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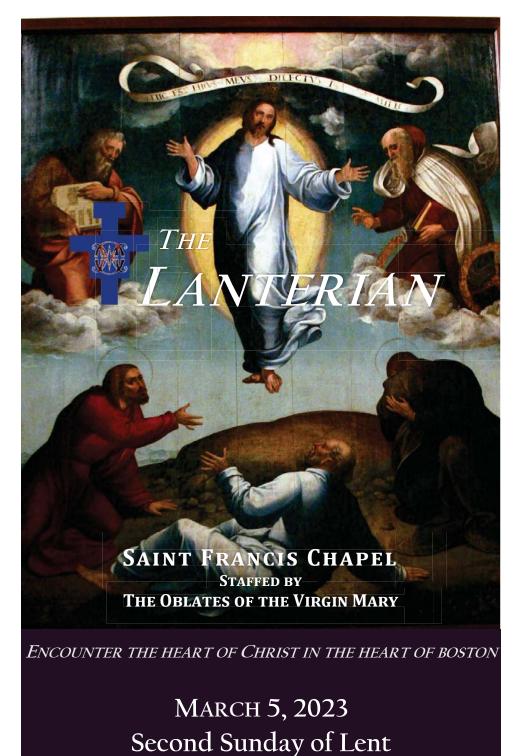
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The Pope's Prayer Intention for March:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church: may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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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The Transfiguration. Altarpiece for the Monastery of the Trinity. Garcia Fernandes. National Museum of Ancient Art, Lisbon, Portugal. Photo þу Jose Luiz, Wikimedia.



Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

It is one of the most consequential moments in history. God commands Abraham to leave his home and go to a place he will be shown. In chapter 12 of Genesis God calls Abram out from his society in Ur and promises to him many blessings and many descendants. God called Abram from his secure place in Ur to go to a mysterious new place. He told Abram that He would *show* him this land. The word for *show* is derived from the Hebrew word *ra'ah*, which means "to see." When God sends Abraham to the new land He is sending him to a place where Abraham's inner spiritual eye will be opened and he will be able to truly see for the first time. Ur is a place of spiritual blindness. What Abraham will learn to see in the new land is the truth about God and about his own destiny. Returning to the first chapter of Genesis we read of the account of God's creation. It says that after God created light he saw (ra'ah) that the light was good. God then creates the earth, the sea, the sun, moon, all creatures and finally mankind. After creating these things it says that God saw that they were good. Finally, after all things were created on the sixth day it says that God looked at everything He created and found them to be very good. God wants Abram and us to see what He sees, so He will show Abram what that is in the new land.

Seeing as God sees is not merely a matter of noticing. To see (ra'ah) as God sees is to have a deep experience of the truth of things, to taste them. God saw the good in the things He created. God especially sees into the heart of a person and knows what is there. To see as God sees is to experience within oneself the goodness of creation and to act in accord with that goodness. It is not merely possessing knowledge in the mind but experiencing deeply in one's heart that something is good, true and beautiful. This is why God called Abram out of Ur and eventually to the Promised Land. He is not toying with Abram; He is removing the stains of Ur from Abram's eyes and teaching him to see as God sees. Through Abram, God's chosen people would be empowered to learn to see and experience the world as God sees it. But the vision of God's chosen people suffers from the effects of the Original Sin. To learn to see as God sees means to surrender the things that we accumulate from the world that clutter our vision and block us from experiencing the gifts of God. Abram was blessed because of his faith leading to obedience in following God's call. May it be so with us this Lent.

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At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love.

The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord "for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 5

8:00 AM +Connie Tobon 9:15 AM +All ancestors of Ann Tran 10:30 AM +Marissa Lander 11:45 AM +Patsy Nonan Galway 1:15 PM Patrick Molloy—birthday 4:00 PM Frances Madden 5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 6

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory **12:05 PM** +Peter Thang & +Mary Chon **4:45 PM** Nicholas Vega

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 AM +Rev. Fergus Healey & +rev. Emilio Osorilo 12:05 PM Andrew Maloney 4:45 PM +Dorothea Johnston

Wednesday, March 8

8:00 AM +Raul, +Samuel, +Margarita Mejia 12:05 PM +Marie Concetta di Lorenzo 4:45 PM Brenda

Thursday, March 9

8:00 AM Rina Bardales 12:05 PM +Aida Alvarez 4:45 PM +Edward Boutmain

Friday, March 10

8:00 AM +Romelia, +Sergio, +Mariela Norena 12:05 PM +Mary Chon & +Thung Tran 4:45 PM Murphy & Callahan Families

Saturday, March 11

9:00 AM +Irene Ballastry 12:00 PM +David Keefe 4:00 PM Souls in Purgatory 5:30 PM Accion de gracias

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

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 onthe retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

The Month of March is Dedicated to St. Joseph

Prayer to St. Joseph By Pope Leo XIII

To thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of thy most holy Spouse,

we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection.

By that charity through which thou were united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou did cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou will look down with a gracious eye upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and will aid us in our need by thy power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen off-spring of Jesus Christ.

Keep from us, O most loving father, all blight of error and corruption.

Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness.

And even as of old thou did rescue the Child Jesus from the perils of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, following thine example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven.

Amen.

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