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JULY 23, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
Fr. Victor Nwabueze, OMV
Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV
Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

Music: Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia, Stacey Ibe

Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July:

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat. 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. 8:30 -11:50AM, 12:30-4:40PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:30-3:30PM

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 Fr. Jonas Verdeflor, OMV

Ever Bountiful Mercy of God

“You gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins” (Wisdom 12:19).

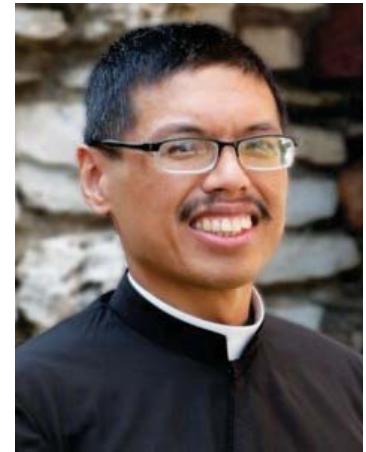
Today's first reading sings of God's mercy. The walls of this very chapel would do the same. Our website states, “Saint Francis Chapel is a spiritual refuge for visitors, travelers, residents and workers in the heart of historic Back Bay Boston.”

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at the St. Francis Chapel have offered generous hours of Confession for many decades. Daily, penitents near and far have availed themselves of God's mercy. Some come regularly while others rediscover Confession after so many years away. Although I have been a priest for slightly over a month, I have been humbled in my hours in the confessional. This week's first reading succinctly describes my mission: “But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us for power, whenever you will, attends you” (Wisdom 12:18).

Mercy and power mutually support one another. Mercy is possible because of divine power. That power serves mercy by giving it freely to all. All that is symbolized by the Cross. Jesus forgives with his divine power, but he gave freely from the Cross. People come with their struggles to the confessional. Through the words and power from Jesus, I seek to encourage people to rely more on Jesus' mercy. The words of absolution (“And I absolve you from your sins ...”) launch people into a new beginning with Jesus.

My brief time at the chapel draws toward a close. But God's mercy never ceases. May that mercy soak and transform your heart so everyone who sees you sees the merciful Jesus.

God bless you.



Will You Be There?

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world. <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

EYES OPENED, Hearts on Fire

At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love.

The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord “for the life of the world” (John 6:51).

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23

8:00 AM +Martin Cooney
9:15 AM +Maureen Cooney
10:30 AM +Patricia Healy
11:45 AM +Rose Ergenbright
1:15 PM +Valeria Ysaza y +Milton Maldonado
4:00 PM Colleen & Eugene Giudice
5:30 PM The Cooney & Giudice Families

Monday, July 24

8:00 AM +Beatrice Ward—anniv.
12:05 PM Thanks- successful conference
4:45 PM Thanks- for safe travels and favors received

Tuesday, July 25

8:00 AM +Concepcion Abijay—birthday
12:05 PM +Sr. Anna Lucia & deceased sisters of MTG
4:45 PM Talia Novellino—birthday

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 AM +Ron Lesniak
12:05 PM +Matthew McCrann
4:45 PM Gerard Newell

Thursday, July 27

8:00 AM +Hector Julio Zurlo
12:05 PM +Jerry Warren—anniv.
4:45 PM +Karina Becerra—anniv.

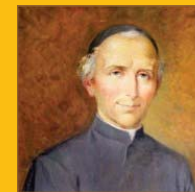
Friday, July 28

8:00 AM James Strungirs—healing
12:05 PM +James Pappas & wife Claire
4:45 PM In honor of St. Joseph

Saturday, July 29

9:00 AM Andrew Pagliccia
12:00 PM +Alan Bogorad—birthday
4:00 PM Gerard & Gail Newell & +Mary Stevenson
5:30 PM Natalie Hutner—birthday

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.

Litany to the Precious Blood of Christ

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son

of the Eternal Father, *save us. (after each line)*

Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God,

Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament,

Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in the Agony,

Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging,

Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns,

Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross,

Blood of Christ, price of our salvation,

Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness,

Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls,

Blood of Christ, stream of mercy,

Blood of Christ, victor over demons,

Blood of Christ, courage of martyrs,

Blood of Christ, strength of confessors,

Blood of Christ, bringing forth virgins,

Blood of Christ, help of those in peril,

Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened,

Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow,

Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent,

Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying,

Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts,

Blood of Christ, pledge of Eternal Life,

Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory,

Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood.

R. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for my sins, and for the needs of Holy Church.

O Holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary, offer to the Eternal Father the Precious Blood of thy Divine Son for the intention that one mortal sin may be prevented this day [or this night].

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.