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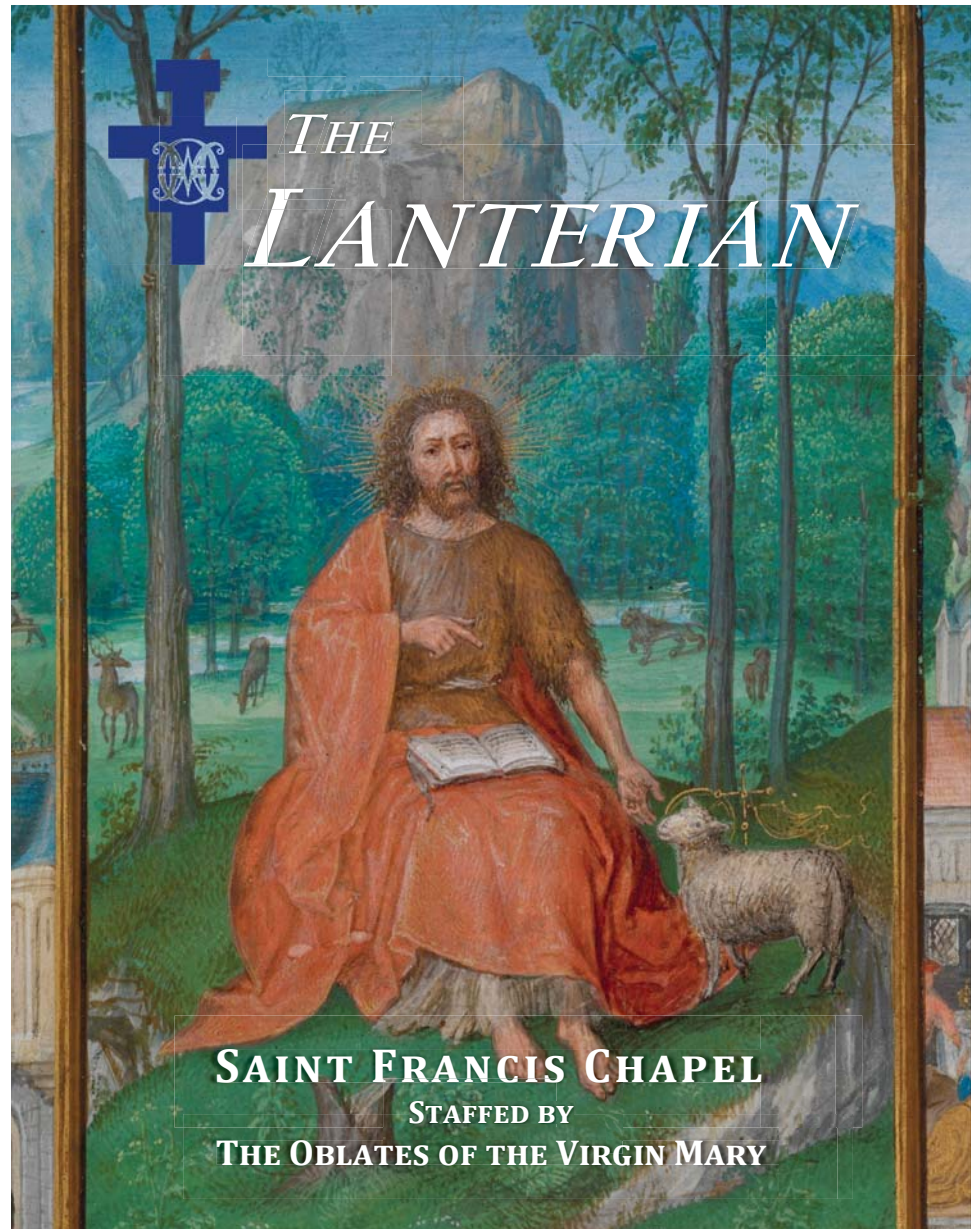
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DECEMBER 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent



CHAPEL STAFF:

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Fr. John Wykes, OMV

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Fr. James Walther, OMV
Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

Music: Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia, Stacey Ngozi, Celine Wynn

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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Announcement

*And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."
(Isaiah 30:21)*

Day of Discernment for Young Men



January 20, 2024

St. Joseph's Retreat House
65 Father Carney Dr.
Milton, MA 02186

- Learn skills for Ignatian Discernment
- Learn How to Choose God's Will
- Hear from Layman, Priest and Brother about life in each vocation
- Time for Prayer
- No Cost and Lunch Provided

To Register: stfrancis@omvusa.org

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair Love, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children.



Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall help us to rise again and return to Him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the Sacrament of penance, which gives peace to the soul. We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth. Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all others true joy and peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. - (Pope St. John Paul II.)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 10

8:00 AM +Tim & +Ann Murphy Callahan

9:15 AM Thanksgiving to the Child Jesus

10:30 AM +Linda LeBlanc

11:45 AM +John Cody

1:15 PM +Manuel Alvaran

4:00 PM Maria—Special Intention

5:30 PM +Virginia Terrazzano

Monday, Dec. 11

8:00 AM +William H. Jone Jr.

12:05 PM +Alan Cassidy

4:45 PM +Natalia Balan

Tuesday, Dec. 12

8:00 AM Guadalupe Torres

12:05 PM +Ethel Cassidy

4:45 PM Rubiela Garzon

Wednesday, Dec. 13

8:00 AM +Mr. & +Mrs. Chin Fun & Family

12:05 PM +Bill Dunlavy

4:45 PM +Mary & +Joseph Maciora

Thursday, Dec. 14

8:00 AM +Sin Chin Lim

12:05 PM +Mark Mulvey

4:45 PM +David Scattergood & Wife

Friday, Dec. 15

8:00 AM +Christine McCarthy

12:05 PM +Climaco Zuluago

4:45 PM +Ricardo Balaga—birthday

Saturday, Dec. 16

9:00 AM Olukoya—Roomes Family

12:00 PM In honor of St. Martin de Porres

4:00 PM +Janet Regina Galgay

5:30 PM +Nolby Ruiz—1st anniv.

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 8: Scripture: John 1:15-17 **Theme:** Moses **Symbol:** Ten Commandments
John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Reflection: In the summer of 1961 the Green Bay Packers reported to NFL training camp to begin the new football year. They had lost the previous year's championship game in the 4th quarter. They were eager now to progress to the next level. Legendary coach Vince Lombardi opened the camp by holding up a football and announcing, "Gentlemen, this is a football." His point was that the Packers would get to the next level by training hard on the fundamentals and taking no small thing for granted. They never lost a playoff game again under Lombardi. The commandments are our fundamentals. It is the base upon which the grace of Christ builds a champion of holiness. Where are you with the fundamentals?

Day 9: Scripture: Hebrews 11:30 **Theme:** Joshua **Symbol:** Wall of Jericho
By faith the walls of Jericho fell after being encircled for seven days.

Reflection: By faith the walls came down. One might think the armies of Israel led by the great warrior Joshua brought the walls of Jericho down. It was indeed listening to the word of God and trusting in it that led to the collapse of the walls. Joshua was a great leader because he first placed himself under God and became a servant of his word. Are you listening to the Word of God? Do you wish to be a servant of this word?

Day 10: Scripture: Joshua 2:15-21 **Theme:** Rahab **Symbol:** Scarlet Cord
Then she let them down through the window with a rope; for she lived in a house built into the city wall. "Go up into the hill country," she said, "that your pursuers may not come upon you. Hide there for three days, until they return; then you may go on your way." They answered her, "We are free of this oath that you made us take, unless, when we come into the land, you tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you are letting us down. Gather your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family into your house. Should any of them pass outside the doors of your house, their blood will be on their own heads, and we will be guiltless. But if anyone in your house is harmed, their blood will be on our heads. If, however, you betray our mission, we will be free of the oath you have made us take." "Let it be as you say," she replied, and sent them away. When they were gone, she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

Reflection: Rahab protected the Israelite spies because they were messengers of God. Is there a special place in your heart for those who are faithful to God? Do you see God's faithful as messengers?

Day 11: Scripture: Judges 13:3-5 **Theme:** Samson **Symbol:** Locks of Hair
An angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her: Though you are barren and have had no children, you will conceive and bear a son. Now, then, be careful to drink no wine or beer and to eat nothing unclean, for you will conceive and bear a son. No razor shall touch his head, for the boy is to be a nazirite for God from the womb. It is he who will begin to save Israel from the power of the Philistines.

Reflection: Confirmation might be called the lost sacrament. It is usually associated with a graduation from a religious program. Really, it is a form of consecration and strengthening in the Holy Spirit for one to act in the priestly service of Christ. Like Samson the confirmed have been designated by God and outfitted to participate in his work of salvation for others. Have you reflected on your confirmation lately? Have you "exercised" your spiritual muscles in the service of the gospel?

Day 12: Scripture: Ruth 2:5-7 **Theme:** Ruth **Symbol:** Grain
Boaz asked the young man overseeing his harvesters, "Whose young woman is this?" The young man overseeing the harvesters answered, "She is the young Moabite who came back with Naomi from the plateau of Moab. She said, 'I would like to gather the gleanings into sheaves after the harvesters.' Ever since she came this morning she has remained here until now, with scarcely a moment's rest." Boaz then spoke to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Do not go to glean in anyone else's field; you are not to leave here. Stay here with my young women."

Reflection: Ruth earned her reputation among Boaz and the Israelites for her unyielding fidelity to Naomi, her mother-in-law. With the loss of Naomi's husband and both of her sons she faced the prospects of a dire life of loneliness and poverty. Ruth, despite being a foreigner to Israel, would not abandon Naomi. Is there anyone you know who walks alone waiting for the gift of someone's presence? Perhaps yours?

Day 13: Scripture: Isaiah 11:10 **Theme:** Jesse **Symbol:** A Root
On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the peoples — Him the nations will seek out; his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reflection: From the marriage of Boaz and Ruth came Obed. From Obed came Jesse and from Jesse, David the king. From this root would spring Jesus the Messiah. Little seeds of fidelity to God's word planted in the heart produce a great harvest, sometimes many years and generations away. This is the mid-point of Advent. Are you still remaining faithful to little acts of fidelity to God in preparation for the great harvest of God's Son, the blossom from the root of Jesse?

Day 14: Scripture: Proverbs 4:5-9 **Theme:** David **Symbol:** A Crown
*Get wisdom, get understanding!
Do not forget or turn aside from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you; The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom; whatever else you get, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will exalt you; she will bring you honors if you embrace her; She will put on your head a graceful diadem; a glorious crown will she bestow on you.*

Reflection: David was the youngest and smallest of Jesse's seven sons; yet he was chosen by God to be king, because God looks into the heart where he could see David's trust in him. Wisdom, not power, is the crown the saint seeks. Are you seeking greater understanding of your faith this Advent? Are you growing in the wisdom of God?