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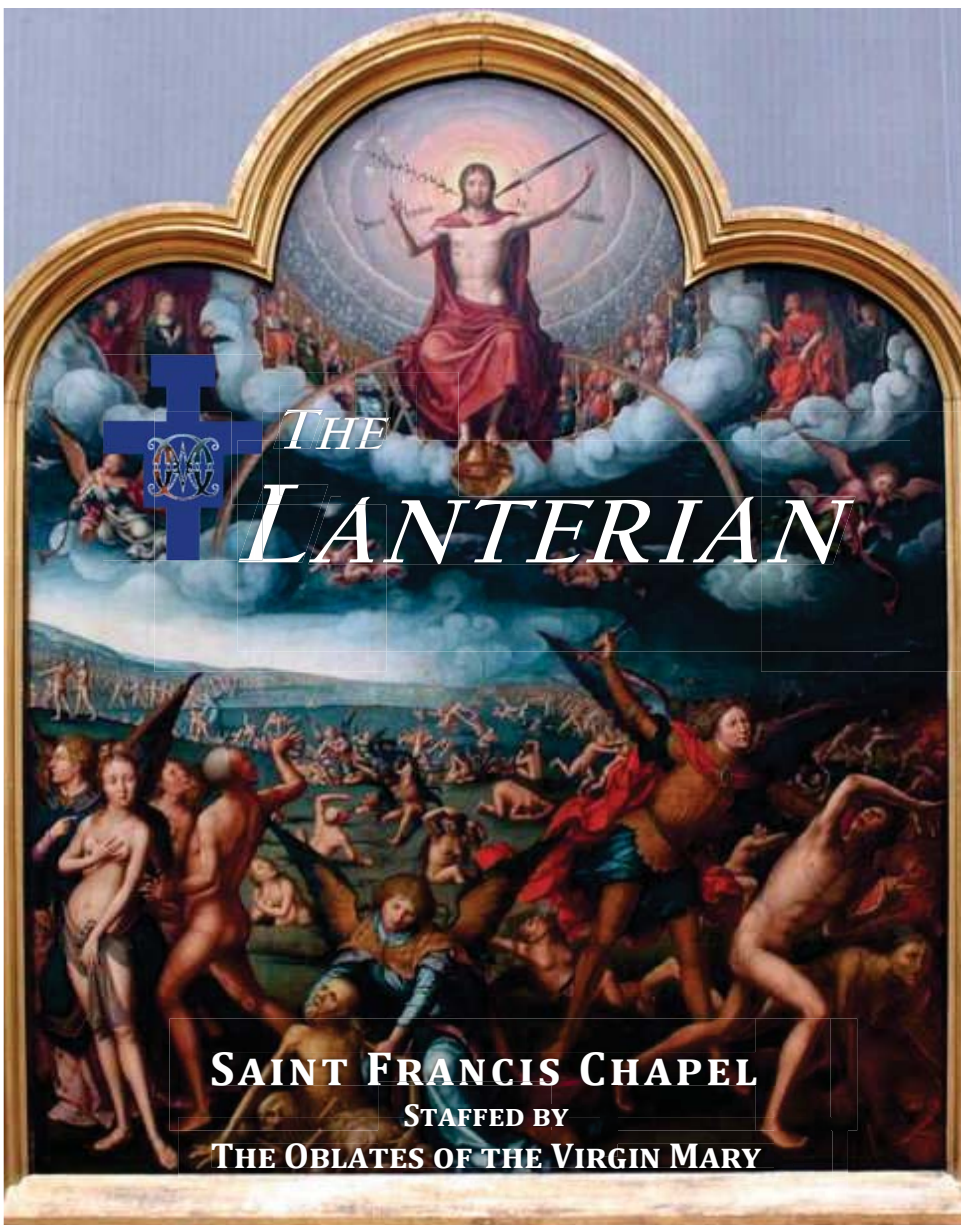
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DECEMBER 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



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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

Be watchful! Be alert! Today we begin a new church year with watching and waiting. This is a time of waiting and hope. Our first reading says; You Lord are our Father, our redeemer. Redeemer is one who pays the ransom to free one who is kidnapped. We need to feel the need for a Savior. Jesus is not just a teacher but the only one who can rescue us who are helpless.

The Prophet Isaiah admits that we are a sinful, unclean people. Even our good deeds are tinged. Our Advent wreath symbolizes the waiting and watching of the people of God for a Savior. The wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

Three candles are purple and one rose. The purple symbolizes the prayer, penance, sacrifices and goods works we do during this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. It is a time of conversion. We can best prepare for His second Coming not only by meditating on how He came the first time, but by prayer, charitable works, spiritual reading and confession. Isaiah says: we are the clay and You are the potter: we are the work of Your Hands. If we want to be malleable in His Hands we need to be humble and cooperative with His grace. A good way to prepare is by attending daily Mass or at least reading the daily Mass readings. The readings help us acquire the attitude we are supposed to have as we prepare for Christmas and the Second Coming when He will come as Judge. "Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down". At the end of the Advent season we celebrate the Christmas mystery when God answered that prayer by coming in the most unexpected way.

Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

O God, come to my assistance.
O Lord, make haste to help me.

1. I thank Thee, O Eternal Father, for having by Thy Almighty power preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Daughter, from the stain of original sin.

Our Father...

4 Times pray:

Hail Mary...
Blessed be the pure, most holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



2. I thank Thee, O Eternal Son, for having by Thy wisdom preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Mother, from the stain of original sin.

Repeat as above.

3. I thank Thee, O Holy Spirit Eternal, for having by Thy love preserved Mary, most holy, Thy Blessed Spouse, from the stain of original sin.

Repeat as above.

Glory Be...

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 3

8:00 AM +Mary & +Jim Browne
9:15 AM Daniel Browne—birthday
10:30 AM Named on Memorial Tree
11:45 AM +George Riley
1:15 PM +Nicolas & +Maria Lavit
4:00 PM John McCarthy—birthday
5:30 PM +Edgar & +Odilia Castillo

Monday, Dec. 4

8:00 AM +Janet Riley
12:05 PM +Rose Aceto
4:45 PM +Dillon Scofield

Tuesday, Dec. 5

8:00 AM +Anne Connelly
12:05 PM Antonia Ruiz & Mendoza-Perez Family
4:45 PM +Carmella Gemmato

Wednesday, Dec. 6

8:00 AM Michael Wallace
12:05 PM +Robert Bligh
4:45 PM +Jerry Browne—40th anniv.

Thursday, Dec. 7

8:00 AM In honor of St. Joseph
12:05 PM +Alice Bligh
5:10 PM +Luis Enrique Gracia—11th

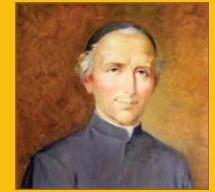
Friday, Dec. 8

8:00 AM Blanca Garzon
11:00 AM Bernice Cheung—healing
12:05 PM +Lillian Spencer
1:00 PM Alice & Douglas Lim & Ken Ashley
4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:10 PM Walter Horsley
6:30 PM Family Mayorga—Salinas Accion de gracias

Saturday, Dec. 9

9:00 AM Fr. James Doran, OMV
12:00 PM +Mary Lynn Gentry
4:00 PM +Mr. & +Mrs. Lim Sio Pek & Family
5:30 PM Accion de gracias

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.

Jessee Tree Advent Tradition

Day 1: Scripture: Job 12:7-10 **Theme:** Creation **Symbol:** The Earth

But now ask the beasts to teach you, the birds of the air to tell you; or speak to the earth to instruct you, and the fish of the sea to inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In his hand is the soul of every living thing, and the life breath of all mortal flesh.

Reflection: God sustains you and all things in existence at every single moment. Every thing in nature around you “speaks” of the creativity of God. Every breath you take in is a new confirmation that God sees you, knows you, sustains you, loves you. Every breath out is a new opportunity to thank him, praise him, love him. What will you do with your breaths today?

Day 2: Scripture: Romans 5:12-15 **Theme:** Adam and Eve **Symbol:** Apple

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person’s transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Reflection: When Adam and Eve first looked at each other it was through the eye of God within each of them. God’s eye sees the heart. After disobedience to God they saw each other through their own eyes of self-gratification. Only through prayer can the eye of God continue to grow within us.

Day 3: Scripture: Isaiah 54:9 **Theme:** Noah **Symbol:** Ark, Dove

This is for me like the days of Noah: As I swore then that the waters of Noah should never again flood the earth, So I have sworn now not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you.

Reflection: God is the Father who keeps His promises. He has established a covenant, a communion of peace with us. The Church is the Ark that God has permanently established as the sign of His communion. Do you need to come back to God’s covenant of peace through confession, the sacrament of His mercy? Now is a very acceptable time.

Day 4: Scripture: Nehemiah 9:7-8 **Theme:** Abraham **Symbol:** Tent

You are the LORD God who chose Abram, Who brought him from Ur of the Chaldees, who named him Abraham. You found his heart faithful in your sight, you made the covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Girgashites to him and his descendants. You fulfilled your promises, for you are just.

Reflection: God’s plan of salvation began with Abraham. Through the original sin, mankind left God’s presence. But God called to Abraham to establish a covenant. He pitched His tent with Abraham and with you. In ancient times, to pitch one’s tent with someone meant that that tribe’s history was now your history. That their family was now your family and your history and your family were now theirs as well. God has made His history your history and His family your family. And He has taken on your history as well. Are you sharing your history with Him? Are you sharing your family with Him? And are you receiving His history as your own?

Day 5: Hebrews 11:17-19 Theme: Isaac **Symbol:** Altar of Sacrifice

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Reflection: By asking for Isaac to be offered as a sacrifice, God was not playing with Abraham’s emotions, nor simply testing his willingness to obey. Isaac was the son of the promise. He was the first descendent from whom all other descendants would come, including Jesus; therefore, Isaac was a symbol of the whole future of Israel and of salvation history. God was asking Abraham to offer to Him and to entrust to Him the destiny of Israel and its future history. That was the real sacrifice God wished for, not the slaying of Isaac. By restoring Isaac to his father, God was showing that anyone who entrusts their destiny to Him will always be restored and have fullness of life.

Day 6: John 1:50-51 Theme: Jacob **Symbol:** Ladder

Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” And he said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Reflection: Jacob continued the line of the Jewish Patriarchs after Isaac. God showed him a vision of a great ladder stretching into heaven with angels ascending and descending. God was promising that heaven and earth would once again be connected and that access to His grace would be restored. Jesus is the true ladder. He connects heaven and earth perfectly, and He is the one who makes access to the Father a perfect reality. Upon Jesus do angels ascend and descend. Is Jesus your ladder? Do you make friendship with him a priority so that you will have access to the Kingdom of God?

Day 7: Genesis 37:3 Theme: Joseph the Patriarch **Symbol:** Coat of Many Colors
Israel [Jacob] loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him a long ornamented tunic.

Reflection: The coat of many colors was a gift from father to son to emphasize the great love with which Jacob loved Joseph. Ornamented coats were signs of great honor and privilege in the time of the Jewish patriarchs. You are greatly loved and favored by the Father who has clothed you in the grace of His only Son through baptism. Do you celebrate your baptismal day? Do you renew your baptismal vows on occasion? Do you “wear” your baptismal identity as a child of God?