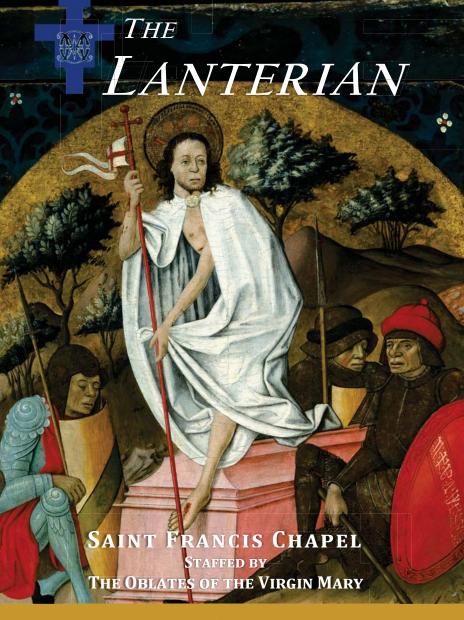


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April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

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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 Ven. Bruno Lanteri

With spiritual joy, one gives greater glory to God and honors him, demonstrating with deeds that one thinks well of God and is content in his service and with his treatment. By contrast, one dishonors God, slights God by one's deeds and in the estimation of God if one remains unhappy: "and it was thus that my people thoroughly humiliated me." If to belittle a neighbor is such an abominable thing, what then will it be to belittle God? A sad servant dishonors his master, but a joyful and content servant honors him. For that reason we want to give to others a great idea of God our Father in order to give him the glory that is his due. We serve him with pleasure and joy, not with sadness and against our will. We esteem, we appreciate, we magnify his gifts. We pray by hoping in him, and we glorify him again, as a GOD absolutely good, merciful, generous, and faithful. Let those be sad who serve tyrants such as the world, the flesh, the devil, as the saints have said.

Through joyfulness one avoids sins and easily triumphs over temptation. It is characteristic of temptations to begin to instill despondency and sadness. And in these troubled waters the devil begins to fish. The joyful man has great regard for and always enjoys the spiritual goods he hopes for and possesses. When these are compared to the apparent goods temptations offer, he quickly decides the question with the exclamation of St. Philip, "Paradise, Paradise." Therefore, he sins less and gains much more merit, since he now has profited by the temptation as a reminder to practice the opposite virtue.

Think frequently of the Lord and thank him for the goods that we possess and hope to possess. For example, for the great good, namely the grace of God, that we possess and for the Paradise that we hope for. Let us go often to take from the Angels and Blessed above, an air of joyfulness, thinking that from now on we are citizens of Heaven and fortifying ourselves in Christian hope. The merits connected with each good action, and to the communion of saints.... Act with holy readiness and simplicity, that is, do things with a good intention, and do them immediately, without reasoning too much about them, or becoming over reflective. Rather, cut off all reflections, saying to yourself: "I should not dwell on this, one needs only to do what is good." Likewise, it is helpful to act with a holy freedom of the spirit, despising every fear that is not founded on offending God, not waiting for tomorrow to do that which can be done today.

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, April 9

8:00 AM +Raul, Samuel & Claris Mejia
9:15 AM Thomas Keady
10:30 AM Brenda Matthews
11:45 AM Joseph Doran & Family
1:15 PM +Carlos Falomir—1st anniv.
4:00 PM +Guillermo Pulgarin & Luis Tamayo
5:30 PM +Anne Marie Wlash

Monday, April 10

8:00 AM Fra. Nicola Tegoni 12:05 PM +Gary DeBenedictus 4:45 PM +Romelia, Mariela & Sergio Norena

Tuesday, April 11

8:00 AM +Charles Carroll—anniv.12:05 PM Souls in Purgatory4:45 PM Kevin Mejia

<u>Wednesday, April 12</u>

8:00 AM Sr. Natalie Donola—98 years 12:05 PM Henry MacElroy 4:45 PM +Darren S. DiLorenzo

<u>Thursday, April 13</u>

8:00 AM +Beatrice LaCava—death anniv. **12:05 PM** Dolores Molloy—90th birthday **4:45 PM** +Jeffrey Cagnina

Friday, April 14

8:00 AM +Claire Vaubel 12:05 PM +Mary Gorman 4:45 PM +Robert L. Maloney

Saturday, April 15

9:00 AM Walter & Richard Horlsey 12:00 PM Regina Bence 4:00 PM +Jake Walter 5:30 PM Quiroga & Maria Eugenia Gomez

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

Easter Meal Blessing

The following prayer is used on Easter Sunday and through the Easter Octave.

Prayer: BEFORE THE MEAL

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad, let us praise the Lord for his goodness. For behold, Jesus died and now lives for evermore. Alleluia!

ALL: He has gone before us. Yet he is with us for all time. Alleluia!

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: The Son of God who invites us to the Paschal feast stands ready to help. Let us call upon him in our need.

R. Lord, prepare us for the feast of life.

Assisting minister: That Easter may find us cleansed of sin and ready to live anew our Christian faith, we pray to the Lord. **R**.

Assisting minister: That the bread we share may be a reminder of the bread of life we share in the eucharist, we pray to the Lord. **R**.

Assisting minister: That we may be ready to give from our table to those who hunger and thirst, we pray to the Lord. **R**.

Assisting minister: That we may one day enjoy the banquet of the Lord in the heavenly kingdom, we pray to the Lord. **R**. Christ taught us to pray for our daily bread and so we dare to say:

All: Our Father . . .

Leader: Lord, on this most holy day let your blessing rest upon us and upon our table. Strengthen us in this time together. We ask this in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

Prayer Source: *Prayers at Meals* by Michael Kwatera, O.S.B. and Dietrich Reinhart, O.S.B., The Liturgical Press



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