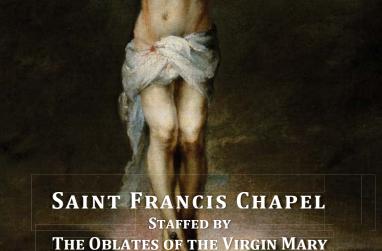


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# The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



#### 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

<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

At the Last Supper he proclaimed the words and celebrated the supper. Later, he lived out the full implication and truth of what he said and celebrated. In between he prayed and struggled within himself to accept and take unto himself the full truth of what he said and what it meant.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He proclaimed that the bread and wine became his body and blood shed and broken for the forgiveness of our sins. The Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist was the sacrament, the ritual signs and words, of the reality that Jesus would live out to the full on the cross. Before he lived it out, he anticipated it, in sacramental form at the Supper. What Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the time of his agony, was to prayerfully take into himself the meaning of the sacrament he celebrated at the Supper in order to live out the reality to the full on the cross on Good Friday. A couple preparing for marriage would do something similar as they consider everything that will change and become necessary after taking the vows.

In the Garden the humanity of Jesus resisted the reality of the horror of the cross, but he knew the Eucharist—the sacrament of his sacrifice— that he had proclaimed and celebrated at the Last Supper was the will of his Father and so in his agony he brought his humanity, and ours, into conformity with the Father's will just as he had proclaimed at the Supper and prepared to fulfill his sacrificial mission.

By our baptism we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to undertake with Jesus the same task. Before we fully experience and understand the reality of what it means to receive the body and blood of Christ and to be in communion with God, we profess faith in the sacrament. First we speak the words; we say that we believe in the Eucharist before we even recognize the implications. On Holy Thursday we celebrate with sobriety the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood that makes it possible, and accompany the Lord to the Garden of Agony. Living to the full the faith we profess in the Eucharist as communion with the body and blood of Christ is not simply recalling a sacrificial death on the cross; much more, it is participating in the glory of the Lord that shines forth on the face of Jesus Christ.

# 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**

#### <u>Sunday, April 2</u>

8:00 AM James & Amy Fociz Family
9:15 AM Mary Bane
10:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
11:45 AM Joseph Doran & Family
1:15 PM Patricia Squeglia
4:00 PM +Revs. Jode Zapara, Fergus Healey & Luis Osorio
5:30 PM +Alejandro Novellino

#### <u>Monday, April 3</u>

8:00 AM +Pacita de Guzman 12:05 PM +John Joseph Mohan, Sr. 4:45 PM Jack & Jill Cummings

#### Tuesday, April 4

8:00 AM +Matias Aquesolo 12:05 PM +Carlina Restrepo 4:45 PM Fred Bush—50th birthday

#### Wednesday, April 5

8:00 AM +Grace Decrescenzo 12:05 PM +John Aceto 4:45 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### <u>Thursday, April 6—Holy Thursday</u>

**5:10 PM** +Frank Wojnas **7:00 PM** +Consuelo Monzon

#### <u>Friday, April 7—Good Friday</u>

<u>No Mass</u>. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3 PM English. 7 PM Spanish

#### Saturday, April 8—Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Wendy Mejia

#### **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

### Palm Sunday Procession in the Home

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!** 

#### Let us pray.

O God, to love and cherish you is true righteousness. Increase in our hearts the gifts of your grace. Just as you have given us hope for the things we believe through the death of your only Son, by his resurrection lead us to follow him where he has gone; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

We give you thanks, almighty and eternal God, for sending your only Son in the fullness of time to redeem the world with his obedient life and innocent death. When he entered Jerusalem he was hailed as king by those who spread their garments and palm branches on his path. We carry these branches as signs of the victory he accomplished. Let his victory remain with us, even as we take up our crosses and follow him, that we may die and rise with him, and finally enter his kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of the Lord.** 

'All Glory, Laud, and Honor' or another Palm Sunday hymn is sung while all process through the various rooms of the house carrying palm branches.

1 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and blessed one. 2 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels Is praising you on high, And we with all creation In chorus make reply.



## 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.



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