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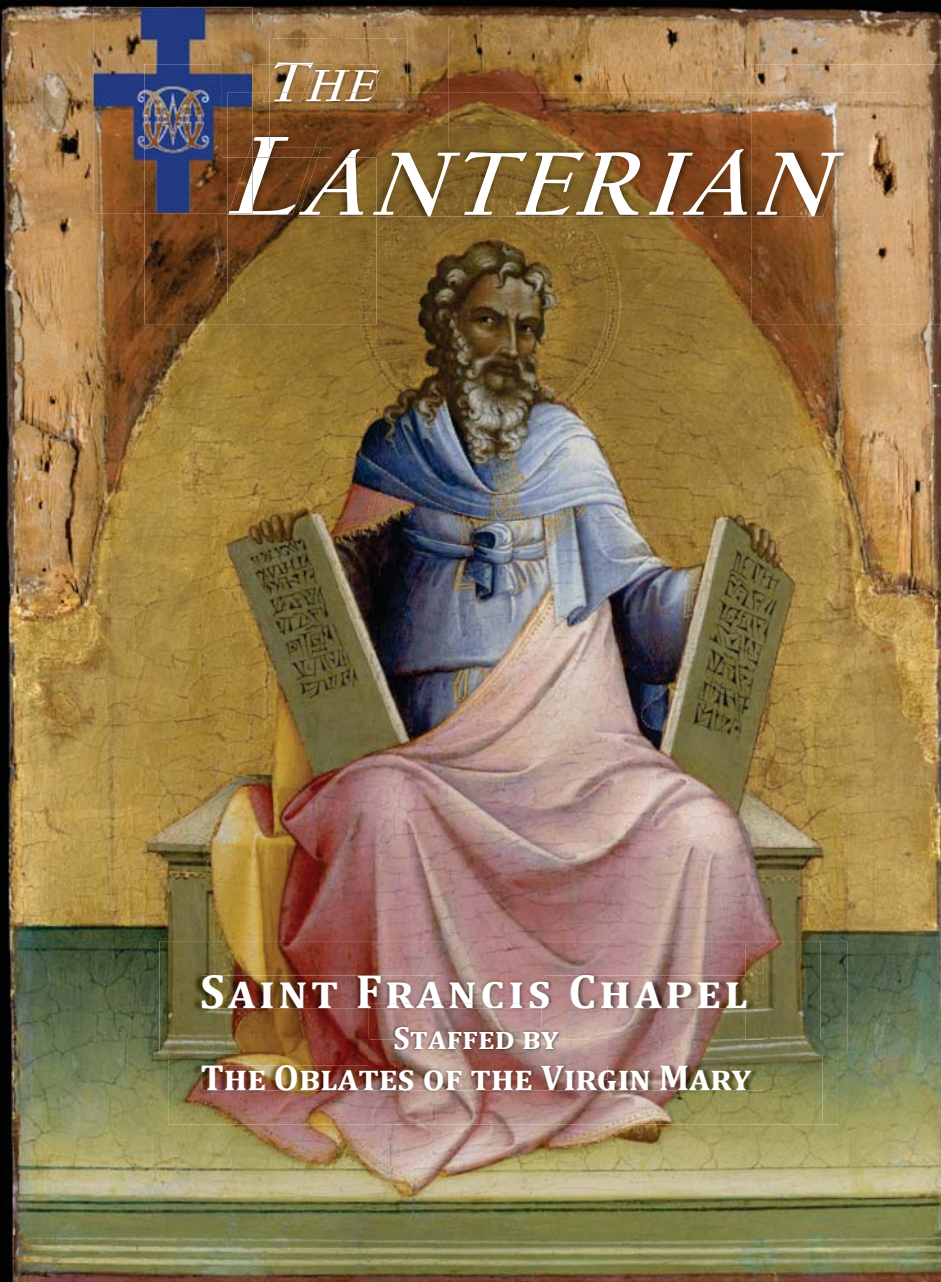
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY



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The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



Cover Art:

Moses. Painting on Wood. Lorenzo Monaco, 1408-1410. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY.

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

God or Nothing: A Lesson from the Widow

The parable of the widow's encounter with the unjust judge brings to our attention again that we must never grow weary in our trust in God. Apart from God, there is nothing other than discouragement, hopelessness and frustration. Consequently, we must pray to God, who never abandons his children.

There will always be issues to deal with in life. The human person is so frail and can easily be overwhelmed. How can concrete situations be handled without succumbing to their crushing effects? The Widow in the parable pointed out the way forward: running to the Just and Righteous Judge, persistently with trust to present our request to Him. The answer we get sometimes is, Wait!

Ironically, despite prayer being the very means to the solution of our spiritual crises is sometimes abandoned. In this regard, Jimmy Carter in his book, Power of Prayer, writes: "As we pray continually, even during times when God seems distant and prayer feels fruitless, we immerse ourselves in the benevolence, grace, forgiveness, and love of God. Our attitudes toward life are modified accordingly." Prayer reveals solutions to problems. At life's crossroads there is a frequent temptation to panic. Prayer swallows up panic and instills confidence and clarity that aid clear thinking.

Prayer changes situations from life-threatening to self-edifying, which leads to maturity. It spurs tepid and fearful individuals to become vibrant and confident in God. It effects transformation; it brings about victory. However, patience in prayer is vital, especially when the desired result seems to be delayed. We must remember that no event in life escapes the notice of God.

In conclusion, Saint Pope John Paul's explained some years ago why we must pray, and it remains valid for us today: "We must also pray because we are frail and guilty. It must be humbly and realistically recognized that we are poor creatures, confused in ideas, tempted by evil, frail and weak, in continual need of inner strength and consolation. Prayer gives the strength for great ideals, to maintain faith, charity and purity and generosity" (Audience with Young People, 14 March 1979).

Message for World Mission Day by Pope Francis

“You shall be my witnesses” – The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ.”

This is the central point, the heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a “missionary” of the Father (cf. *Jn* 20:21), and as such, he is the Father’s “faithful witness” (cf. *Rev* 1:5). In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.

A deeper look at the words, “You shall be my witnesses”, can clarify a few ever timely aspects of the mission Christ entrusted to the disciples. The plural form of the verb emphasizes the communitarian and ecclesial nature of the disciples’ missionary vocation. Each baptized person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community, and not on one’s own initiative. Even in cases where an individual in some very particular situation carries out the evangelizing mission alone, he must always do so in communion with the Church which commissioned him. As [Saint Paul VI](#) taught in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, a document dear to my heart: “Evangelization is for no one an individual and isolated act; it is one that is deeply ecclesial. When the most obscure preacher, catechist or pastor in the most distant land preaches the Gospel, gathers his little community together or administers a sacrament, even alone, he is carrying out an ecclesial act, and his action is certainly attached to the evangelizing activity of the whole Church by institutional relationships, but also by profound invisible links in the order of grace. This presupposes that he acts not in virtue of a mission which he attributes to himself or by a personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name” (No. 60). Indeed, it was no coincidence that the Lord Jesus sent his disciples out on mission in pairs; the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature. Hence, in carrying out the mission, the presence of a community, regardless of its size, is of fundamental importance.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 16

8:00 AM Fr. James Brusce—health
9:15 AM +Mary R. Quinn
10:30 AM +John Arena
11:45 AM +Paul Tonelli
1:15 PM Special Intention
4:00 PM Terri Lee
5:30 PM +Patrick Walsh

Monday, Oct. 17

8:00 AM +Tibe Awalom
12:05 PM Cecilia Kimvy—healing
4:45 PM In honor of St. Raphael

Tuesday, Oct. 18

8:00 AM +Annie Cunniffe
12:05 PM Betty—healing
4:45 PM +Gerard Brunka

Wednesday, Oct. 19

8:00 AM Olga Torres—birthday
12:05 PM Jack & Jill Cummings—health
4:45 PM Faetisha Desamour

Thursday, Oct. 20

8:00 AM Barbara Meloncourt—birthday
12:05 PM Sister Am Tran—healing
4:45 PM Telvia Del Carmel

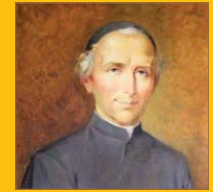
Friday, Oct. 21

8:00 AM Dorothy Thompson—birthday
12:05 PM +Jack Garvin
4:45 PM Roselande & Raoul—special intention

Saturday, Oct. 22

9:00 AM +Celedonia Espinosa
12:00 PM +Juan Madariaga
4:00 PM +Joseph Timilty
5:30 PM Special Intention

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.



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At the Chapel we continue through the month of October to ask your help in raising funds for the Crisis Pregnancy Centers around Boston. These centers provide a path for vulnerable women to be served and to save their babies. Please find one of the envelopes around the Chapel, place your contribution inside then place the envelope in any of the offering boxes around the Chapel. God bless you.

MUSIC MINISTRY at Saint Francis Chapel

Invitation to Singers!

The Fall season has arrived with its colors and crispness and we have begun our Fall season of music ministry. We have small vocal ensembles at our Masses on Sunday who are looking for additional voices to join with them. We are reaching out to welcome both men and women who would like to be a part of the music making. The gift of your time and talent will help widen our ability to sing the hymns and other music in parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. So, there is a broad range of possibilities for your voice whether you sing high, low or in-between. We need a full complement of singers to give color and richness to our choral sound.

Please contact Steven Angelucci with questions and interest at: promusic@sonic.net.

Thank you for your consideration with this!

Steve



PRAYER TO ST CECILIA FOR MUSICIANS

Dear St Cecilia, heroic martyr who stayed faithful to Jesus your divine bridegroom, intercede for us for faith to raise above our persecutors and to see in them the image of our Lord.

We know that you were a musician and we are told that you heard angels sing. Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of the Divine Musician who created all beauty. Amen.