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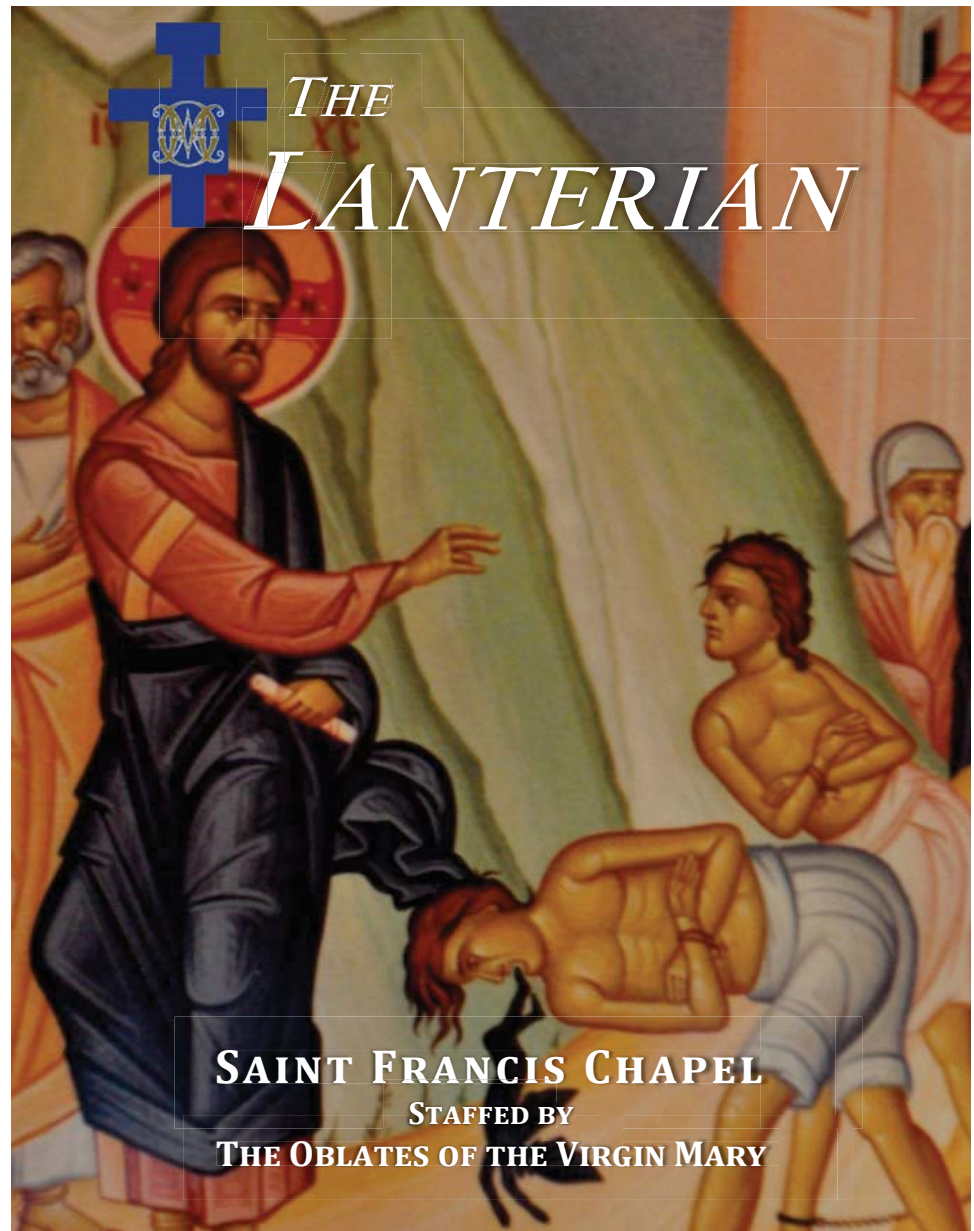
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**THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

*ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON*

**JANUARY 28, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time**



## CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV  
Fr. Victor Nwabueze, OMV  
Fr. Michael Warren, OMV  
Fr. John Wykes, OMV

## Sundays:

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 January

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



## Cover Art:

*Jesus Expelling Demons.* Icon. Image by Ted. Flickr.

## 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 Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

"Have you come to destroy us?" From this Sunday's gospel, the demon asks in terror if Jesus has come to destroy him and the forces of death that he marshals. Jesus has come precisely for that reason. The Lord confronts demons and death and vanquishes them. Jesus confronts the demon with his own presence and the power of his word. These are the tools of life: the Presence of Christ and the Word of God. Unless confronted, the forces of death swallow up their victims.

Ernest Hemingway, a struggling Catholic who was fascinated with the faith, wrote about the need to practice the confrontation with the forces of death in his first novel *The Sun Also Rises*. The protagonist is Jake who is himself a practicing Catholic and aficionado of Spanish bullfighting. On a pilgrimage to Pamplona, Spain for the Feast of St. Fermin, Jake immerses himself in nature, and in the festival's liturgies and bullfighting rituals. Many people of course find bullfighting to be an example of animal cruelty, or stupidity, but Hemingway and his protagonist, Jake, see bullfighting as the means by which the Spanish have ritualized the confrontations with death and chaos that we all must. The matador must maintain his disciplined composure in the face of the bull, and the audience participates emotionally with the matador through observance of his actions, and by respecting the bull's power. So, by practicing in the faith liturgies and by fully observing the bullfights, Jake is practicing through ritual the victory over death that we are all called to through Word and Sacrament given to us in Christ. Jake must learn to be as the matador who stares at the raging bull and the chaotic force of death that it represents, while remaining graceful and courageous under the pressure so as not to be overcome either in his life or in his dignity.

The antagonist in *The Sun Also Rises* is Robert. It is noted throughout the story that Robert is never very present to anything. He sleeps through the beautiful scenery of the Spanish countryside; he passes on the chance to enjoy nature, male bonding and fishing; he fantasizes about visiting exotic places but doesn't appreciate the wonders of Paris, where he lives; neither does he enjoy nor even attempt to understand the point of bullfighting. In the end, because Robert, unlike Jake, has not practiced for the confrontations with death that we have in life (neither through the Presence and Word of God in religion, nor through the emotional bonding with the matador in the bullring) he is overcome by those forces and becomes violent at the climax of the novel. Hemingway calls nature, religion and bullfighting the rituals that contain the "old things". By that Hemingway means the rituals, when practiced, contain the disciplined actions by which we grow in wisdom, grace, dignity and courage to confront the forces of death. Those, like Robert, who pass by all of those things are perpetually dreaming about new things that are constantly changing, but do not prepare one for gracefully vanquishing the pressures of life and death.

While there are many who would say that Hemingway's embrace of bullfighting is not graceful but cruel, but far too many lose little sleep over the cruel death of unborn children through abortion, or euthanasia of the elderly. Many of our public officials dismiss the "old things" in order to embrace the new social forces that often arise in our culture; thus, they have not practiced confronting death and so become agents of it themselves by supporting and promoting abortion. As agents of life we are called to confront death with the power of Christ's presence and the Word of God. We are principally enabled to do this through full participation at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. But we are also called to be agents of life by helping others confront the forces of chaos. There are many women whose pregnancy is unfortunately an experience of crisis, or the elderly who suffer painful illness and think of themselves as a burden. Christians are called to help the suffering to confront those existential crises with faith, grace, compassion and composure so that life may prevail instead of being overcome by the forces of death.

## Oblates of the Virgin Mary Spiritual Direction Training Program

From October 2024 to October 2026, the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Joseph Retreat House, will direct an intensive formation program to train men and women interested in becoming spiritual directors and guides of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

The program entails three two-week sessions of in-person instruction and practical training. In between each session, students will engage in the ministry of direction, accompanied by an approved supervisor.

### Prerequisites

To be considered for this program, we ask that you

1. Currently have a spiritual director.
2. Have completed a basic introduction to Theology, Sacred Scripture, and/or the History of Christian Spirituality.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

Have experienced at least an eight-day individually directed Ignatian retreat. Candidates are required to complete the full Spiritual Exercises before Session II of the program.

Cost for Session I – October 14-26, 2024

- Tuition \$1,100
- Room and Board\* \$850

\*There is limited space available for resident students during the program. Non-resident students will be responsible for their own lodging and transportation to and from St. Joseph Retreat House.

For further information, please **contact us** at 617-698-6785, or at

<https://www.omvusa.org/st-joseph-retreat-house/>

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, Jan. 28

**8:00 AM** Deceased members, Mullan Family

**9:15 AM** Deceased members, McGinley Family

**10:30 AM** +Sarah Magee

**11:45 AM** +Shane Davies

**1:15 PM** +Samuel, +Raul, +Margarita Mejia

**4:00 PM** +Margaret McCullough

**5:30 PM** Hendricks Guyler Delva & Family

### Monday, Dec. Jan. 29

**8:00 AM** +Dorothy Curtin

**12:05 PM** +Peter Thang & +Maria Chon & Deceased relatives

**4:45 PM** Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, Jan. 30

**8:00 AM** +Frankie Kane

**12:05 PM** +Prof. Charlie Steele

**4:45 PM** +Mike Carroll

### Wednesday, Jan. 31

**8:00 AM** Fra Nicola Tegoni—intentions

**12:05 PM** +Romelia, +Alejandro, +Sergio Norena

**4:45 PM** Joseph Feitlberg & +Nancy Feitlberg

### Thursday, Feb. 1

**8:00 AM** +Roberta LePage

**12:05 PM** +Joan Carroll—anniv.

**4:45 PM** Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, Feb. 2

**8:00 AM** +Jean Healey

**12:05 PM** +Victoria & +Alicia Vasquez

**4:45 PM** +RoseMary Stalzer

### Saturday, Feb. 3

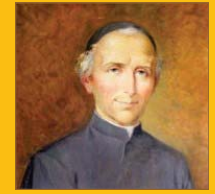
**9:00 AM** Deceased members of the Lorenzana Family

**12:00 PM** Jackie White—healing

**4:00 PM** +Mary Beth Mahoney

**5:30 PM** +Ercilia Nunez & +Leoncio Huaman

## 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.

## Announcement

### Congratulations to Bishop-Elect Cristiano G. Borro Barbosa

On December 9, 2024, Pope Francis named Fr. Cristiano Barbosa to be the new auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. He is currently the episcopal vicar for the central region and cabinet secretary of evangelization and discipleship.

Born in Adamantina, Brazil, Bishop-Elect Barbosa was ordained to the priesthood in December 2007 at the Diocesan Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Bauru, SP, Brazil - Diocese of Bauru. He later served in a number of parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, including Saint Anthony of Padua in Cambridge, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Cambridge, Holy Family Parish in Lowell, Immaculate Conception Parish in Lowell, and Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Lowell. He was incardinated as a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston in 2021.

His academic record is extensive and includes the Universidade Estadual Paulista, Bauru, SP (Licentiate and Training in Professional Psychology), Universidade de Sagrado Coração in Bauru, SP, Brazil (Licentiate of Philosophy), Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais - Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil (Master in Psychology), and Boston College (School of Theology and Ministry) – Chestnut Hill, MA (Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Doctor of Sacred Theology). He previously was on the faculty of Saint John Seminary teaching theology and also part-time at Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary in Weston. Bishop-Elect Barbosa speaks English, Portuguese, and Spanish. He is a trained psychologist. This appointment will make the bishop-elect only the second bishop of Brazilian descent in the United States. He will also be the second youngest bishop in the U.S.

**Ordination Mass** (Rain, snow, or shine)

*Sat., Feb. 3, 2024, 10 a.m.* (Procession begins at 9:30 AM)

**Cathedral of the Holy Cross** 1400 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118

**Reception to follow Mass at Cathedral High School Hall**

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## Eucharistic Mini-Pilgrimages: How to Plan One this Summer

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As we enter the Year of Parish Revival, we are preparing for one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history here in the United States. For two months, women and men will process with the Eucharist across the country, lighting hearts on fire with hope and joy along the way. This demonstration of faith in the Eucharist will take place from May 17 (the weekend of Pentecost) to July 16, 2024. Commencing from four starting points, Brownsville, TX; Lake Itasca, MN; New Haven, CT; and San Francisco, CA, pilgrims will process with our Eucharistic Lord through cities, along highways, and past rural towns, meeting in Indianapolis just before the National Eucharistic Congress. Along the way, they will be praying, seeking new depths of transformation in Jesus, serving those on the margins, and witnessing to their faith in the Risen Jesus. I would love to travel with the Eucharist across the country and to witness the marvels of grace that Jesus will pour out upon our nation during this prayerful journey. However, I know right now that I won't be able to be part of the National Pilgrimage. Probably many of you won't be able to join this amazing Eucharistic event either. Yet all of us are invited to grow in love for Jesus in the Eucharist and to share our faith as missionary disciples. This summer, why not go on your own Eucharistic pilgrimage right where you live to deepen your Eucharistic faith and devotion?

On a local pilgrimage, you can explore the holy places in your own diocese, state, town, or even your own parish, adoring the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ anew and participating in Mass in your own backyard.

Are you going on vacation this summer? Locate a shrine or a church along the way where you can pray before the Eucharist. You might even research if there is a church where an American saint is buried near where you will be. The Archdiocese of Denver has designated seven churches as pilgrimage sites for the Eucharistic Revival, and your diocese may be doing something similar. Even if you are homebound or ill, you can make a "spiritual pilgrimage" right where you are. [eucharisticpilgrimage.org](https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org)