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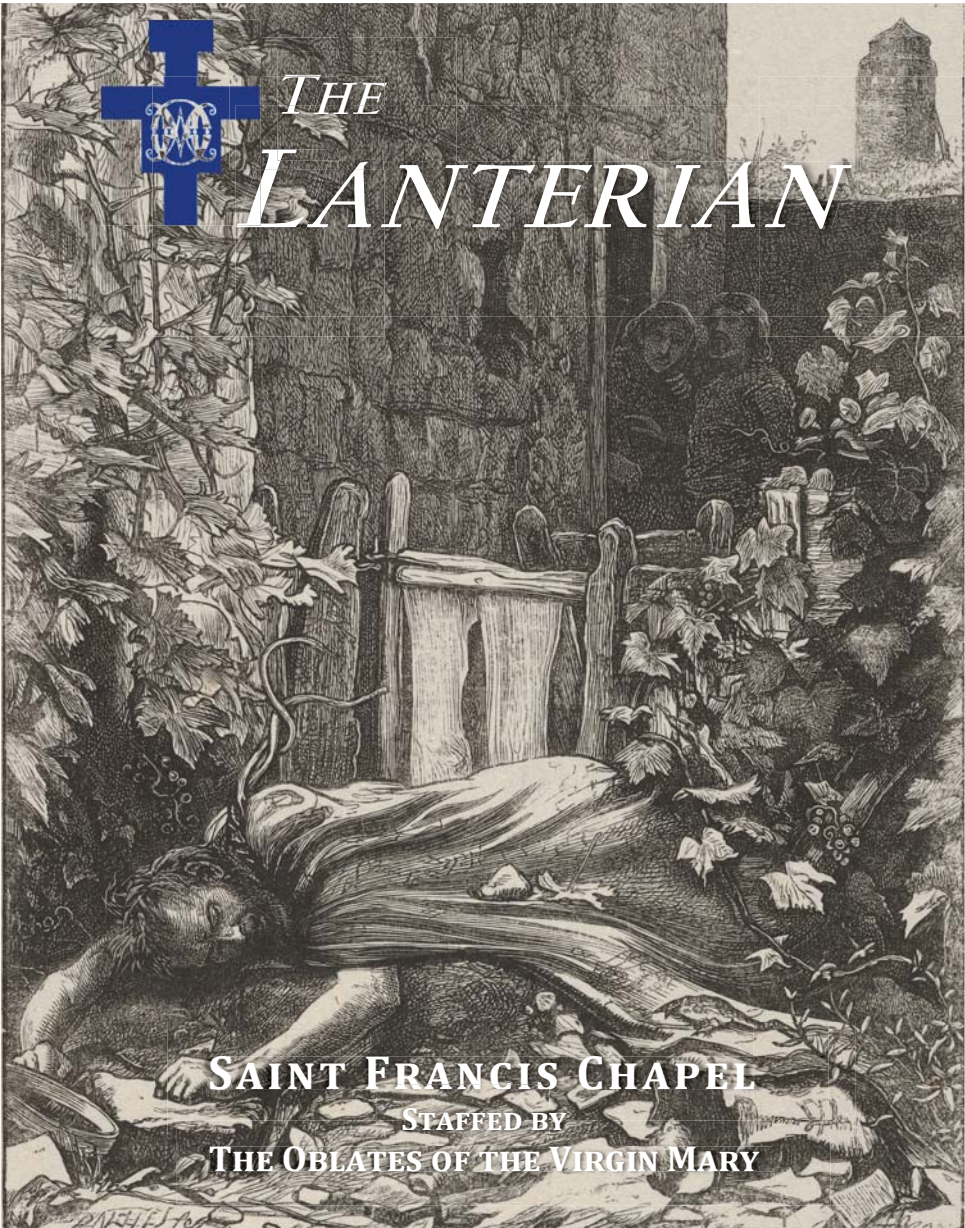
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Cleaning of Chapel

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



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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. Michael Warren, OMV

In the beginning... We are familiar with those opening lines from Genesis. It is the account of God's creative love. God's inner life is the perfect, eternal love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love and communion. That love bursts forth from within himself in creative speech and action as he brings into being all things, from nothing. The high point of creation is the human person. He makes us "in his image", male and female. As God is creative so are we. As God's life is one of love, so are we called to experience the same. This is the point of the parable Jesus provides in today's Gospel. The creative love of God brings forth the vineyard that is the world. He further creates tenants to share in the good produce of the vineyard by laboring with God in bringing it forth and thus living fully under the gift of God.

We know from following the rest of Genesis that the drama of God's creative love involves the serious plot twist of the man and woman rejecting God's gift-love through the original sin, and—as Jesus portrays in the parable—seeking to seize the vineyard for ourselves. The experience of the original sin is in all of us. Sin turns love into lust and the gift of self into the taking of the other for one's own pleasure. As we would and should recoil in shock if someone were to damage an icon, so we recoil at a relationship that is not an icon of the love of God.

Throughout the Scriptures we encounter the numerous recollections of the couples, families, men and women, striving for holiness, falling short, seeking mercy and rising again through that Divine Mercy. Jesus teaches us in the Gospel that, through his grace, we are capable of reflecting the creative love of God and participating in His redemption.

One special form of this creative and redemptive love is Christian marriage of a man and a woman is a sacrament. Christian marriage is also an experience of sacrificial and eucharistic love. This refers to love that remains true throughout the process of two broken people becoming whole again over a life-time together. The experiences of the good times and bad, the sicknesses and the health are the same as they were in the drama contained in the Bible. Marriage and family love are not all roses; there is suffering, pain and sadness. But those become sacrificial in the sacrament and help in the redemption of the family members and of the whole world. As the Eucharist contains Christ in the reality of his sacrificial love, so Christian marriage contains the reality of human love that is not yet perfect but is in process to become so, which requires much sacrificial love. In this way, the family is a "domestic church." Faith, hope and love are lived within the context of every-day life and its plot twists.

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RESPECT LIFE 

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is designated as *Respect Life Sunday*. To support these annual observances, the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 8

8:00 AM Paolo & Maria Grazia Tegoni—50th anniv.

9:15 AM Rosana Godoy—Intentions

10:30 AM Karl & Sonya Feitelberg

11:45 AM Jenna Feitelberg

1:15 PM +Anna Vasquez

4:00 PM Jian Chen—blessings

5:30 PM Ruo Chen—blessings

Monday, Oct. 9

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05 PM +Joseph Nae

4:45 PM +Douglas Bradford Mohler

Tuesday, Oct. 10

8:00 AM Janet Jamison

12:05 PM +Dorothy Cordeiro—birth anniv.

4:45 PM +Tim & +Ann Murphy Callahan

Wednesday, Oct. 11

8:00 AM In Thanks for Bl. Carlos Acutis

12:05 PM +Benigno Portillo Maldonado

4:45 PM +Conseulo Tobon

Thursday, Oct. 12

8:00 AM +John Morse

12:05 PM Mary & Family

4:45 PM +Thomas McDonough

Friday, Oct. 13

8:00 AM Maude Geneus

12:05 PM +David Simmons

4:45 PM +Guillermo Tobon

Saturday, Oct. 14

9:00 AM +Madeline & +Grace Solimine

12:00 PM +Dennis Chea—anniv.

4:00 PM Monica Ozaeta—birthday

5:30 PM Almas del Purgatorio

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.

Novena for Respect Life Month

Day 1: October 13

Intercession: May every person's life be protected and cared for from conception to natural death.

Prayers: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

Reflection: God has loved you from all eternity and longs for a close relationship with *you*. In Scripture, He says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jer. 1:5). God has made you in His image and likeness, allowing you to share in and reflect His own glory. You were chosen by God, created *out of love* and *for love*. Your life is sacred, unique, irreplaceable, and good. And this reality is true for every human person. Each time we encounter another, we are standing on holy ground.

Human life is sacred at every moment and in every circumstance. The vulnerability of new life, the frailties of old age, and the challenges we face in between never diminish our God-given dignity. The life each of us has been given is always worth living. It is a gift that we are called to cherish and protect because God has willed us to exist through His love. And the same is true for the lives of others. Understanding our own goodness and dignity helps us see the sacredness of *every* human person. In response, we are called to treat each person accordingly—to welcome, care for, protect, and defend the gift of every person's life from its very beginning to its natural end.

Day 2: October 14

Intention: May every child in his or her mother's womb be protected in law and welcomed in love.

Prayers: *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

Reflection: Scripture tells us that God fashioned human life in His image and likeness as the crown of all creation—but He didn't stop there. His love for us was so great that He became human, further elevating the dignity of our humanity. Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Mother and, like each one of us, grew and developed as a preborn child beneath the shelter of His mother's heart. This simultaneously reveals the undeniable humanity of preborn children and the intrinsic value of all human life.

Abortion tragically rejects these truths, ending the life of a child and harming those involved in a variety of ways. Like the Blessed Mother, we are called to welcome, protect, and nurture the gift of new life from its first and most fragile moments. Following Jesus means caring for and protecting those who are most vulnerable and helping others to do the same. May each of us work to ensure life is protected and cherished in our laws and in our hearts.

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Mary, Mother of all Life,
help us to respect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Compassion,
You showed us how valuable a single life can be;
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.
Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; **R.**

Mary, Mother Most Holy,
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. **R.**

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart;
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. **R.**

Mary, Full of Grace,
You had a choice in responding to God's call;
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives,
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. **R.**

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are in need of God's healing,
Especially those involved in abortion;
Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. **R.**

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society;
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. **R.**

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate,
you bore in your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain;
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives
And show the world the extravagant love of God. **R.**

All:
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen.