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MARCH 19, 2023 Fourth 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.



SCHEDULE

Saturday 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

<u>Weekday Masses:</u> Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

<u>Confessions:</u> 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

<u>Gift Shop Hours:</u> 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. Michael Warren, OMV

St. Joseph Day is Celebrated this Year on March 20

The scriptures do not call him Joseph of Nazareth, or Joseph of Bethlehem, or Joseph of any particular place. He is Joseph, husband of Mary, of the House of David. His true place was with his family, wherever they could be served best and wherever the Lord called him to be. While the places where he lived and worked surely had their significance to Joseph as they would for anyone; more enduring was his place with Jesus and Mary. Joseph's movement from one place to another was a pilgrimage of faith and service to the Lord and for the purpose of providing for his family's needs. While he traversed the landscape from Galilee to Judea to Egypt and back, God traversed Joseph's heart. Being a son of David, a just man, Joseph was prepared to be a pilgrim, and all through his migration the Sacred and Immaculate hearts of Jesus and Mary rooted themselves deeper and deeper into him, which any pilgrimage should do. As he traveled with, watched over and oved his family the "ves" of Mary at the Annunciation was going deeper and deeper into Joseph as he himself said "yes" to God at every place along his journey. While his surroundings may have changed, the law in his heart remained steadfastly firm in the Lord.

From the moment God began to establish His chosen ones they were sojourners, wanderers and pilgrims. The exodus of God's people through the desert was more than a journey to the promised land, it was a pilgrimage of faith away from slavery of the heart and into the freedom of holiness. Because we are always on a pilgrimage of faith in this world we are called to remember that we should have particular concern for the stranger and alien, those forced to flee to unfamiliar terrain (Deuteronomy 10:19, Leviticus 19:34).

St. Joseph is a friend, father and patron of anyone who must travel away from their native place for work or to flee violence. Being uprooted and displaced for these reasons is severely trying and often traumatic. We yearn for stability and place, for roots, security and familiar people. God's people are called primarily to be rooted in Him; to find their ultimate security in the Lord, not in any earthly place. St. Joseph could have easily been tempted to despair due to the threats to his family and the need to abide in a foreign land, Egypt nonetheless! Yet, his heart was never corrupted by discouragement as he trusted completely in God's providential guidance.

A Novena of Prayers and 40 Hours of Devotion For Protection and Conversion



With Prayers and Reflections by Venerable Bruno Lanteri

The Chapel will hold a novena for protection and conversion from April 19—April 27 followed by 40 Hours of Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament from April 28—30. Prayers and meditations will be from Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Novena prayers will be recited after each Mass (except on Sunday). To sign up to adore the Blessed Sacrament on one of the 40 hours from Friday to Sunday, please call the Chapel or email to stfrancis@omvusa.org

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM +Marie Della Perruta
9:15 AM In honor of St. Rafael
10:30 AM +Mr. & +Mrs. Norberto Sr. & Perina Estigoy
11:45 AM +Angela Quijano
1:15 PM +Ramon Coblentz & +Emilio Rincon
4:00 PM Brenda & +Joseph Madden
5:30 PM Ruo Chen—blessings

Monday, March 20

8:00 AM +Joseph V. Stevenson 12:05 PM Sylvia Ooi & Family 4:45 PM Irene Navarrete

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 AM +Patty Blain-Gay 12:05 PM +Tom Baker 4:45 PM +Dominick Muzic

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 AM Mark Kennedy 12:05 PM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain 4:45 PM +Joseph Timilty

<u>Thursday, March 23</u>

8:00 AM Spencer Meads12:05 PM Oscar Mejia4:45 PM Charlie, Alice, Ainsley & Phileo

<u>Friday, March 24</u>

8:00 AM Betty M 12:05 PM +Conchita Acosta 4:45 PM Carlos Torres

Saturday, March 25

9:00 AM +Rev. Flavian Mucci, OFM
12:00 PM Peter Tu
4:00 PM +Romena Carolan
5:30 PM Padre Jim Doran, OMV

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. 2

Piano Music LAETARE SUNDAY March 19, 2023

Prelude: Méditation from the opera, THAIS: Jules Massenet (1842 - 1912)

This lyric gem is a symphonic interlude during the opera written for solo violin and orchestra; first performed in Paris, France on March 16, 1894.

Preparation Rite: from 24 Preludes, Opus 11 Number 9: Alexander Scriabin (1872 - 1915).

In his maturity Scriabin came under what might be called a mystic influence which dominated all his compositional thoughts. He envisioned music as the healer of all the ills in the world, and through a fusion of music, color, perfumes, poetry and dancing he foresaw the moment of supreme ecstasy when the universe would collapse and the souls of men would merge at last with the "Great Spirit" whom we call God.

Each of these Preludes is an invitation to bond with the "other worldly". In this prelude the melody, together with its supportive harmonies, feels as if one is being wrapped within the loving arms of our Savior, Jesus.

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.



APRIL 29TH, 2023 • BOSTON'S SEAPORT HOTEL

Join us for an evening of cocktails, dinner, an auction and fellowship to support OMV Seminarians! This year's theme will be Nunc Coepi "where a lifetime of service begins." The Annual Gala is a celebration of community and commitment, honoring those who are called to serve and sharing the joy and hope that connect us all.

Purchase tickets to attend our joyful annual celebration to honor and thank our Oblates of the Virgin Mary seminarians, brothers and priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Individual tickets are \$200.



We're excited to welcome Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, as this year's keynote speaker. Fr. Mark is the Director of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center in the Diocese of Venice, Florida.



Respectfully submitted, Steven Angelucci, Director of Music