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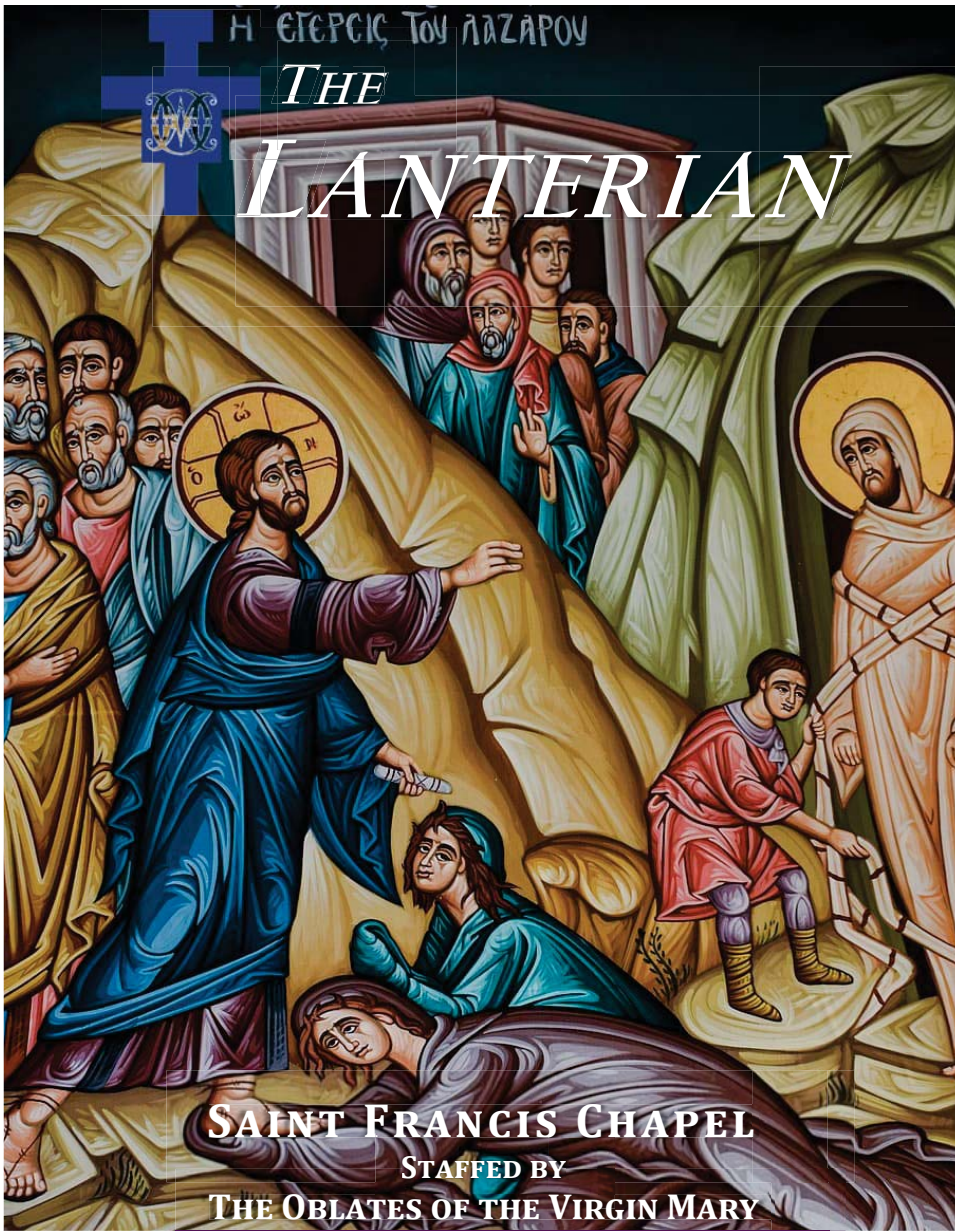
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ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

MARCH 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**Cleaning of Chapel
Environment:** Nubia Viasus

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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Raising of Lazarus. Icon. 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 Pope Francis

The Gospel of this Fifth Sunday of Lent tells us of the resurrection of Lazarus. It is the culmination of the miraculous “signs” worked by Jesus: this act is too great, too clearly divine to be tolerated by the high priests, who, learning of the fact, decided to kill Jesus (cf. Jn 11:53).

Lazarus had already been dead four days, before Jesus arrived; and what he said to the sisters Martha and Mary is engraved forever in the memory of the Christian community. Jesus speaks like this: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die” (Jn 11:25, 26). With this word of the Lord we believe that the life of whoever believes in Jesus and follows his Commandment after death will be transformed into new life, full and immortal. As Jesus is resurrected with his own body, though he does not return to an earthly life, so too will we be raised with our bodies which will have been transfigured into glorified bodies. He expects us with the Father, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, who raised him, he will also raise those who are united to him.

Before the sealed tomb of his friend Lazarus, Jesus “cried with a loud voice: ‘Lazarus, come out!’. And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth” (vv. 43-44). This cry is an imperative to all men, because we are all marked by death, all of us; it is the voice of the One who is master of life and wants that all we all may “have it abundantly” (Jn 10:10). Christ is not resigned to the tombs that we have built for ourselves with our choice for evil and death, with our errors, with our sins. He is not resigned to this! He invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tomb in which our sins have buried us. He calls us insistently to come out of the darkness of that prison in which we are enclosed, content with a false, selfish and mediocre life. “Come out!”, he says to us, “Come out!”. It is an invitation to true freedom, to allow ourselves to be seized by these words of Jesus who repeats them to each one of us today. It is an invitation to let ourselves be freed from the “bandages”, from the bandages of pride. For pride makes of us slaves, slaves to ourselves, slaves to so many idols, so many things. Our resurrection begins here: when we decide to obey Jesus’ command by coming out into the light, into life; when the mask falls from our face — we are frequently masked by sin, the mask must fall off! — and we find again the courage of our original face, created in the image and likeness of God.

Jesus’ act of raising Lazarus shows the extent to which the power of God’s grace can go, and, thus, the extent of our conversion, our transformation. Listen carefully: there is no limit to the divine mercy offered to everyone! There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone! Remember this sentence. And we can all say it together: “there is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to all people!”. Let us say it together: “There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone!”. The Lord is always ready to remove the tombstone of our sins, which keeping us apart from him, the light of the living.

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 26

8:00 AM +Luigi Della Peruta—1st anniv.
9:15 AM +Marguertite Seth
10:30 AM +Tom Baker
11:45 AM +Maria Della Peruta
1:15 PM +Amparo Herrera—1st anniv.
4:00 PM Cesar Calderon & Marta Gonzalez—
birthday
5:30 PM +Rudi Holzapfel

Monday, March 27

8:00 AM +Dorothy Cordeiro
12:05 PM Betty McDaniel
4:45 PM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 28

8:00 AM +Ann Trozzi
12:05 PM Yenny Mejia
4:45 PM +John Eryigit

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM Bernice Cheung—birthday
4:45 PM +John Eryigit

Thursday, March 30

8:00 AM Joseph Doran & Family
12:05 PM +Arturo Tobon
4:45 PM +John Eryigit

Friday, March 31

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
12:05 PM +Mrs. Rose Marie Mathews
4:45 PM Adriana & Fernando—wedding an-
niv.

Saturday, April 1

9:00 AM O'Dwyer Family
12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez & +Leonicio
Huaman
4:00 PM Domingo Lavit & Edith Maria Font-
alvo—birthday
5:30 PM Los servidores de los Oblatos de la
Virgen Maria

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sac-
rifice to proclaim, honor and glo-
rify 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 re-
ceive from your infinite good-
ness; in satisfaction for my sins
and those of the whole world; to
implore the graces that are nec-
essary 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.

PIANO MUSIC
Lent - Sunday V
March 26, 2023

Prelude: Deep River - an anonymous African-American Spiritual

The first known appearance of "Deep River" was in 1875 in *The Story of the Jubilee Singers (London 1875)*. The song became known thanks to the Fisk Jubilee Singers, a group of African American singers who toured the U.S., England and the rest of Europe on behalf of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, a cornerstone of excellence for over 150 years! *Deep River*, a song of hope and longing, expresses a desire for peace and freedom both in the present and in eternity.

The text mirrors today's Gospel Passage which assures us that Jesus is beside us on this earth and has provided us with the path to eternal life through his death on the cross and resurrection.

Deep River Text

Deep River, My home is over Jordan
Deep River, Lord, I wanna cross over into campground.

Oh don't you want to go To that gospel feast
That promised land Where all is peace?

Oh, Deep River, Lord, I wanna cross over into campground.

During the Preparation Rite....

From Seven Preludes: Opus 17, Prelude No. 4
Alexander Scriabin (1872 - 1915)

In today's Gospel passage we read about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The passage tells us that Martha and Mary separately went to Jesus to tell him what had happened and expressed with firmness their belief that had Jesus been there, their brother would not have died.

We know that Jesus then went quickly to the site where Lazarus was buried, called out to him and Lazarus came forth after four days in the burial cave.

Today's Prelude of Scriabin has a persistent flow of quickly moving, lower sounding notes that undulate and pulsate under block chords in the upper range of the piano keyboard. Together, the upper and lower sounds express an impending joy.

The pulsation pushing forward might certainly pictorialize the hurrying of the mourners to Jesus and then to the tomb where Lazarus lay. The upper harmonies which are block style chords add an aura of anticipation of what is to come and set the backdrop for the appearance of Lazarus who is brought back to life by Jesus.



APRIL 29TH, 2023 • BOSTON'S SEAPORT HOTEL

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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.



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