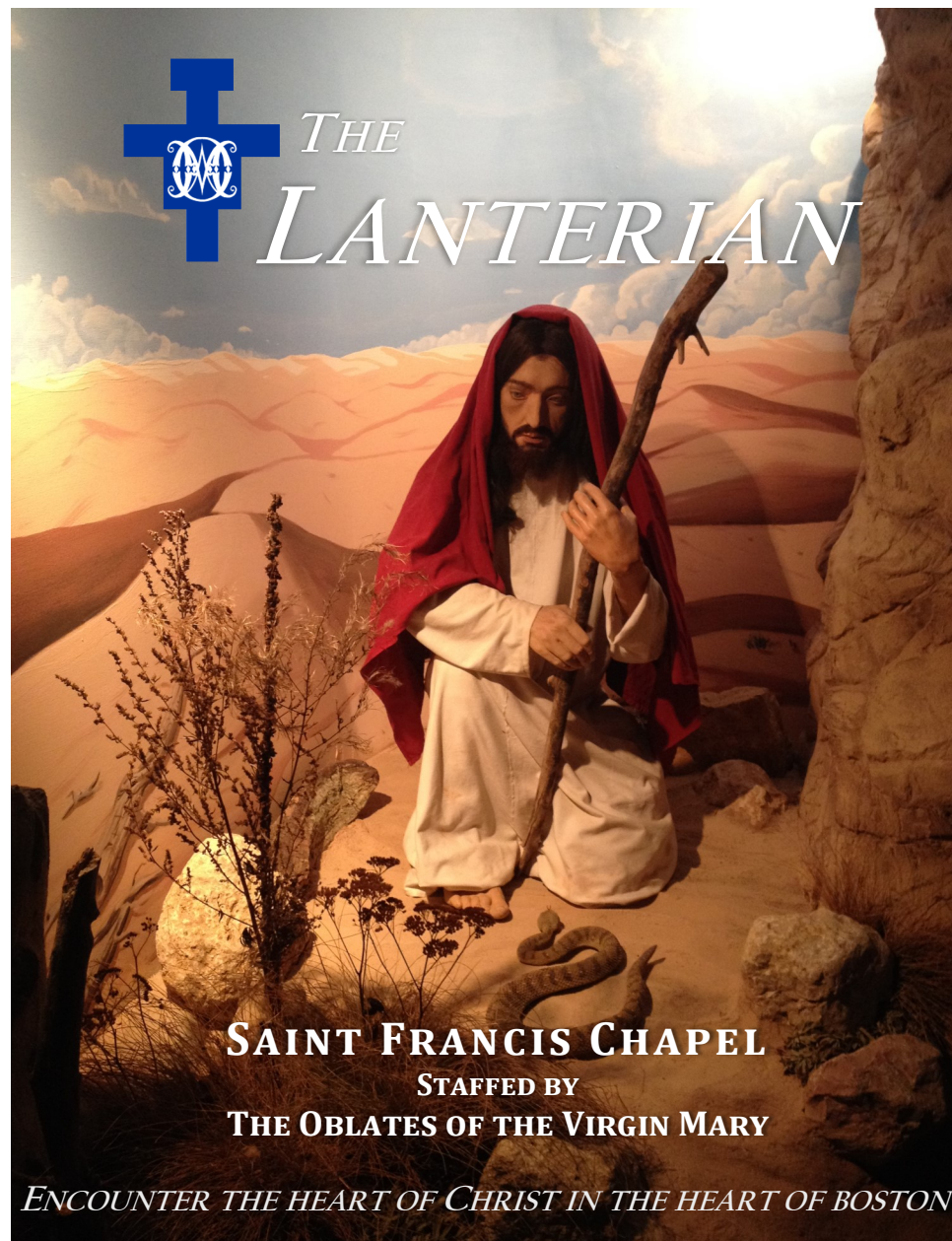




# *THE* *LANTERIAN*



**SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL**

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

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

**MARCH 6, 2022**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## CHAPEL STAFF:

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

## Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV  
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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:

*Jesus Tempted in the Desert.* Francesca Ferrito. Wikipedia

## 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

Jesus is like us in all things but sin. Fully God but also fully man, Jesus faced the temptation at the beginning of his ministry. What was the nature of these temptations and what might we learn from them in our own struggle against the tempter?

There is one major difference between the temptations of Jesus and ours. All of the temptations Jesus faced in His life were from without. Jesus did not experience any internal temptations. He had no concupiscence. The devil shows Jesus the kingdoms and riches of the world and offers them to Him should He worship the devil. Jesus sees all of the power and glory on display and knows it is being offered to Him, but He did not feel within Himself any draw to them. We are affected by original sin and suffer from concupiscence, so we experience temptation not just from without but from within; we feel the draw to sinful things.

At its base all temptation is about setting God aside. Temptations suggest to us that God is not that important; that our personal satisfaction is more important than God or His plan for us. Jesus cannot set God aside as He Himself is God the Son. An important practice for us is to keep God at the center of the small, every-day things in our lives, so as to be prepared to keep Him at the center when the very large matters arise.

We might also observe how Jesus handled the temptations He received in the desert. Every temptation of the devil was answered by Jesus with the Word of God in the Scriptures. We answer temptation not by entering into dialogue with it but with Scripture. Do you suffer a particular type of temptation? Find a Scripture quote that empowers you against it and memorize it. The more energy we utilize in memorizing inspirational Scripture quotes, the more we gain our freedom from temptations.

Finally, Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit when He entered into the desert to be tempted. We need to call on the Holy Spirit much more than we do. Here is an example of one short prayer we can use for this purpose: Holy Spirit, tell me what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. Amen.

## Prayer Exercises for the First Week of Lent

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.  
He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry (Luke 4:1-2).*

**Meditation:** To be baptized is to receive the promised Holy Spirit. After Jesus' baptism he was then led by the Spirit into the desert where temptation awaited him. Baptism does not remove from us the need for spiritual combat, it prepares us to be victorious in it in communion with Jesus and one another. Our souls are filled with the Spirit but we must in this life bring that fullness into our bodies too. Lent is a season for imprinting the Spirit into our bodies.

### 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:** What are some ways you will seek to physically manifest your baptismal identity during Lent?

#### Pope Francis:

*Every year, at the beginning of Lent, this Gospel of the temptations of Jesus in the desert reminds us that the life of the Christian, in the footsteps of the Lord, is a battle against the spirit of evil... We must be aware of the presence of this astute enemy, who seeks our eternal condemnation, our failure, and prepare to defend ourselves against him and to combat him. The grace of God assures us, with faith, prayer and penance, of our victory over the enemy... When the seducer approaches, he begins to seduce us: "But think of this, do that..." , the temptation is to dialogue with him, as Eve did. And if we enter into dialogue with the devil we will be defeated. Keep this in your mind and in your heart: you can never enter into dialogue with the devil, no dialogue is possible. Only the Word of God.*

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, March 6

**8:00 AM** Tarik Zawia  
**9:15 AM** Souls in Purgatory  
**10:30 AM** Souls in Purgatory  
**11:45 AM** +Dorothy Cordeiro  
**1:15 PM** +Teodoro Lealarandia  
**4:00 PM** +Stella Ogbe Lawrence & Oti  
**5:30 PM** +Edgar & +Odilia Castillo

### Monday, March 7

**8:00 AM** +Dominic Parascandolo  
**12:05 PM** +Marie Barry  
**4:45 PM** +Thomas Decrescenzo

### Tuesday, March 8

**8:00 AM** +Janet Pino  
**12:05 PM** Harrison Grandchamps  
**4:45 PM** +Ricardo Balaga—anniv.

### Wednesday, March 9

**8:00 AM** Katherine Schwartz  
**12:05 PM** Maria Ezvira Celedon  
**4:45 PM** +Janet Lancaster

### Thursday, March 10

**8:00 AM** +Julia Breen Miller  
**12:05 PM** Ary-Lex Auguste & Theresa  
**4:45 PM** +Nancy Devlin

### Friday, March 11

**8:00 AM** James Cotter  
**12:05 PM** +Romelia, +Sergio, +Mariela Norena  
**4:45 PM** +Rosa, +Samuel, +Raul Mejia

### Saturday, March 12

**9:00 AM** +R. Gloria La Pierre  
**12:00 PM** +Ann Walsh  
**4:00 PM** +Cecilia , +Tony, +Sheila Byrn  
**5:30 PM** +Janet Rivera Jones

## 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.

## Financial Position: St. Francis Chapel For the Year 2021

### Income

Mass Stipends	\$13,841
Kiosk Donations	\$13,920
Offertory	\$209,761
Candles	\$53,201
Gifts & Bequests	\$2,500
Gift Shop	\$101,598
Enrollments	\$7,241
Donations	\$193,252
Capital Campaign Donations	\$198
Chapel Commitment Program	\$24,689
Other	\$300
Oblate Capital Campaign	\$15,040
Debt Forgiveness	\$30,900
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$858,477</b>
Financial Support from the Oblates	\$192,000

### Expenses

OMV Capital Campaign	\$232, 150
Salaries	\$180,292
Contractors	\$7,455
Taxes on Salaries	\$3,394
Health Insurance	\$18,160
Other Insurance	\$317
Pensions, 401K, Retirement	\$16,391
Visiting Priest Stipends	\$1,384
Professional Development	\$1,600
Parking & Room and Board	\$839
Data Processing Fees	\$1,325
Professional Fees	\$200
Bank Charges	\$168
Office Supplies	\$1,218

Gift Shop Expenses	\$55,238
Printing	\$4,630
Postage	\$1,410
Dues & Subscriptions	\$157
Equipment Rental	\$925
Clerical Clothing & Vestments	\$586
Utilities	\$30,626
Property Management	\$218,597
Liturgical Supplies	\$11,210
Candles	\$17,468
Charity	\$4,842
Enrollment Expenses	\$7,456
Furniture and Equipment	\$274
Miscellaneous	\$1,187
Chapel Commitment Expense	\$568
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$641,216</b>

*St. Anthony Bread for the Poor Distribution: \$6,647*

### Charities receiving St. Anthony Distributions in 2021:

Archdiocese of Boston  
Catholic Charities  
Pine Street Inn  
The Becket Fund  
Special Collection for Brazil and India  
Boston Food Bank

*Mission Masses: \$3,750*

All Mission Mass Donations were sent to the Oblate Missions in the Philippines

*Baby Bottle Drive: \$1,208*

All Baby Bottle Donations were sent to *Your Options Medical*

*Annual Mission Appeal: \$6,346*

All Mission Appeal Donations were sent to the Archdiocese of Tororo in Uganda

**Please note** that the Oblates of the Virgin Mary have now moved to a Fiscal Year structure beginning July 1. Subsequent finances will be accounted accordingly.