



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

MAY 8, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHAPEL STAFF:

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

Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV
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Pastoral Associate:

Isabelle Maria, CFP, CKA

Music: Steven Angelucci -
Director,
Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia,
Stacey Ibe

Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May:

We pray for all young people, called
to live life to the fullest; may they
see in Mary's life the way to listen,
the depth of discernment, the courage
that faith generates, and the
dedication to service.



Cover Art:

Christ the God Shepherd, Icon. Photo by Jim Forest, Flickr

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. Michael Warren, OMV

“What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: ‘This is my body which is given for you’ (Lk 22:19)? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb! For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers and reliving what she had experienced at the foot of the Cross” (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de eucharistia*, #56).

The tradition of tenderly celebrating Blessed Mary and all mothers in the month of May is a venerable tradition that is a testament to those women who know what it means to suffer for others. Indeed we can and ought to say that the mothers we celebrate in May reflect a particular kind of Eucharistic living. In the Eucharist we celebrate the “yes” of Christ to His Father and to us. This “yes” of Jesus to His Father was a yes that made its way into His very flesh through the wounds of crucifixion. For mothers too, their yes to God and to their husbands is not confined to a marriage license, but takes flesh in them as their bodies change and adapt to the presence of new life.

It isn't accidental that women were the first witnesses of the resurrection as they were prepared to accept a messiah who had to suffer for others because that message of suffering-for-others is written into the very fabric of their being and their bodies. As Jesus lay in the tomb, the holy women were attentive to His very person. This is why they were so adamant about visiting so early in the morning. Attentiveness to others is the physical pattern of their lives; attentiveness to the person. Christ had to suffer for us, and women, especially mothers, know what it is to undergo great trial and suffering, all for the sake of another person.

In the Most Holy Eucharist Christ fully reveals what it means to love: “This is my body which will be given up for you.” Christ's life was for others, for His Father and for us. We witness in a mother another superb path of life lived for others. Motherhood is a profoundly Eucharistic way of life. Within their bodies women have a space that provides no benefit to them at all: the womb. It is a space completely reserved for others, namely, a child. Being for an other is truly what a mother is. We should pause to appreciate mothers on this day; we should rejoice at the sign they give us in their bodies of a life lived in openness and service to others. Truly as someone who lives for others, a mother is also the one who welcomes us into life. Here we find ourselves in the Easter season rejoicing that we do not have to fear death, because when we awaken to “the other side” awaiting us is not darkness and chaos but the face of the one who welcomes us into new life. So too mothers welcome a child into new life through their smiles, laughter and playfulness. Children learn through their mothers that the world can be a welcoming place, not of hostility, but of love.

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Schedule of Events:

7:30 AM Doors open, Exhibitors available

8:30 AM Welcome, Music, Celebration of Mass

10:15 AM Break & Exhibition visits

10:45 AM Session 1: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers & Bishop Daniel Flores

12:15 PM Lunch and Exhibition visits

1:30 PM Session 2: Bishop Robert Barron

2:30 PM Break and Exhibition visits

3:00 PM Session 3: Jackie and Bobby Angel

4:00 PM Eucharistic Congress Procession

6:00 PM Conclusion

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 8

8:00 AM Francie Cunniffe—health

9:15 AM +Thomas Keady—25th anniv.

10:30 AM +Radha Govier

11:45 AM Harrison Grandchamps

1:15 PM +Rose Alba Lopez

4:00 PM +Neil Manning

5:30 PM Gomez & Castillo Families

Monday, May 9

8:00 AM +Dan Ohnstad

12:05 PM Maria Elvira Celedon

4:45 PM +Una Hayes—1st anniv.

Tuesday, May 10

8:00 AM Antonio Ruiz, Judith Mendoza,
Joe Martinez

12:05 PM Ary-Lex Auguste & Therese

4:45 PM Jack Cunniffe—health

Wednesday, May 11

8:00 AM +Bridget Kilday

12:05 PM Al & Maureen Armstrong

4:45 PM In honor of St. Joseph

Thursday, May 12

8:00 AM Holy Souls

12:05 PM Lavit-Lopez Family—health

4:45 PM +Br. Robert Artman, OFM

Friday, May 13

8:00 AM +Elizabeth Dichiaro

12:05 PM +Alan Bogorad—21st anniv.

4:45 PM Sandra Elizabeth & Lorenzo
Antonio Moscoso

Saturday, May 14

9:00 AM +Dan Ohnstad

12:00 PM Antonio Ruiz, Judith Mendoza,
Joe Martinez

4:00 PM Connie Augustini—intentions

5:30 PM +Ana Ma, Garcia y Joaquin Emilio Pareja

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.

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

From our New Director of Music: Mr. 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.



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