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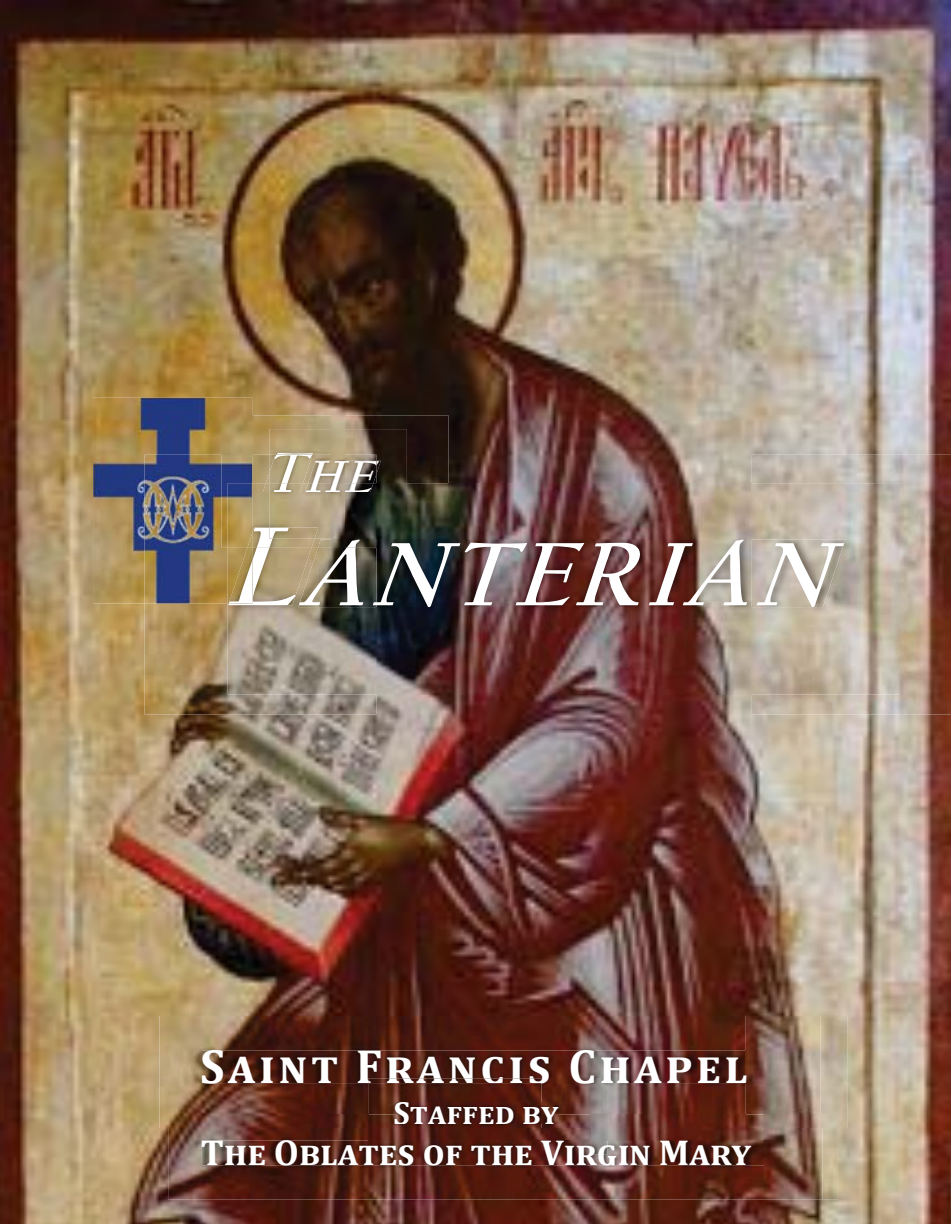
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**NOVEMBER 5, 2023**  
**Thirty-first Sunday**



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**Cleaning of Chapel**

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## The Pope's Prayer Intention for November:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



## Cover Art:

Russian Orthodox icon of the Apostle [Paul](#), 18th century CE. Kizhi Monastery, Karelia, Russia. By RomanZ.

## 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 Pope Francis

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 23:1-12) is set in the final days of Jesus' life, in Jerusalem; days filled with expectations and also tension. On the one hand, Jesus directs harsh criticism at the scribes and Pharisees, and on the other, he entrusts important mandates to Christians of all times, thus also to us.

He says to the crowd: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you". Meaning that they have the authority to teach what is in conformity with the Law of God. However, immediately after, Jesus adds: "but do not do 'what they do; for they preach, but do not practice'" (vv. 2-3). Brothers and sisters, a frequent flaw of those in authority, whether civil or ecclesiastic authority, is that of demanding of others things — even righteous things — that they do not, however, put into practice in the first person. They live a double life. Jesus says: "They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger (v. 4). This attitude sets a bad example of authority, which should instead derive its primary strength precisely from setting a good example. Authority arises from a good example, so as to help others to practice what is right and proper, sustaining them in the trials that they meet on the right path. Authority is a help, but if it is wrongly exercised, it becomes oppressive; it does not allow people to grow, and creates a climate of distrust and hostility, and also leads to corruption.

Jesus openly denounces some of the negative conduct of the scribes and of some Pharisees: "they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places" (vv. 6-7). This is a temptation that corresponds to human pride and that is not always easy to overcome. It is the attitude of living only for appearances.

Then Jesus entrusts the mandates to his disciples: "you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. [...] Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant" (vv. 8-11).

We disciples of Jesus must not seek titles of honour, of authority or supremacy. I tell you, it pains me personally to see people who, psychologically, live in pursuit of vain accolades. We disciples of Jesus must not do this, because among ourselves there must be a simple and fraternal attitude. We are all brothers and sisters and in no way must we abuse others or look down on them. No. We are all brothers and sisters. If we have received talents from the heavenly Father, we must place them at the service of our brothers and sisters, and not exploit them for our own satisfaction and personal interests. We must not consider ourselves superior to others; modesty is essential for an existence that seeks to conform to the teaching of Jesus, who is meek and humble of heart and came not to be served but to serve.

May the Virgin Mary, "humble and exalted more than any creature" (Dante, *Paradiso*, xxxiii:2), help us, with her motherly intercession, to spurn pride and vanity, and to be meek and docile to the love that comes from God, for the service of our brothers and sisters and for their joy, which will also be our own.



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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**“Come to me, all you who are weary and  
 burdened, and I will give you rest.”**  
 –Matthew 11:28

## Go Deeper!

### *ENCOUNTER THE REALITY OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD*

The Revival is a grassroots movement of Catholics, each responding to the gift of the Eucharist in their own way. This page is home to free educational and inspirational content to help you learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with him.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, Nov. 5

8:00 AM +Hugo Giraldo  
9:15 AM +Wally Milla-Garces  
10:30 AM Memorial Tree Dedications  
11:45 AM Gail McDonald Meikle  
1:15 PM +Ruben, Aria & Martha Amparo  
4:00 PM Brendan Karol & Michael Griffin  
5:30 PM +Patrick Walsh

### Monday, Nov. 6

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory  
12:05 PM +Edna Bailey  
4:45 PM Mireya Soto—health

### Tuesday, Nov. 7

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory  
12:05 PM +Robert P. Murphy  
4:45 PM +Stephen Stuckey

### Wednesday, Nov. 8

8:00 AM +Joseph Perkoski—anniv.  
12:05 PM +Kevin Quinn  
4:45 PM Milagros Altagacia Cruz & Family

### Thursday, Nov. 9

8:00 AM George’s family  
12:05 PM +William H. Jones, Jr.  
4:45 PM For Israel

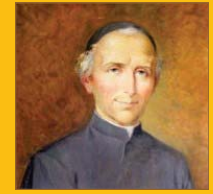
### Friday, Nov. 10

8:00 AM +William H. Jones, Jr.  
12:05 PM +John & +Clare Crovo  
4:45 PM +John Principato, Jr.

### Saturday, Nov. 11

9:00 AM Sr. Michelle Hernandez, PDDM & intentions  
12:00 PM The Tehan Family  
4:00 PM +Neve Dondoni  
5:30 PM +Begnino Portillo Maldonado

## 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.

# ***Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts***

## **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW!**

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*“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.”<sup>1</sup>*

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you act:

1.) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.

**NOTE-** The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.

2.) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a “burden” may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.

3.) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

## **How can your voice be heard?**

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Public Health who will be considering these bills.
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- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

**For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.**

## **Prayer For Renewed Strength**

O Lord, my God, Please give me the grace to maintain my hope in you through all of life’s changes and to taste and see your goodness. I praise you for the gifts you have showered on me for so many years. Help me find joy in a renewed strength of spirit. Please bless me with good health, and inspire me to be a good example to others. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

## **A Blessing Prayer for Those Who Are Sick**

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless N., so that he/she may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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