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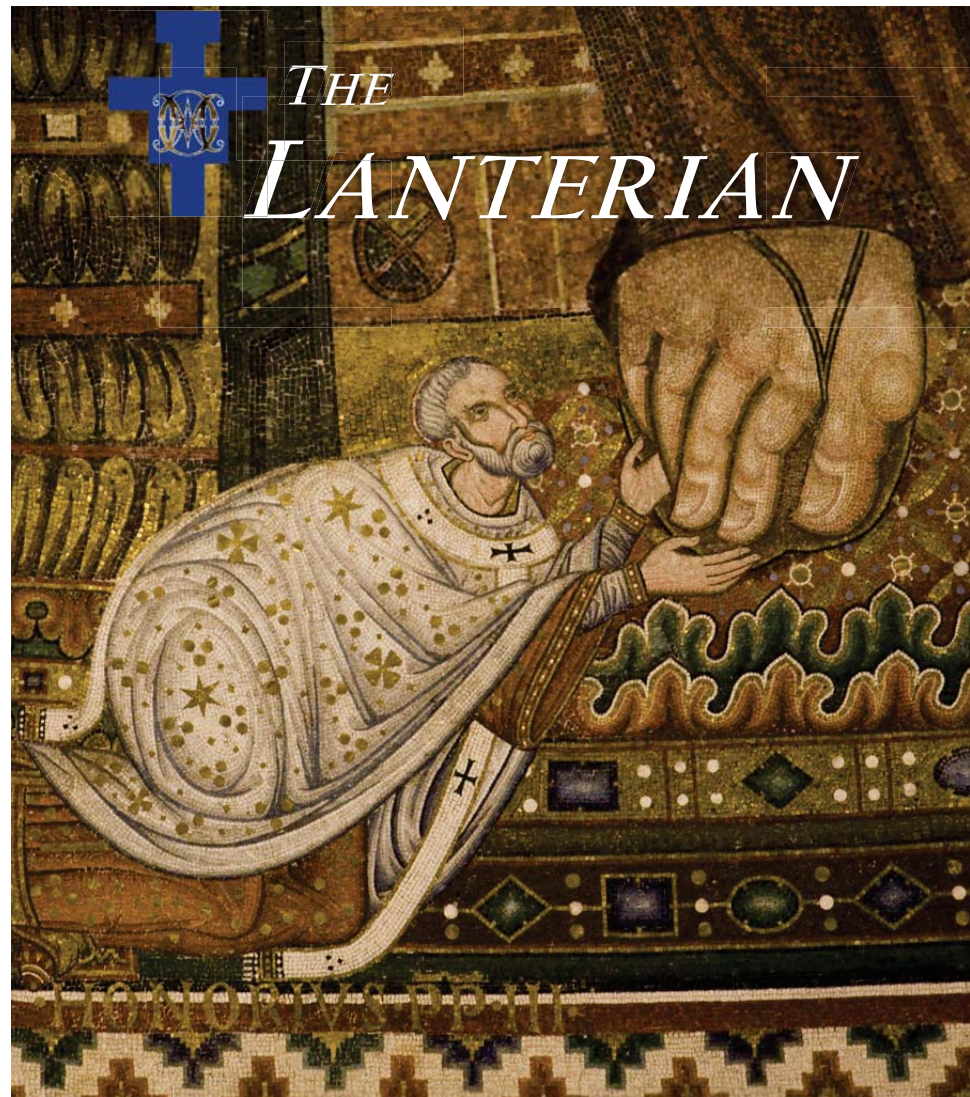


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JANUARY 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday



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The Pope's Prayer Intention for January:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Cover Art:

Papal Humility. Detail from Mosaic at St. Paul's Outside the Walls, Rome. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P. 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. James Doran, OMV

On the Feast of the Presentation: February 2

When the Babylonians were about to attack Jerusalem, in 586 B.C. the prophet Jeremiah took the Arc of the Covenant out of the Holy of Holies in the Temple and hid it in the mountains. Some of those who followed him came up intending to mark the path, but they could not find it. When Jeremiah heard of this he reproved them: "The place is to remain unknown until God gathers his people together again and shows them mercy. Then the Lord will disclose these things. The Jews were driven into exile. The Temple was destroyed. After 70 years, they, or their descendants were permitted to return from exile in Babylonia. They rebuilt a modest Temple to replace the glorious Temple the Babylonians had destroyed. But the Arc, remained hidden. The Holy of Holies was an empty room. The Glory of the Lord had departed from the Temple until Mary, the new Arc of God, came into the Temple with the Child Jesus.

The Prophet Malachi was writing to the Jews who had returned from the exile. While away from the Holy City and the Temple, they had become lax about their faith. The Jews needed someone to bring them back to a true love of God, obedience and true worship. The people needed to be cleansed and purified. Malachi wrote, "Who will endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears? He is like the refiners fire..." That is intended to be frightening. God would purify and refine the people so they could offer due worship to the Lord. Then they will offer sacrifice that will please the Lord as in the days of old, as in years gone by. Who can endure this purification? Who can stand when He comes into the Temple? Then we see He comes when Our Lady bears Him in to be dedicated as a baby? Not as judge but a baby. And Mary, who is "full of Grace" comes to be purified. Joseph will offer the doves for sacrifice, but Jesus would eliminate the need for future animal sacrifices since He would be the Victim, the true Lamb of God.

Why did St. Joseph and Holy Mary take the Baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem? Because every first born male, whether a boy or an animal was considered as belonging in a special way to God. You find it in the book of Exodus of the Old Testament; "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord". If it was an animal, like a calf or goat, it was sacrificed. If it was a baby boy, a sacrifice was offered up in his name. Poor families could offer a pair of turtledoves instead of a lamb. The Holy Family was so poor, they could not afford a lamb. But Mary presented the True Lamb, the Lamb of God!

The Eastern Christians call this feast "The Encounter". Simeon and Anna encounter the Lord of the Temple in a fragile baby of poor parents. Simeon awaits the consoling God. Remember Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete, the Consoler. The Holy Spirit has promised him that he will see the Christ before he died. Our Lady lets him hold her Baby for a moment and he praises God saying... "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." How blessed was Simeon, to hold the Savior! How blessed are we when we receive Him, in our hearts, at Holy Communion! He comes to encounter us, and we are invited to remain in Him. O Sacrament most holy. O Sacrament Divine. All love and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

The Lanteri Guild

The Venerable Bruno Lanteri Guild! We are a growing group of friends who help tell the story of Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV). The cause for the canonization of Venerable Bruno Lanteri is currently underway and it's our goal to see it completed. We also help promote vocations to the Oblates who continue to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through the charism of Venerable Bruno.

Ven. Lanteri preached and wrote about the infinite Mercy of the Father manifested in Jesus Christ. But more than that, he lived it in his everyday life, as he taught the Oblates to do. Through Reconciliation and spiritual direction, he connected with people along their personal journey to knowing God's mercy. The Oblates are located all over the world, and their spirituality is grounded in the life and mission of this little-known North Piedmont priest of Italy.

“We can never hope too much. The one who hopes for everything, obtains everything.” Ven. Bruno Lanteri

His canonization would spread his message of God's infinite mercy to even more people, accompanied by the hope, love and self-reflection that comes with knowing God on a personal level. Vocations to the Oblates would ensure this needed message of spiritual accompaniment and encouragement will continue.

If you are interested in joining with us for these special tasks, please do let us know and join the growing movement. [*We need your talent!*](#)

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 29

8:00 AM +Emily Kristen Sheehan
9:15 AM +Raul, +Samuel , +Clarisa Mejia
10:30 AM Stephanie Byers—health
11:45 AM +Paul Michael West
1:15 PM +Aduvina Castaneda & +Diomedes Orjuela
4:00 PM +John Eryigit
5:30 PM +Castillo Family

Monday, Jan. 30

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
12:05 PM Francisco Montano
4:45 PM +Pope Benedict XVI

Tuesday, Jan. 31

8:00 AM Joseph Feitelberg
12:05 PM +Nancy Feitelberg
4:45 PM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Feb. 1

8:00 AM +Robert LaPage
12:05 PM +John Carroll—anniv.
4:45 PM +John Cunniffe

Thursday, Feb. 2

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
12:05 PM Adam Martel
4:45 PM +Rosemary Stalzer

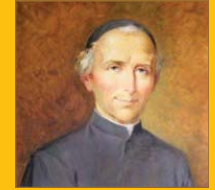
Friday, Feb. 3

8:00 AM O'Dwyer Family
12:05 PM Jack & Jill Cummings—health
4:45 PM Geordan Vitales

Saturday, Feb. 4

9:00 AM +Pope Benedict XVI
12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez & +Leoncio Huaman
4:00 PM +Dr. Rafael Ceron & Rev. Fergus Healey
5:30 PM +Tito Herman Bonilla—primo aniversario

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.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Family

February dedicated to the Holy Family

O Jesus,
our most loving Redeemer,
who having come to enlighten the world
with Thy teaching and example,
didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life
in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph
in the poor home of Nazareth,
thus sanctifying the Family
that was to be an example for all Christian families,
graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to
Thee this day.

Do Thou protect us,
guard us and establish amongst us Thy
holy fear, true peace and concord in
Christian love: in order that by living
according to the divine pattern
of Thy family we may be able,
all of us without exception,
to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary,
dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us,
by the kindly intercession
make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of
Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph,
most holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary,
help us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal
needs;
that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior
Jesus,
together with Mary and thee,
for all eternity. Amen.

(Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory 3 times.)



Prayer to the Holy Family by Pope Francis

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.*

Pope Francis on the Holy Family: December 26, 2021

In the Gospel, we see that even in the Holy Family things did not all go well: there were unexpected problems, anxiety, suffering. The Holy Family of holy cards does not exist. Mary and Joseph lose Jesus and search for him anxiously, only to find him three days later. And when, seated among the teachers in the Temple, he responds that he had to be about his Father's business, they do not understand. They need time to learn to know their son. So it is with us too: Every day, families have to learn to listen and understand one another, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties. It is a daily challenge and it is overcome with the right attitude, through simple actions, simple gestures, caring for the details of our relationships. And this too helps us a lot in order to talk within the family, talk at table, dialogue between parents and children, dialogue among siblings. It helps us experience our family roots that come from our grandparents. Dialogue with the grandparents!