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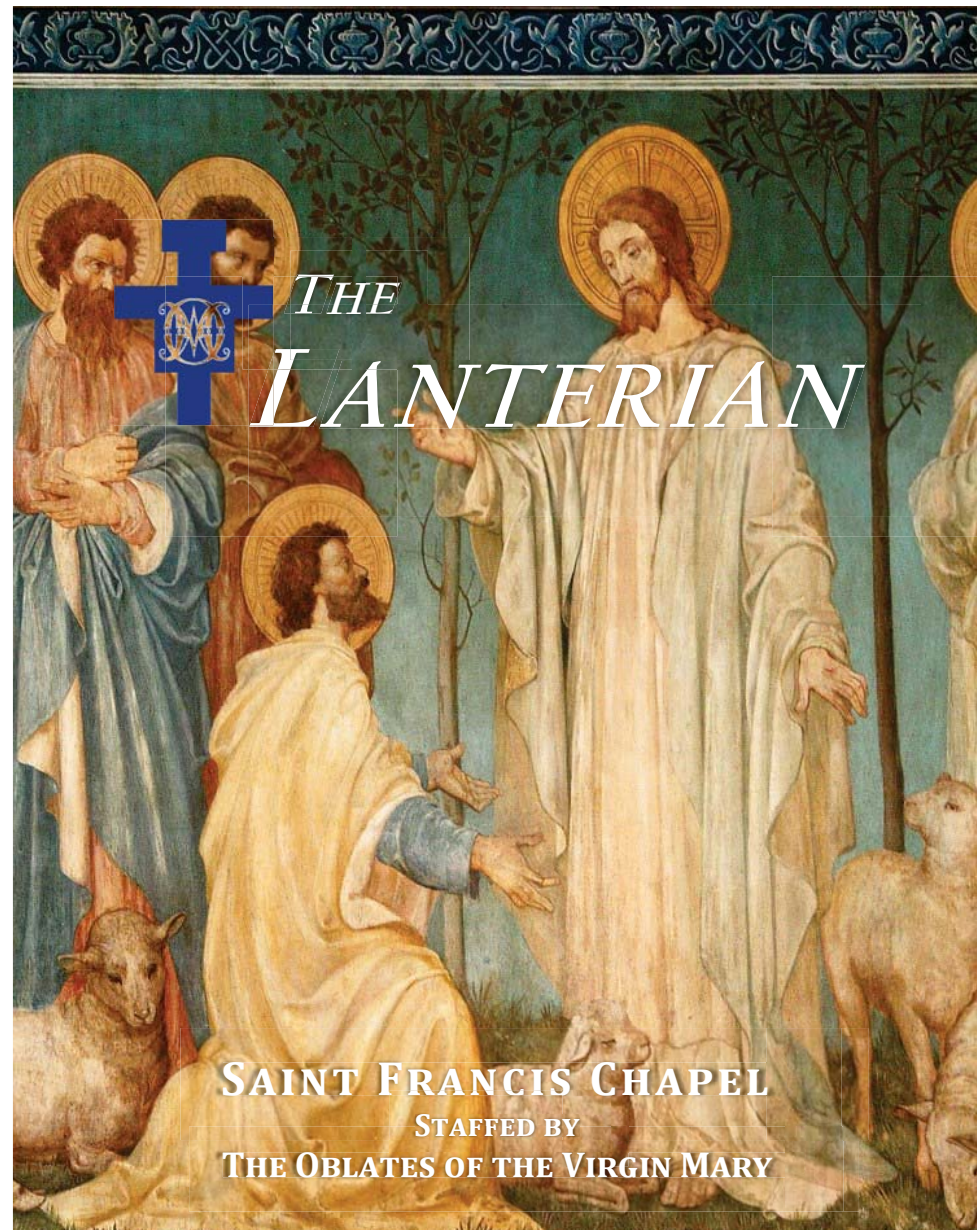


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**Twenty-second Sunday**



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## The Pope's Prayer Intention for September:

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



## Cover Art:

Jesus and Peter. Mural from the church of St Mary Abbott in Kensington, London. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P. Flickr.

## 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\*  
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## Reflection by Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV

Sacrifice!

Peter the Rock, who answered correctly the question asked by Jesus: Who do you say I am? Today, Peter has become a stumbling block to the salvific mission of Christ that will be accomplished through the Cross. Hence, His stern rebuke: "Get behind me Satan." In other words, get out of the way that leads to a wrong direction and follow from behind.

Peter's negative reaction to the prediction of Christ about what he must undergo indicated that he misunderstood the nature of Christ's messiahship. Besides, it demonstrated the rejection of sacrifice. But Christ, who draws good out of every experience, used the occasion to enlighten and clarify to his disciples the nature of true discipleship. He enumerated three areas: self denial, carrying of the cross and following him. Following the earlier question about Christ's identity, we may ask who is truly a disciple?

A disciple is a person who must be ready for sacrifice like Christ who sacrifices himself. He took our place and allowed himself to be condemned. Sacrificing for us, he received the punch that would have crushed us for us to live. A true disciple, therefore, is a believer who is Christlike in every sphere of his or her life. A disciple is the person who is aware that the cross is an inevitable component of our life in general and our Christian life in particular. Hence the preparedness to carry the cross as Christ did is a major aspect of discipleship. "Take up your cross and follow Me" is a real invitation that every Christian must embrace. Christ made very clear to us the inevitability of the cross when he said: "in the world you will have troubles [the cross] but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world" (Jn.16:33). Discipleship is synonymous with carrying the cross. The absence of cross in our lives therefore is indicative of the possibility of compromise. Doing the right thing, in the right way, as directed by God, in this depraved world, is a sure way of making the cross readily available. Its absence therefore demands a proper reality check to determine whether Christ is at the center of the individual's life.

Discipleship by its very nature presupposes the presence of a master. In this case, the Master is Jesus Christ. He leads the way, and everyone is to follow. He knows the way, clearly sees everything visible and invisible by virtue of his divine nature. It is proper that we all follow his directions to arrive at our destination.

By this statement, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me," Christ is inviting us to a life of constant sacrifice, that enables us to intentionally choose a life centered on gospel values, so as to do the same things He did.



## Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady

By Venerable Bruno Lanteri—  
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Most High Lady of the Universe, Queen of angels and of men, above whom there is only God, prostrate before the throne of your mercy, in my name and in the name of all creation, I humbly ask your forgiveness for all the sorrow we have caused you by our faults, and our slowness in honoring you. May heartfelt thanks be given to you for all the blessings your loving Heart has obtained and shared with us as our Mother.

In reparation for so many faults and in gratitude for so many favors, I offer myself to you as your perpetual servant, with a pure, free and perfect gift of all my goods, my body, and all my being.

I desire to use forever all that I have and possess, all that I am, entirely in your service and that of your divine Son.

I ask you therefore to dispose of me according to your desire as my true and absolute Lady.

I rejoice to see you raised up to the infinite dignity of Mother of God, and I ask the grace to imitate the angels in my readiness to follow your desires and to love Jesus with your own most ardent Heart.

Since I know myself unworthy of so great a grace, I ask the intercession of my Guardian Angel, of St. Joseph, St. John and [My Patron Saint], that I obtain this blessing, and the grace of a persevering fidelity to what I have promised. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, Sept. 3

**8:00 AM** +Harold S. (Chip) Lewis  
**9:15 AM** Fr. Peter Polo  
**10:30 AM** +Donald Hysko  
**11:45 AM** In Thanksgiving  
**1:15 PM** +Karina Beserra  
**4:00 PM** In Honor Bl Carlo Acutis  
**5:30 PM** In Thanksgiving

### Monday, Sept. 4

**9:00 AM** +Belen Fajardo  
**12:00 PM** Antonio Ruiz & Mendoza-Perez Family

### Tuesday, Sept. 5

**8:00 AM** Juan Fejardo  
**12:05 PM** +Glen Roberts  
**4:45 PM** Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, Sept. 6

**8:00 AM**  
**12:05 PM**  
**4:45 PM**

### Thursday, Sept. 7

**8:00 AM** +Thomas Decrescenzo  
**12:05 PM**  
**4:45 PM**

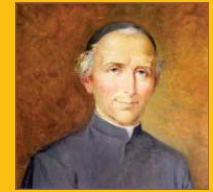
### Friday, Sept. 8

**8:00 AM**  
**12:05 PM**  
**4:45 PM**

### Saturday, Sept. 9

**9:00 AM** Martin Howrylak—birthday  
**12:00 PM** Ali Mansouri  
**4:00 PM**  
**5:30 PM** +Pedro Valdeviezo

## 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.

## 30 Days with Mary Around the World

### September 3: Our Lady of Altötting—Germany

Mary unfurl your mantel, make it a shelter and shield for us, Let us find refuge within until all the storms are past. In sickness and in sorrow, O Mary send us your help, Protect us from great need, obtain for us our daily bread. Bring us peace once again, O Mother Mary, hear us, remain with your people, in your land of salvation's sacred promise. Mary, Altötting is your place of grace, be its refuge in these difficult times, protect your holy place from all harm, shield us, O Mary, full of grace, in both body and soul, and look mercifully upon us here below. Amen.

### September 4: Our Lady of Africa—Algeria

Mary, Our Mother of Africa, hear the drumbeat of our prayers. May Your Son Jesus continue to bring us joy, receive our anxieties, and forgive us our sins. Help us to walk in His light. Help us to help others do the same. And bring us to life everlasting with the Holy Saints and Angels. Amen.



Our Lady of Africa.  
Statue, Basilica of Our  
Lady of Africa, Algiers.

### September 5: Our Lady of Loreto—Italy

“Blessed among all women,” who remind us of the incarnation of the word in your purest bosom, for your blessed house, where you lived with Jesus and Joseph, and which became during the centuries the fervently longed-for destination of the saints, who considered themselves lucky to kiss fervently your sacred walls, bestow upon us the graces which we humbly ask, and the fortune of coming to heaven after this exile, to repeat to you the greetings of the angel: Hail, Mary. Amen.

### September 6: Our Lady Help of Christians—Australia

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

### September 7: Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre—Cuba

Most Holy Mother of Charity  
who came to us as a messenger of peace across the sea.  
You are the Mother of all Cubans. To you we come, Most Holy Mother of God to honor you with love as your children.  
To your motherly heart we entrust our desires and hopes our work and our prayers.  
We pray for the Cuban people that they may be able to build a nation based on peace and unity.  
We pray for our families that they may live in fidelity and love.

Mother of Charity!

We place ourselves under your mantle of protection!  
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus!  
And to Him be the glory and the power now and forever. Amen.

### September 8: Nativity of Mary

O Virgin immaculate, thou wast conqueror of the infernal serpent from the first instant of thy existence; renew even now, for it is now more necessary than ever before, thine ancient triumphs; glorify thy divine Son, bring back to Him the sheep that have strayed from the one fold and place them once more under the guidance of the universal Shepherd who holds the place of thy Son on earth; let it be thy glory, O Virgin, who destroy all heresies, to restore unity and peace once more to all the Christian people. Amen.

### September 9: Our Lady of She-Shan—China

Virgin Most Holy, Mother of the Incarnate Word and our Mother, venerated in the Shrine of Sheshan under the title “Help of Christians”, the entire Church in China looks to you with devout affection.

Our Lady of Sheshan, sustain all those in China, who, amid their daily trials, continue to believe, to hope, to love. May they never be afraid to speak of Jesus to the world, and of the world to Jesus.

In the statue overlooking the Shrine you lift your Son on high, offering him to the world with open arms in a gesture of love. Help Catholics always to be credible witnesses to this love, ever clinging to the rock of Peter on which the Church is built. Mother of China and all Asia, pray for us, now and for ever. Amen!