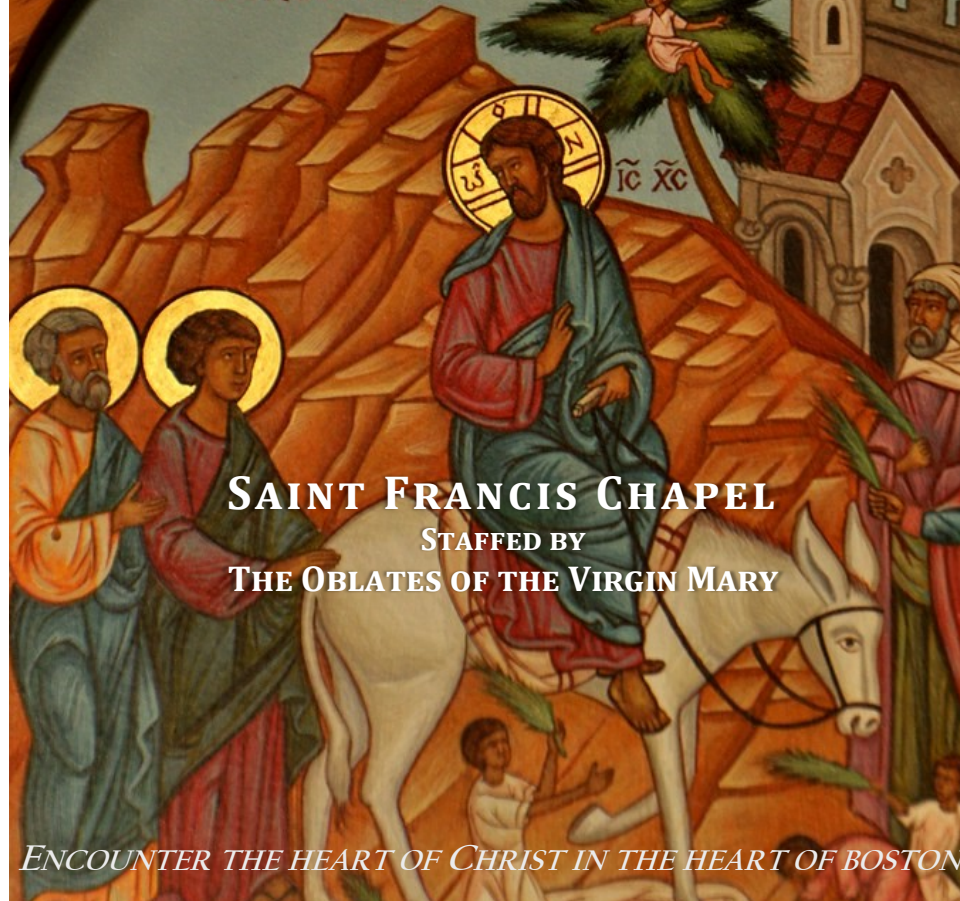




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OF THE LORD INTO
JERUSALEM



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APRIL 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



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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

Today is an important day in the history of salvation. It is the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem where the mystery of salvation (his suffering, death and Resurrection) will be completed. This great entry into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the prophecy of Zacharia 9:9. "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, Humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." "The significance of this entry cannot be overemphasized. George Kaitholil says: "This is a messianic scene which recalls the joyful and pompous royal investiture ceremony of ancient East where the newly crowned king used to be taken in solemn procession to his throne." (George Kailtholil 2006).

Whereas kings go in procession and sit on golden thrones, his procession would terminate on the throne of a cross in Calvary in the midst of two thieves, thereby casting down the worldly understanding of power. Kings are normally respected with beautiful songs of praise. In his case, the people sang Hosanna to the Son of David! And immediately started shouting, Crucify! Crucify him!

With this event, we begin the Holy Week. The challenging question is what are we going to do to maintain the sacredness of this Week? Perhaps the question of the Holy Father, Who I am in the Passion narrative, will help. He said:

"But this week continues in the mystery of Jesus' death and his resurrection. We have just listened to the Passion of our Lord. We might well ask ourselves just one question: Who am I? Who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus who enters Jerusalem amid the enthusiasm of the crowd? Am I ready to express my joy, to praise him? Or do I stand back? Who am I, before the suffering Jesus? (Pope Francis 2014 Palm Sunday Homily.)"

One of the most striking aspects of this event is, he knew full well what awaited him in Jerusalem, but he resolutely entered. Ensuring that Holy Week remains indeed Holy requires some form of resoluteness in all our actions. May the passion of Christ help us to be steadfast.

Prayer Exercises for Palm Sunday

*The people stood by and watched;
the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,
“He saved others, let him save himself
if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”
Even the soldiers jeered at him.
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
“If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”
Above him there was an inscription that read,
“This is the King of the Jews” (Luke 23:35-38).*

Meditation: Our life presents many opportunities for temptation to be passive, stand by and watch, or to be with Jesus and engaged in the mission of redemption. Each day we have is a day to live the trials and sufferings of life in union with Jesus, patiently, with purpose and even the joy of knowing we help to carry the cross of the Lord.

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: Can you name moments when you stood with Jesus through suffering of some kind?

Pope Francis:

God's way of acting may seem so far removed from our own, that he was annihilated for our sake, while it seems difficult for us to even forget ourselves a little. He comes to save us; we are called to choose his way: the way of service, of giving, of forgetfulness of ourselves. Let us walk this path, pausing in these days to gaze upon the Crucifix; it is the “royal seat of God”. I invite you during this week to gaze often upon this “royal seat of God”, to learn about the humble love which saves and gives life, so that we may give up all selfishness, and the seeking of power and fame. By humbling himself, Jesus invites us to walk on his path. Let us turn our faces to him, let us ask for the grace to understand at least something of the mystery of his obliteration for our sake; and then, in silence, let us contemplate the mystery of this Week.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 10

8:00 AM +Dennis Kilday
9:15 AM Raymond McIntyre-Wheatley
10:30 AM +Roberta Delaney
11:45 AM Ary-Lex Auguste & Therese
1:15 PM Sandra Elizabeth, Lorenzo Antonio Moscoso
4:00 PM Margaret Bulens
5:30 PM +Roberta Delaney

Monday, April 11

8:00 AM +Charles Carroll—anniv.
12:05 PM Irvine Auguste
4:45 PM Mary Bane

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 AM Jack Cuniffe—health
12:05 PM
4:45 PM +Mary Kaye Waldron & +Helen Sekula

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 AM Edith & Edward Forster—69th anniv.
12:05 PM +David Wenzel
4:45 PM Sandra Elizabeth, Lorenzo Antonio Moscoso

Holy Thursday, April 14

5:10 PM Tony & Sharon Scollo
6:30 PM La Familia Lavit-Justen

Good Friday, April 15

12:00 PM & 6:30 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, April 16

8:00 PM Antonia Ruiz, Judith Mendoza & Jose Martinez

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. Please email to office@omvusa.org.

From our New Music Director: Steven Angelucci

There is a need for singers to help provide song leadership at our weekend Masses. We are hoping that a number of small ensembles can be formed to assist at the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning and afternoon Masses. If you are interested and would like more information please contact our new Director of Music, Steven Angelucci for additional information. His e-mail is: promusic@sonic.net.

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



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