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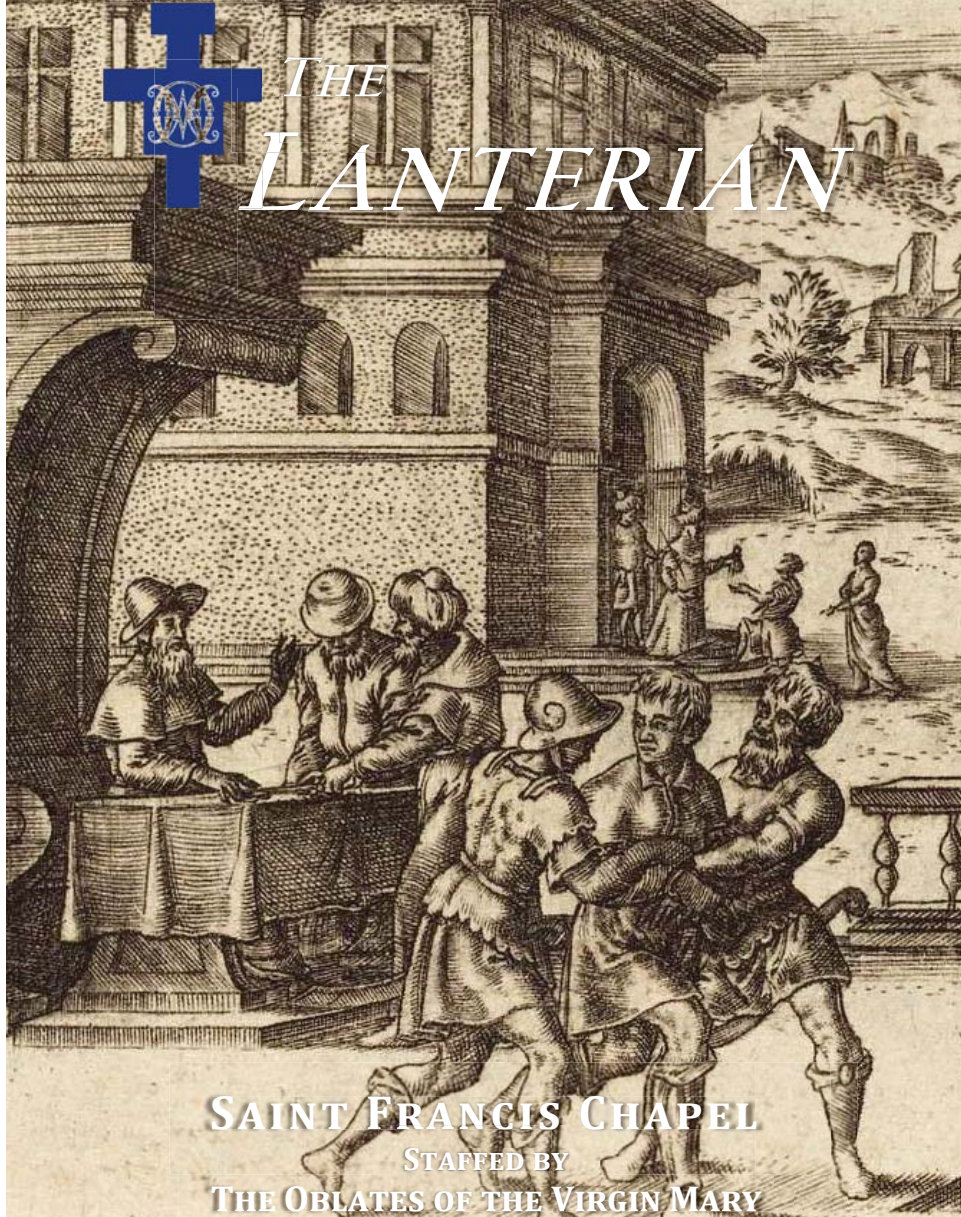
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The Pope's Prayer Intention for November:

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.



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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*
(*Closed during Masses)

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Reflection by Venerable Bruno Lanteri

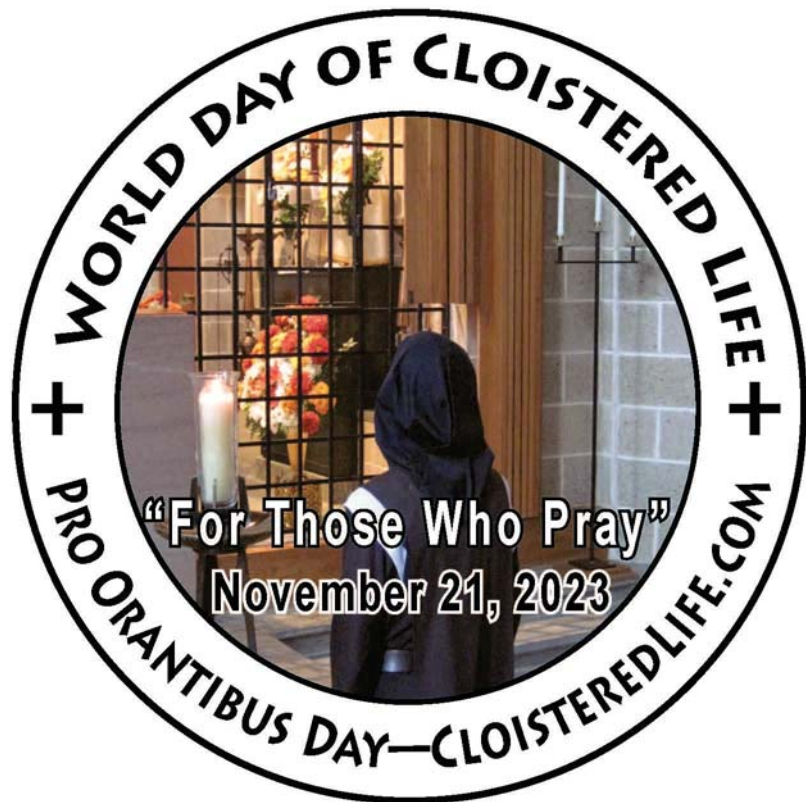
Jesus still speaks every day in his Gospel; but he speaks admirably in the intimate secrets of the heart: for he is the very word of the Eternal Father, where all truth is enclosed. It is therefore necessary to lend him our inner ears of which it is written: "The Lord opened my ear (Isaiah 50:5)."

Happy is he whose ears God has opened in this way; he has only to always prayer attentively. Jesus will speak to him soon, and all he has to do is listen to his voice. Mary of Bethany was sitting at the feet of Jesus. Sit quietly at the feet of Jesus with humility and submission; submit to the eternal word, the truth, be silent. Let God alone speak at this time. At least half an hour: this great silence of the soul, in which everything ceases, where everything is silent before God, in heaven, in the upper part of your soul, which is rare during this life. Be attentive, Christian soul, do not let yourself be distracted from these blessed moments.

Enter the closet of your heart and shut the door; pray to your Father in secret, and your Father who sees you in secret will reward you. What will he give you? Word for word: the word by which you have asked him to instruct you, for the word by which he will make you hear what he wants from you, with his eternal truth.

Come in, and close the door: enter into yourself, and do not be distracted by anything. When you would be a Martha, a holy soul who would come to invite you to serve Jesus, remain locked in these holy and blessed moments. Jesus does not want you for these external services: all the service he wants from you is that you listen to him alone, and that you lend the ear of the heart to his word.

Speak then, Lord, it is time: your servant listens. Speak and what will you say? "Martha, Martha, you are eager, and you trouble yourself in the care of many things. But there is only one thing that is necessary." Must we not fulfill all his duties, all his commands? It must be done without doubt, but you must never be over-eager, for there are happy moments when every other duty, every other exercise, every other obedience yields to prayer: there is no other obedience for you than that of listening to Jesus, who desires that you listen.



Prayer in Support of the Cloistered Life

Eternal Father, We praise and thank you for those sisters and brothers who have embraced the gift of the cloistered and monastic life. Their prayerful presence is indispensable to the Church's life and mission, and is the foundation of the New Evangelization. As we celebrate World Day of Cloistered Life, let us honor the holiness and glory of the Blessed Virgin. May she, who was presented in the Temple, intercede so that many young people might dedicate themselves entirely to Your divine service by hidden lives of contemplative prayer and selfless sacrifice. May all of us be mindful of the spiritual and material needs of those who commit their lives to seeking God by fixing their gaze on those things which are eternal. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 19

8:00 AM +Karen Blackstone
 9:15 AM +Alice Rojas de Stanco—
 month's mind
 10:30 AM +Carlos Roldan
 11:45 AM Peace in Israel
 1:15 PM +P. Flavaian Mucci
 4:00 PM +Edgar E. Odilia
 5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, Nov. 20

8:00 AM Carole Adams
 12:05 PM Nellie Adams
 4:45 PM +Peter Doran

Tuesday, Nov. 21

8:00 AM George's Family
 12:05 PM Deceased members of Creamer & Murray Families
 4:45 PM All deceased from Wars in Israel & Ukraine

Wednesday, Nov. 22

8:00 AM +Peter Paul Wheatley
 12:05 PM +Patrick McDonough
 4:45 PM +Joseph Timilty

Thursday, Nov. 23

9:00 AM +Peter Paul & Bertha Wheatley
 12:00 PM Marie D'Souza—birthday

Friday, Nov. 24

8:00 AM +Peter Doran
 12:05 PM Emily & Paul Ryan Tuttle
 4:45 PM +Robert & +Barbara Tonelli—in
 Thanksgiving

Saturday, Nov. 25

9:00 AM Mary Walsh Dipietro
 12:00 PM +Benigno Portillo Maladon-
 aldo
 4:00 PM Souls in Purgatory
 5:30 PM Maricela Ramirez

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.

November is the Month Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Prayer for the Poor Souls

My God! I recommend to Thee the souls of my relations, my benefactors, my friends, and my enemies, and of those who are in purgatory on my account. I recommend to Thee the souls of evangelical laborers, of Religious and priests, and especially of those who had charge of my soul. I recommend to Thee the souls of those who were most devout to the passion of Our Lord, to the Blessed Sacrament, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the souls who are most abandoned, those who suffer most, and those who are nearest to the entrance into paradise.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And may the divine assistance always remain with us and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.



Song of Thanksgiving From Isaiah 12:1-6

*On that day, you will say:
I give you thanks, O LORD;
though you have been angry with me,
your anger has abated, and you have consoled me.
God indeed is my salvation;
I am confident and unafraid.
For the LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the fountains of salvation,
And you will say on that day:
give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
Among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.
Sing praise to the LORD for he has done glorious things;
let this be known throughout all the earth.
Shout with exultation, City of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food, that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us, but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.