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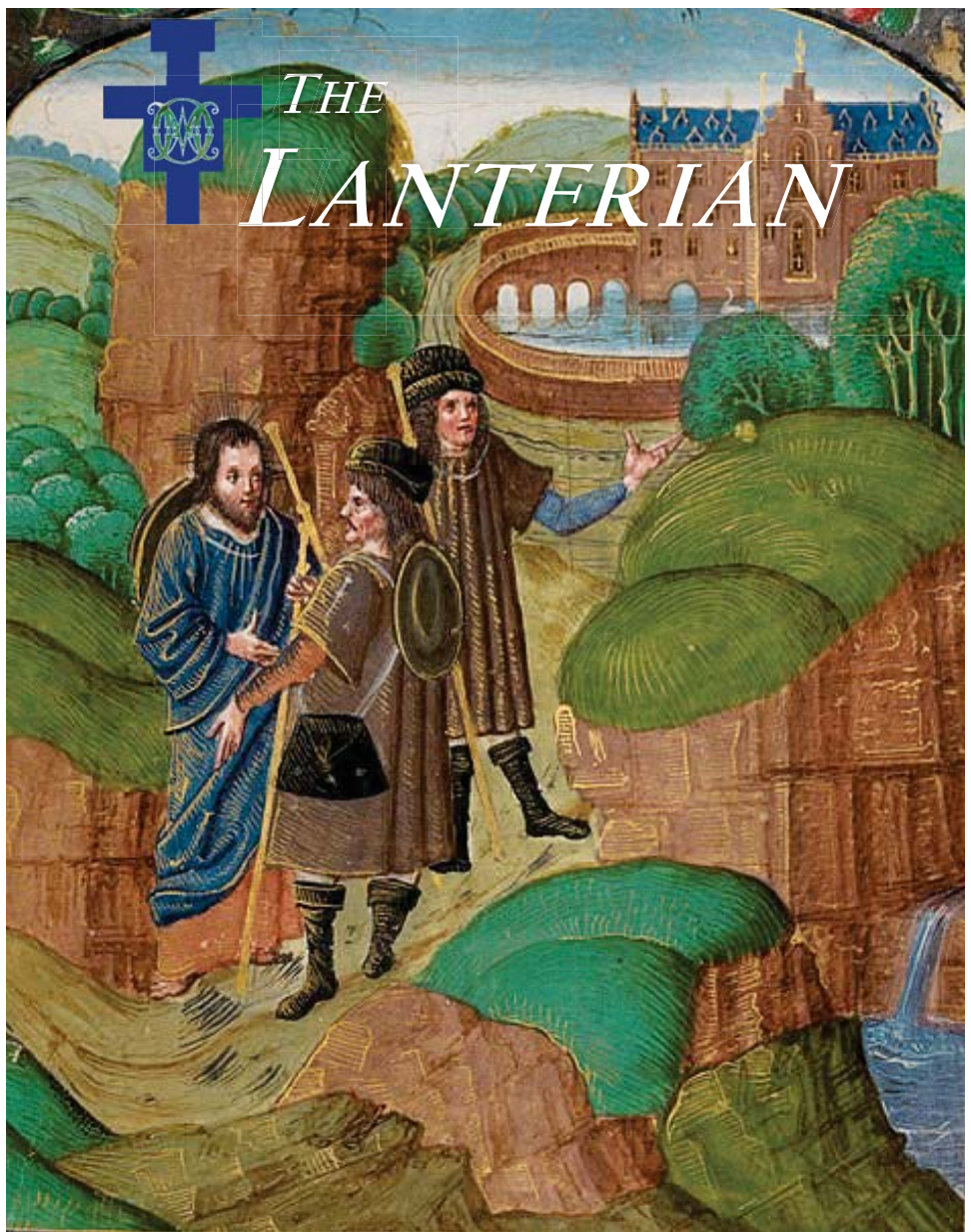


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APRIL 23, 2023
 Third Sunday of Easter



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Stacey Ibe

**Cleaning of Chapel
Environment:** Nubia Viasus

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.



Cover Art:
The Road to Emmaus. 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 - 4:30PM*;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:00PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:00PM*
(*Closed during Masses)

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Reflection by Pope Francis

I would like to reflect on the experience of the two disciples of Emmaus, narrated in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-25)... Firstly, He asks and listens. Our God is not an intrusive God. Even though he knows the reason for the disappointment of those two men, he gives them time to be able to deeply fathom the bitterness which has overcome them. Out of this comes a confession that is a refrain in human existence. “*We had hoped, but... We had hoped, but...*” (v. 21). How much sadness, how many defeats, how many failures there are in the lives of every person! Deep down, we are all a little like those two disciples. How many times we have hoped in our lives. How many times we have felt like we were one step away from happiness only to find ourselves knocked to the ground, disappointed. But, Jesus walks with all people who, discouraged, walk with their heads hung low. And walking with them in a discrete manner, he is able to restore hope.

Jesus speaks to them, above all through *the Scriptures*. Those who take up God’s Book will not encounter easy heroism, fierce campaigns of conquest. True hope never comes cheaply. It always undergoes defeat. The hope of those who do not suffer is perhaps not even [hope]. God does not like to be loved as one would love a ruler who leads his people to victory, annihilating his enemies in a bloodbath. Our God is a faint light burning on a cold and windy day, and as fragile as his presence in this world may appear, he has chosen the place that we all disdain.

Jesus then repeats for the disciples the fundamental gesture of every Eucharist. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. Does not Jesus’ entire history perhaps lie in this series of gestures? And is there not in every Eucharist, also the symbol of what the Church should be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, “breaks” our life — because there is no love without sacrifice — and offers it to others; he offers it to everyone.

Jesus’ encounter with the two disciples of Emmaus is a fleeting one. But the entire destiny of the Church is contained within it. It tells us that the Christian community is not enclosed within a fortified citadel, but rather journeys along its most essential environment, which is the road. And there, it encounters people with their hopes and disappointments, burdensome at times. The Church listens to everyone’s stories as they emerge from the treasure chest of personal conscience, in order to then offer the Word of Life, the witness of love, a love that is faithful until the end. And thus, the hearts of people reignite with hope.

We have all had difficult moments in life, dark moments in which we walked in sadness, pensive, without horizons, with only a wall before us. And Jesus is always beside us to give us hope, to warm our hearts and to say: “Go ahead, I am with you. Go ahead”. The secret of the road that leads to Emmaus is simply this: despite appearances to the contrary, we continue to be loved and God will never stop loving us. God will walk with us always, always, even in the most painful moments, even in the worst moments, even in moments of defeat. That is where the Lord is. And this is our hope. Let us go forward with this hope! Because he is beside us and walks with us. Always!

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 23

8:00 AM Edith & Edward Forster—70th anniv.
9:15 AM In Thanksgiving
10:30 AM +Ali Mansouri
11:45 AM +Chokouh Mansoury
1:15 PM +Alvaro Castro
4:00 PM Jory Chaney—healing
5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, April 24

8:00 AM Mario Bardales
12:05 PM +Pedro Guerra—anniv.
4:45 PM +Fulgencio Mayorga, S.J.

Tuesday, April 25

8:00 AM +Baby Keaney
12:05 PM +Betty Craig
4:45 PM Jose Gonzalez

Wednesday, April 26

8:00 AM +Joseph Manning
12:05 PM Marivin Bardales
4:45 PM Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 27

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
12:05 PM +Jimmy Hanes
4:45 PM Tony & Marilyn Cenedella

Friday, April 28

8:00 AM +Virgilio & +Maria Jose Aguiar & Momed Faguir
12:05 PM +Cynthia Kerbel
4:45 PM Michael Orr—healing

Saturday, April 29

9:00 AM +Anthony Baudanza
12:00 PM +Mary Viera
4:00 PM +Thomas White
5:30 PM Chen Ruo—blessings

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.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Prayer to St. Joseph Terror of Demons

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with your mighty staff.

You fled through the night to avoid the devil's wicked designs, now with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from you.

Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families and the dying.

By God's grace, no demon dare approach while you are near.

So we beg of you, always be near us.

Amen



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.

