

THE LANTERIAN

SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
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THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

MAY 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
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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:

Vision of the Apocalypse. Painting by Thomas Bathas (1554-1599).
Monastery of St. John the Theologian, Patmos, Greece.

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 Masses)

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Reflection by Fr. James Doran, OMV

This Friday the Church celebrates **Bernadine of Siena**, (Italy), born in 1380. It was the same year that St. Catherine of Siena died. St. Francis died in 1226 in Assisi which is 82 miles from Siena. When he was 20 years old, the plague was at its height in his hometown of Siena. Sometimes as many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernardine volunteered to take care of hospital patients with other young men. He did not catch the virus but having exhausted himself he did suffer a fever that lasted for four months.

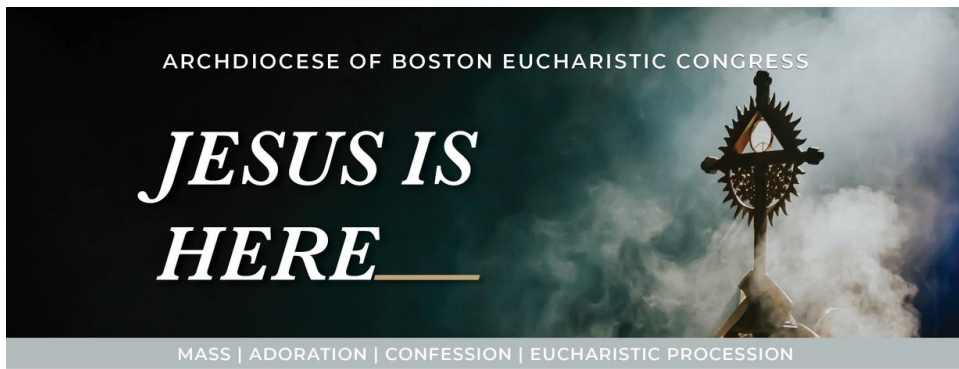
He joined the Franciscans when he was 22. He was ordained a priest and lived in solitude and prayer for about 12 years before he was sent out to preach. Bernardine was a great missionary walking around Italy making peace. The Franciscan Rule says to speak **about vice and virtue, punishment, and glory**. On his mission Bernardine persuaded the cities that had signs for warring political factions, (like the Guelphs and Ghibellines), to substitute them with the monogram **IHS** which are the first three letters of the name of 'Jesus' in Greek. He had the **Holy Name** painted Gothic letters on a **blazing sun**. Bernardine insisted that Catholics **bow** their heads at the Name of 'Jesus'. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes, and public buildings. He used to carry a banner with the Holy Name written in gold, and he would present it to the crowds for **veneration**.

His enemies accused him of idolatry, so he had to go to Rome where he was received coldly by Pope Martin and was prohibited to preach or present his banner. Bernardine humbly obeyed, and he submitted his writings for examination. At his trial St. John Capistrano defended Bernardine, and Pope Martin was so impressed that he commanded him to continue to preach the devotion.

Bernadine also preached against playing cards for money, gambling. At Bologna, a maker of playing cards complained that he went broke on account of Bernardine's preaching. The Franciscan suggested he make cards of the Holy Name. He did. Everyone wanted them, and he made a small fortune! The Holy Name has power. The chief priests of the Synagogue forbade the Apostles to teach in His Name and St. Peter replied, "*We ought to obey God rather than men.*" Acts 5:28,29.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2143. *Among all the words of Revelation, there is one which is unique: the revealed name of God. God confides His name to those who believe in him; He reveals himself to them in His personal mystery. The gift of a name belongs to the order of trust and intimacy. "The Lord's name is holy." For this reason, man must not abuse it. He must keep it in mind in silent, loving adoration. He will not introduce it into his own speech except to bless, praise, and glorify it.*

St. Bernardine, pray for us.



SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022
8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
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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-Silvers & 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 15

8:00 AM +Juan Madariaga
9:15 AM +Mary R. Quinn
10:30 AM +Joao Xavier
11:45 AM +Luisa Viso
1:15 PM +Alejandra Perez—3 months
4:00 PM +Coleen Walsh
5:30 PM +Juan Carlos Betancourt & Emiliano Moron

Monday, May 16

8:00 AM Wedding Anniv. Remembrance for Marie Y. D'Souza
12:05 PM +Teresa Ippolito—1st anniv.
4:45 PM +Br. Robert Artman, OFM

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 AM Anne Lindmark
12:05 PM In Thanksgiving
4:45 PM +William Galligan

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM Sandra Elizabeth & Lorenzo Antonio Moscoso
12:05 PM Antonia Ruiz, Judith Mendoza, Jose Martinez
4:45 PM +Fidelina Argenal—anniv.

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM +Luke Cordeiro
12:05 PM +Juana Peralta
4:45 PM Daniel Robinard

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM Fr. Peter Polo—safe travels
12:05 PM Elaine Bjork
4:45 PM +Raymunda Rampp

Saturday, May 21

9:00 AM Holy Souls
12:00 PM John E. Connoley
4:00 PM +Kieran Coughlan
5:30 PM +Constantino Garcia y Gennis Martinez y Ana Cardona

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.

480 Year Anniversary of the Jesuit Missions to Asia

In May, 1542 St. Francis Xavier arrived in Goa, India to begin the first Jesuit mission to Asia.

Xavier traveled throughout India for ten years from 1542 to 1552 baptizing converts to Christ, establishing churches and schools and training catechists. The Jesuit missionaries distinguished themselves by accepting anyone who wished into their missions, churches and schools. The Jesuits did not embrace the traditional caste system of India.

St. Francis Xavier realized that new converts to Christ could not simply be baptized then abandoned by the missionaries. He knew that the faithful needed community support and strengthening in their new faith. Some missionaries would baptize then move on to another place. Xavier would remain, teach and help establish a local Catholic community before he moved to another place. He also realized that in order for the new Indian Christians to be supported in the Faith he needed to catechize the Portuguese in Goa where he first landed. The Portuguese Catholics were doing a poor job of witnessing to their faith in Christ by bad public example. Xavier knew they had to be spiritually trained before new converts could be made.

In 1549 St. Francis Xavier entered Japan for the first time and traveled back and forth from there and India for a few years. His great goal was to begin a mission in China. Poised to do so in 1552, he died of fever on Shangchuan Island before landing on mainland China.



The Mission to China

Forty years after St. Francis Xavier's landing in India, Fr. Matteo Ricci and Michele Ruggieri became the first Jesuit priests to arrive on Mainland China in 1582. Although the first Christian missionaries arrived in China as early as the 7th century, and again in the 13th century when Franciscans established churches there, these efforts did not last long. The Jesuit missions to China beginning with Servant of God Matteo Ricci made greater inroads into the interior of the country.

The Jesuit approach of Fr. Ricci was to engage in cultural dialogue with the Chinese. He learned Chinese language and customs, and became a student of Chinese philosophy, especially Confucianism. Ricci shared with the Chinese European philosophy, literature, science and mathematics; he also sent back to Europe much of what he was learning in China. The Jesuits became welcomed within Chinese society during the late 16th and early 17th centuries. They even became counselors to the Emperors in the late Ming Dynasty.

The Jesuits appreciated Chinese culture and believed it to be equal in every way to European culture. Their missionary efforts were centered on sharing of knowledge and suggesting that the Catholic Faith was not only completely compatible with Chinese thinking and manners, but that it was their natural perfection.

