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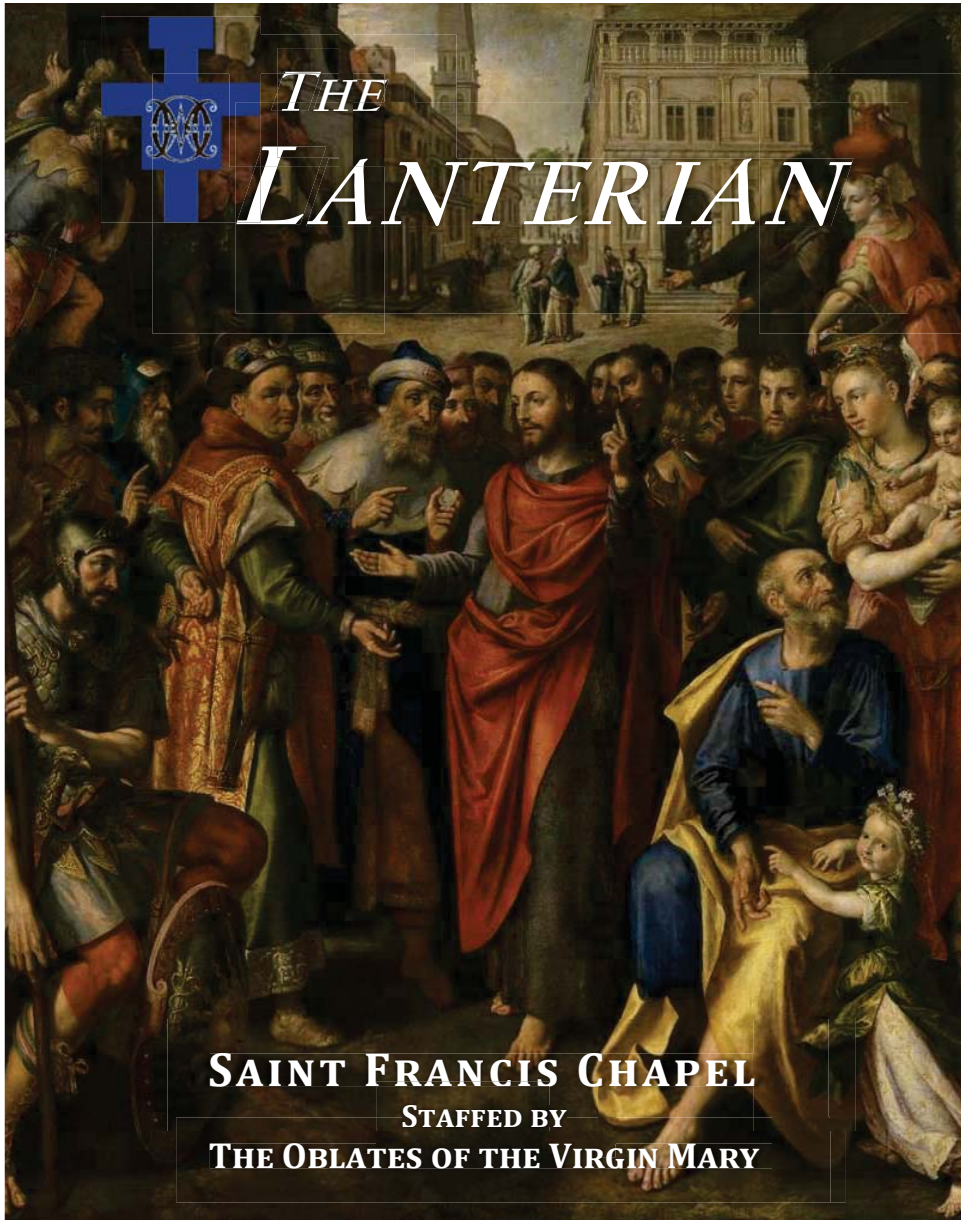
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Cleaning of Chapel

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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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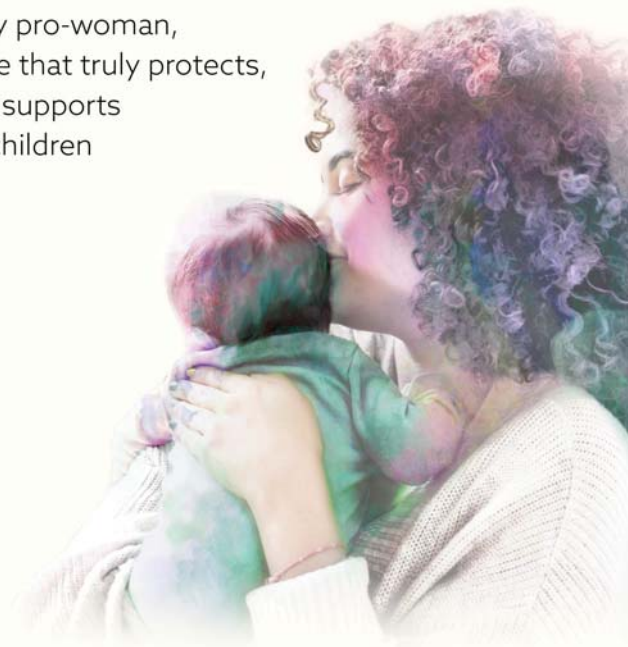
Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

When the Romans instituted a census around the time of Jesus' birth, Joseph ensured that his family was counted. His vocation was not to be a revolutionary who protested, but a Godly man. Another Galilean named Judas rose up at that same time to initiate a rebellion against the Romans and their census. Judas was able to gather followers and claimed the status of messiah. This band of Jewish revolutionaries burned down the homes of anyone who agreed to be counted by the Romans or pay their taxes. Judas and his Zealots justified all means to deliver the Jewish people from the hands of the Romans. Their battle cry was "No king but God!" Seeing themselves as successors of the Maccabees of the Old Testament, the Zealots considered theirs to be a sacred mission. While they considered their war against the Romans to be holy, they were motivated by hatred and convinced that revolution was the key to spiritual renewal. Their movement changed true faith into an ideology. It was not Godly wisdom. It was a system of beliefs that made them feel powerful and secure. Judas and his three sons who succeeded him were all killed by the Romans. Several wars would be fought between the Zealot movement and the Empire until it was finally suppressed in 135 AD. While the methods of the Zealots would lead to their complete defeat and the ultimate conquering of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple, the wisdom on which Joseph acted and which he guarded—Godly wisdom that would eventually become the work of Jesus—would change the world forever. Knowledge and zeal are good things but it is wisdom that directs them to proper goals.

Jesus would later speak of rendering to Caesar what is his and to God what is God's. As the true Messiah Jesus demonstrated that faith in Him, which is the true faith in God, is not an ideological reach for power and security. Faith in Christ does not seek pure worldly power. For Jesus, if the Romans could build better roads and govern better cities than the Jewish people, that was fine with Him. But He also knew that the Romans could not give the world God. To be a disciple of the Lord is to not to seek power and security in worldly terms, but to be seek to know God's will and follow it. In his youth Jesus watched Joseph order his life and the life of his family according to God's will, not according to the way of the Zealots. While they sought enemies in order to have an opposition to stand up to, Jesus and Joseph sought divine providence, which always seeks communion.

radical solidarity

to be courageously pro-woman,
promoting a choice that truly protects,
accompanies, and supports
women and their children



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. 22

8:00 AM +Juan Madariaga
9:15 AM +Ray Bogdan
10:30 AM +Meghan Luce
11:45 AM +Ernest & +Patricia Lafontaine
1:15 PM +Shirley & +Donald Van Valkenburg
4:00 PM +Joseph Timilty
5:30 PM Tyler Sliney

Monday, Oct. 23

8:00 AM Kimberly Lafontaine
12:05 PM +Noemia Lazaro
4:45 PM +Benigno Portillo Maldonado

Tuesday, Oct. 24

8:00 AM Danny Cortes
12:05 PM +Mary Morris
4:45 PM Ben Thompson—birthday

Wednesday, Oct. 25

8:00 AM Daniel De Barros
12:05 PM +Mary Desesa
4:45 PM McGrath Family

Thursday, Oct. 26

8:00 AM Gibsons
12:05 PM +Ines Rivera
4:45 PM +Matthew McCrann

Friday, Oct. 27

8:00 AM Rev. Hampton Davis—health
12:05 PM +John Richard Githere—2nd anniv
4:45 PM Daniel De Barros

Saturday, Oct. 28

9:00 AM +David J. Madore
12:00 PM Guadalupe Torres
4:00 PM Olga—birthday
5:30 PM Alejandra Baret

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.

A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

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A Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

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Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.

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