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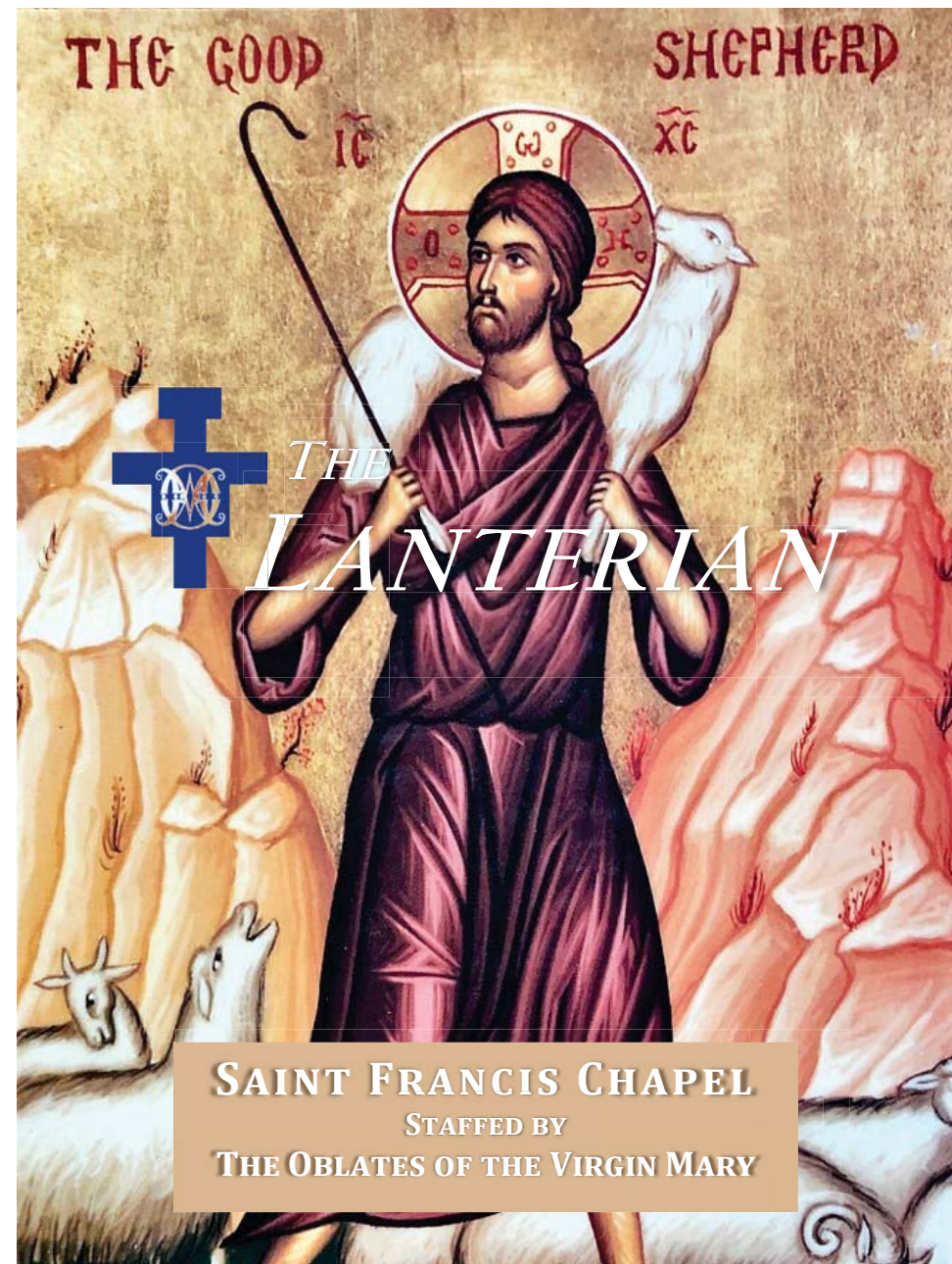
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**SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL**  
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**THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

*ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON*  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY**



## CHAPEL STAFF:

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

## Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV  
Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

## 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 September:

We pray that the death penalty,  
which attacks the dignity of the hu-  
man person, may be legally abol-  
ished in every country.



## Cover Art:

*Christ the Good Shepherd.* Icon Photo by Jim Frost. 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 Masses)

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## Reflection by Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV

### *Journey Home from a Far Country*

Our scriptural texts today remind us about how humans are prone to sin and how desperately we need the mercy of God on the one hand, and on the other hand, how God is ever ready to lavish mercy upon us. After all, God did so for the Israelites in Egypt when their thanksgiving to him was to fashion a golden image for themselves as their god. However, He relented upon the intercession of Moses on their behalf. King David, a man after God's own heart, derailed big time! But he pleaded (Psalm 51), and he was pardoned. We see in these instances the beauty inherent in repentance—the journey home to the Father after a change of mind.

It is always a pleasure to know that the Father's embrace is available for all who come back home after living in a far country of sin. The parable of the prodigal son brings this out beautifully.

Enjoying the warmth of the Father's embrace requires some actions from us. The willingness to constantly be in His embrace and, if, for some reason, we stray, the readiness to return to it. A constant reflection on ourselves is a great help towards ascertaining our state of life at a given moment in order to undergo transformation and become fully alive. John White buttressed this thus:

"Coming to ourselves, aligning ourselves with the moral structure of the universe, facing up to reality is always, in essence, going back to God—whether we call it that or not for his were the hands that shaped us in our mothers' wombs. Returning to him, for the first time or the fiftieth, can be hard, but there is no other way to a profound and positive change or character." (John White: *Changing on the Inside*. 1991).

Pride is an obstacle that sometimes prevents this all-important journey to freedom. The word sorry is simple, but it can be difficult to say. Upon realizing how far he was from freedom, the Prodigal son said to himself, I must leave this place and go to my Father. That bold but humble step of return earned him full restoration of his sonship and brought him back to life.

There is always rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents. The journey home is always a reason for celebration here on earth and in heaven. Therefore let us not be tired of journeying to and remaining in Father's embrace and doing all we can to promote the constant return of our brethren to the Father from far away countries.



**Come to the  
Waters of Healing**  
*A Retreat for Post-  
Abortion Healing*

*“My spirit was broken and as far as I knew  
beyond repair. I was living a  
decision that I will regret  
for the rest of my life.  
I was haunted by the choice and consumed  
with feelings of remorse.  
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*

**Fall 2022 Dates**

**Saturday, October 1**  
**Saturday, October 29**  
**Saturday, November 19**  
**9:00AM – 5:00 PM**



**Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston**



Location is confidential. Pre-registration is required.  
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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Sept. 11**

**8:00 AM** +Brian Holt  
**9:15 AM** Holy Souls  
**10:30 AM** James M. Hornsby  
**11:45 AM** +Frani O’Brien  
**1:15 PM** +Ramon Sterling  
**4:00 PM** Special Intention  
**5:30 PM** +Edgar & +Odilla Castillo

**Monday, Sept. 12**

**8:00 AM** +Mary O’Connor  
**12:05 PM** +John Flavin  
**4:45 PM** Jian Chen

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**

**8:00 AM** +Gloria Cammarata  
**12:05 PM** Holy Souls  
**4:45 PM** Special Intention

**Wednesday, Sept. 14**

**8:00 AM** Thomas Decrescenzo  
**12:05 PM** Eunice Hornsby  
**4:45 PM** In honor of St. Raphael

**Thursday, Sept. 15**

**8:00 AM** Special Intention  
**12:05 PM** Special Intention  
**4:45 PM** +Lygia Castano

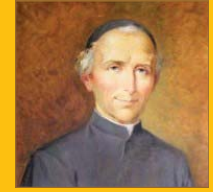
**Friday, Sept. 16**

**8:00 AM** Holy Souls  
**12:05 PM** Special Intention  
**4:45 PM** Malcolm Hornsby

**Saturday, Sept. 17**

**9:00 AM** Special Intention  
**12:00 PM** Brian Hornsby  
**4:00 PM** Rice-Osterman Family Intentions  
**5:30 PM** +Ligia Posada

**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.

## 30 Days with Mary: Our Lady Around the World



**August 14—September 12**

We will pray to Our Lady after the Masses at the Chapel each day from August 14 through September 12. Each day's prayer will be dedicated to Our Lady under a unique cultural title. We will celebrate Our Lady as she is known and loved in the various cultures of the world. Booklets can be found in the vestibule of the Chapel. A digital version can be found on our website: [omvusa.org/st-francis-chapel](http://omvusa.org/st-francis-chapel)

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