



# *THE* *LANTERIAN*

**SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL**

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

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

**APRIL 3, 2022**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

## CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV  
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**Music:** Steven Angelucci—  
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## Cleaning of Chapel

**Environment:** Nubia Viasus

## 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.



## Cover Art:

The Woman Caught in Adultery. Stained Glass. 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

Saint John Chrysostom in a homily said, *"The cross is the hope of Christians, the staff of the lame, the comfort of the poor, the destruction of the proud, the victory over the devils, the guide of youth, the rudder of sailors, the refuge of those who are in danger, the counsellor of the just, the rest of the afflicted, the physician of the sick, the glory of martyrs."* Saint Alphonsus Liguori makes an interesting commentary. *"The cross, that is Jesus crucified, is – The hope of the faithful, because if we had not Jesus Christ, we should have no hope of salvation. It is the staff of the lame because we are all lame in our present state of corruption. We should have no strength to walk in the way of salvation except that which is communicated to us by the grace of Jesus Christ."*

*"It is the comfort of the poor, which we all are, for all we have we have from Jesus Christ. It is the destruction of the proud, for the followers of the Crucified cannot be proud, seeing Him dead as the malefactor upon the cross. It is victory over devils, for the very sign of the cross is sufficient to drive them from us. It is the instructor of the young, for admirable is the teaching which they who are beginning to walk in the ways of God learn from the cross. It is the rudder of mariners, and guides us through the storms of this present life. It is the refuge of those in danger, for they who are in peril of perishing through temptations, find a secure harbor by flying to the cross. It is the counsellor of the just, for how many saints learn wisdom from the cross, that is, from the troubles of this life. It is the rest of the afflicted for where can they find greater relief than in contemplating the cross, on which a God suffers for love of them? It is the physician of the sick, for when they embrace it, they are healed of the wounds of the soul. It is the glory of martyrs, for to be made like Jesus Christ, the King of Martyrs, is the greatest glory they can possess."*

## THE PRAYER "YOUR CROSS"

By St. Francis De Sales

The everlasting God has in His wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His Divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world! Amen.



## Prayer Exercises for the Fifth Week of Lent

*I consider everything as a loss  
because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.  
For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things  
and I consider them so much rubbish,  
that I may gain Christ and be found in him" (Phil. 3:8-9).*

**Meditation:** Lent is both a season of loss and of hope. It is a time to reassess the things that have held prominence for us and to realize that when seen in the light of Christ they are rubbish. The woman from the Gospel, whose name we are not given, has her public reputation destroyed by those who sought to catch her in the act of adultery. But in finding Christ, she walks away from the encounter considering her reputation as so much rubbish. In finding Jesus she has gained.

### 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:** Is there anything in your life you have lost for Christ and now consider to be rubbish?

#### Pope Francis:

*When we have found the Lord, we must not let this discovery become barren, but rather sacrifice everything else in order to acquire it. It is not a question of disdaining the rest but of subordinating them to Jesus, putting him in first place; grace in first place. The disciple of Christ is not one who has deprived himself of something essential; he is one who has found much more: he has found the complete joy that only the Lord can give. It is the evangelical joy of the sick who have been healed; of the pardoned sinners, of the thief for whom the doors of heaven open. The joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the entire life of those who encounter Jesus. Those who allow themselves to be saved by him are freed from sin, sadness, inner emptiness and isolation. With Jesus Christ, joy is always born and reborn.*

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 3

**8:00 AM** +Roger Lee  
**9:15 AM** The People of Ukraine, and conversion of sinners  
**10:30 AM** +Sharon Belmont  
**11:45 AM** Adriana & Fernando—10th anniv.  
**1:15 PM** Matthew Nieto & Perez Zanabria  
**4:00 PM** Antonio Ruiz, Judith Mendoza, Jose Martinez  
**5:30 PM** +Edgar & +Odilia Castillo

### Monday, April 4

**8:00 AM** Deceased members of Robert Wheatley Family  
**12:05 PM** +Paul Aceto  
**4:45 PM** Sandra Elizabeth Moscoso & Lorenzo Antonio

### Tuesday, April 5

**8:00 AM** +Giovanni Aceto  
**12:05 PM** Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain  
**4:45 PM** +Julianne Walsh

### Wednesday, April 6

**8:00 AM** Katherine Schwartz  
**12:05 PM** +Marie Chon  
**4:45 PM** Cedric Nicholas—conversion

### Thursday, April 7

**8:00 AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**12:05 PM** +John Mohan, Sr.  
**4:45 PM** Douglas Wooton

### Friday, April 8

**8:00 AM** Idalina Ferreira  
**12:05 PM** Harrison Grandchamps  
**4:45 PM** Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV—birthday

### Saturday, April 9

**9:00 AM** +Charles Carroll  
**12:00 PM** Maria Elvira Celedon  
**4:00 PM** +Paul Burke  
**5:30 PM** Antonio 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. 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



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*During the retreat, I realized  
the lasting impact of forgiveness.*

*I knew God had forgiven me,  
and now I needed to forgive myself."*

*A Project Rachel Retreat Participant*

### Spring 2022 Retreats

Saturday, April 23

Saturday, May 14

Saturday, June 4



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