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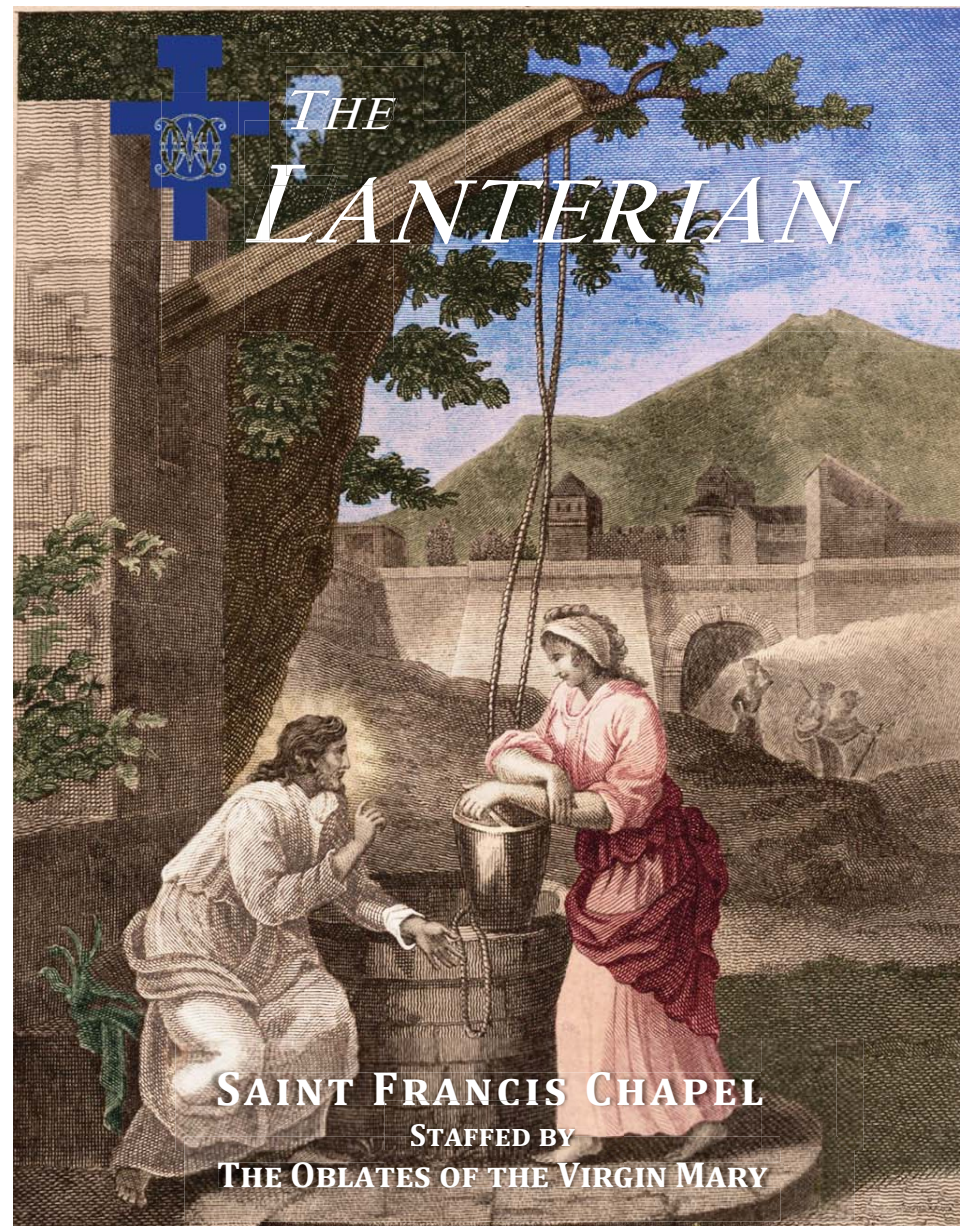
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MARCH 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

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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.



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Christ and the Woman at the Well. Public Domain

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

I Thirst!

One of the significant lessons we learned from the story of the Transfiguration of Christ in last week's Gospel was experiencing his glory before his desolating moments of passion and his eventual death. (Consolation before desolation. In retrospect, the experience might have comforted the apostles during the trial moments of their ministry). In the difficulty of water, the Israelites threw caution to the wind and rebelled against God despite all the mighty works God did for them. But God tolerated them in his thirst for the well-being of their souls.

The discussion between Jesus and the Samaritan woman revealed, among other things, his thirst for our freedom through our sincere repentance and encounter with his mercy.



This encounter showed that he wants us to abandon any form of waywardness in our lives. A thorough reflection on life is necessary at the stage of our Lenten pilgrimage to discover ourselves more, especially our hidden faults and to present these to the Lord in prayer and confession.

Like the Samaritan woman, everybody has a past; however ugly it may have been, we must not be trapped in our wrong decisions. Jesus asks us to edit our ugly stories to get the best version of ourselves through our sincere conversion.

It will be an excellent service from us in this remaining part of the Lent to satisfy the thirst of Jesus through our repentance; and he requires our consent to quench his thirst for souls. He is knocking the door of our heart.

Will You Be There?

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world. <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

EYES OPENED, Hearts on Fire

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 12

8:00 AM Sharen Cannale
9:15 AM Carmel—health
10:30 AM Maria Bardales
11:45 AM +Ricardo Balaga—anniv.
1:15 PM +Benjamin Medina
4:00 PM +John Nee
5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 13

8:00 AM +Rev. Fergus Healey, +Rev. Raul Zapata, +Sr. Lucia Angel
12:05 PM John McGavin—health
4:45 PM +Bernie Varrette

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 AM +Guillermo Tobon
12:05 PM Holy Souls
4:45 PM +Rose Aceto

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM +Margaret Lyons
4:45 PM +Michael Meads—birth anniv.

Thursday, March 16

8:00 AM O'Dwyer Family
12:05 PM Eileen Dallo
4:45 PM 40 Days for Life, John, Rita, Sarah

Friday, March 17

8:00 AM Maria Teresa
12:05 PM +Fr. Jose Gomez
4:45 PM +Harold “Butch” McKenna

Saturday, March 18

9:00 AM +Back Bay Post Office workers
12:00 PM +Mary Quinn
4:00 PM Mirjana Soldo
5:30 PM +Yolanda Carreno

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.

From the Music Department

Piano Prelude This Week: *Adagio For Strings* - Samuel Barber (1910 - 1981)

During the Season of Lent

The Penitential Rite: The *Kyrie eleison* has been set to the well-known and beloved hymn:
Jesu, dulcis memoria.

The Gospel Acclamation: During the season of Lent the Church's most festive word: "Alleluia", which is sung just prior to every **Gospel Proclamation** is suppressed in anticipation of its triumphant reappearance during the celebration of the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service. The Lectionary provides us with 8 different text options that may be sung in place of the 'Alleluia'. During the weekends of Lent we will use 5 of the available choices and have chosen the option that most closely aligns with the day's Scriptures, especially the Gospel passage. We learned this newly composed setting last year so it is already familiar and works beautifully with each of the selected verses.

The Preparation Rite: Within the Music Documents of the Catholic Church there are many options which are encouraged for use during Mass. One of the possibilities is the preferred use of solo instrumental music especially at Preparation Time to provide an artistic beauty to foster prayer and surround the liturgical action. During this season of Lent piano music will be used during the Preparation of the Gifts. We are drawing from the piano compositions of the famous composer, Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915), selecting each week from his voluminous collection of piano "Preludes", a brief and exquisitely beautiful setting to quietly underpin and enhance the liturgical action. Each of these gems conjures within the human spirit an intense poignancy that reflects the current liturgical season.

The Eucharistic Acclamations: i.e. the Holy, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen are a setting composed and arranged on the well-known hymn that we sing during the *Stations of the Cross*: the *Stabat mater*: **At the Cross her Station Keeping....**

The Lamb of God has been composed generally using the same melody as the Gospel Acclamation which we already have learned.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Angelucci, Director of Music

A Reflection on the Woman at the Well by Pope Benedict XVI

The symbolism of water returns with great eloquence in the famous Gospel passage that recounts Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman in Sychar, by Jacob's well. We immediately perceive a link between the well, built by the great patriarch of Israel to guarantee his family water, and salvation history where God gives humanity water welling up to eternal life. If there is a physical thirst for water that is indispensable for life on this earth, there is also a spiritual thirst in man that God alone can satisfy. This is clearly visible in the dialogue between Jesus and the woman who came to Jacob's well to draw water. Everything begins with Jesus' request: "Give me a drink" (cf. Jn 4: 5-7). At first sight it seems a simple request for a little water in the hot midday sun. In fact, with this question, addressed moreover to a Samaritan woman - there was bad blood between the Jews and the Samaritans - Jesus triggers in the woman to whom he is talking an inner process that kindles within her the desire for something more profound. St Augustine comments: "Although Jesus asked for a drink, his real thirst was for this woman's faith (*In Io ev. Tract. XV*, 11: *PL* 35, 1514). In fact, at a certain point, it was the woman herself who asked Jesus for the water (cf. Jn 4: 15), thereby demonstrating that in every person there is an inherent need for God and for salvation that only God can satisfy. It is a thirst for the infinite which only the water that Jesus offers, the living water of the Spirit, can quench. In a little while, in the Preface we shall hear these words: Jesus "asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink, and had already prepared for her the gift of faith. In his thirst to receive her faith, he awakened in her heart the fire of your love".



Dear brothers and sisters, in this dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman we see outlined the spiritual itinerary that each one of us, that every Christian community, is ceaselessly called to rediscover and follow... As he did with the Samaritan woman, Jesus wishes to bring us to powerfully profess our faith in him so that we may then proclaim and witness to our brethren the joy of the encounter with him and the marvels that his love works in our existence. Faith is born from the encounter with Jesus, recognized and accepted as the definitive Revealer and Saviour in whom God's Face is revealed. Once that the Lord has won the Samaritan woman's heart, her life is transformed and she runs without delay to take the Good News to her people (cf. Jn 4: 29).