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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*

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday**



## CHAPEL STAFF:

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

## Cleaning of Chapel

**Environment:** Nubia Viasus

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



## Cover Art:

*I Was Thirsty and You Gave Me To Drink.* Painting. Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Netherlands. 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 Masses)

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## Reflection by Zack Howich—Seminarian

In this Sunday's gospel Christ calls his disciples to be what a disciple is always meant to be, that is, the salt of the earth and light of the world. Salt was used to preserve food; the disciple, by living the beatitudes, preserves the goodness in the world and builds up the kingdom of God. The disciple that does not live according to the beatitudes is like salt that loses its taste and is good for nothing. Israel was called to be the "Light to the nations" (Isaiah 60:1-3). Christ is asking his disciples to fulfill this role by living the beatitudes so that the world may see and glorify God. In light of all the problems the world is facing from violence, war, famine, moral relativism, attacks on the sanctity of the human person, and so many other things, Christ issues us the challenge of asking what can we do to share God's love in the world? We are called to be the light of the world; for better or for worse the world is impacted by how we live our lives. When we fail to live by our faith, the world suffers; when we choose to live out in our daily lives the mercy, generosity, and love of Christ, the world will see our witness and glorify our heavenly Father. In the face of the witness of the saints, evil may still flourish in the world, but even so, we must always consider what Our Lord is calling us to do to serve the coming of the kingdom of God in this life.

Saint John Chrysostom asks us to ponder what the world would look like if the entire Christian community lived in imitation of Christ: "Assuredly there would be no heathen, if we Christians took care to be what we ought to be; if we obeyed God's precepts, if we bore injuries without retaliation, if when cursed we blessed, if we rendered good for evil. For no man is so savage a wild beast that he would not run forthwith to the worship of the true religion, if he saw all Christians acting as I have said." St. John Henry Newman was a famous convert to Catholicism in the 19th century. While he was still an Anglican he became alarmed by what he considered to be the Church of England's lack of integrity in the face of the rise of secularism. He tried to stop this decay. In his eyes, he failed, but in the process he became convinced of the truth of the Catholic faith. After he converted, he was viewed with great suspicion by the Catholic Church in England. He founded an organization called the Oratorians, which still flourishes today. His life in the oratory was a great struggle. Saint John Newman tried to start a Catholic University in Ireland similar to the Catholic University of America. This endeavor also failed. Yet, in the face of all of the struggles and set backs he faced, he never stopped witnessing to the world the truth of Christ in every aspect of his life. Newman is a saint because even in his failing, this giant never flinched from the challenge of witnessing the faith in the face of opposition of the world. He died in 1890, and as a result of his work there was a renewal of the Catholic faith in England in the 20th century. This, all because he was willing to ask the question of how the Lord was calling him to be the light of the world? Be not afraid to ask the question of Newman, "How Lord are you calling me to be the light of the world?"

Dear Lord Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with my feel Thy presence...amen.

# 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, Feb. 5

**8:00 AM** Souls in Purgatory  
**9:15 AM** Benjamin Montano  
**10:30 AM** Teresa Madariaga  
**11:45 AM** Lula Kidane  
**1:15 PM** Maria Roy—salud  
**4:00 PM** Simon Kidane  
**5:30 PM** +Romelia, +Sergio & +Mariela Norena

### Monday, Feb. 6

**8:00 AM** Sheila Dianne Feitelberg  
**12:05 PM** Claire Rios—special intention  
**4:45 PM** +Sally Willis

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

**8:00 AM** Anthons & Maggie Families  
**12:05 PM** Samuel Jeremiah Liem  
**4:45 PM** +Pope Benedict XVI

### Wednesday, Feb. 8

**8:00 AM** In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony  
**12:05 PM** Souls in Purgatory  
**4:45 PM** +Tim & +Anne Murphy-Callahan

### Thursday, Feb. 9

**8:00 AM** +Romelia Mariela & +Sergio Norena  
**12:05 PM** Fr. James Doran & Intentions  
**4:45 PM** All members of the Armed Forces

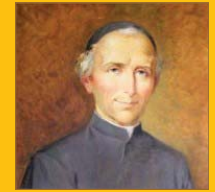
### Friday, Feb. 10

**8:00 AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**12:05 PM** +Pope Benedict XVI  
**4:45 PM** Andrew & Peter—health

### Saturday, Feb. 11

**9:00 AM** Souls in Purgatory  
**12:00 PM** +Jose Chavez  
**4:00 PM** Sr. Angela Chavez—intentions  
**5:30 PM** Luis E. Munar

## Prayer Before Mass

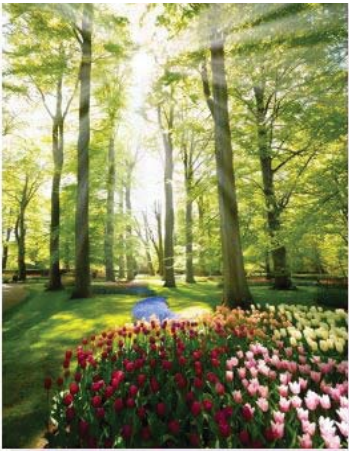


by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

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.



## Seeking Healing after Abortion?

**Project Rachel Retreats offer  
hope, healing & reconciliation  
in a confidential setting...**

### Comments from Recent Participants

*"I came to see I wasn't letting God heal me."*

*"I'm so glad I went. I could be honest,  
accepted and feel forgiveness".*

*"Thank you ...I will be reflecting on this day  
for the rest of my life."*

*"The retreat was something I always wanted  
to do – to unburden the load with others,  
and connect with the priest."*

### Spring 2023 Retreats

**Saturday, March 11  
Saturday, May 6  
9:00AM – 5:00 PM**



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

Location is confidential. Pre-registration is required.

*Trust in the tender mercy of God!*

For more information:

Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or  
[help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com)



Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (March 11, May 6)  
Are you – or someone you know – suffering from post-abortion pain? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Spring dates are March 11 and May 6. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

## 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.)