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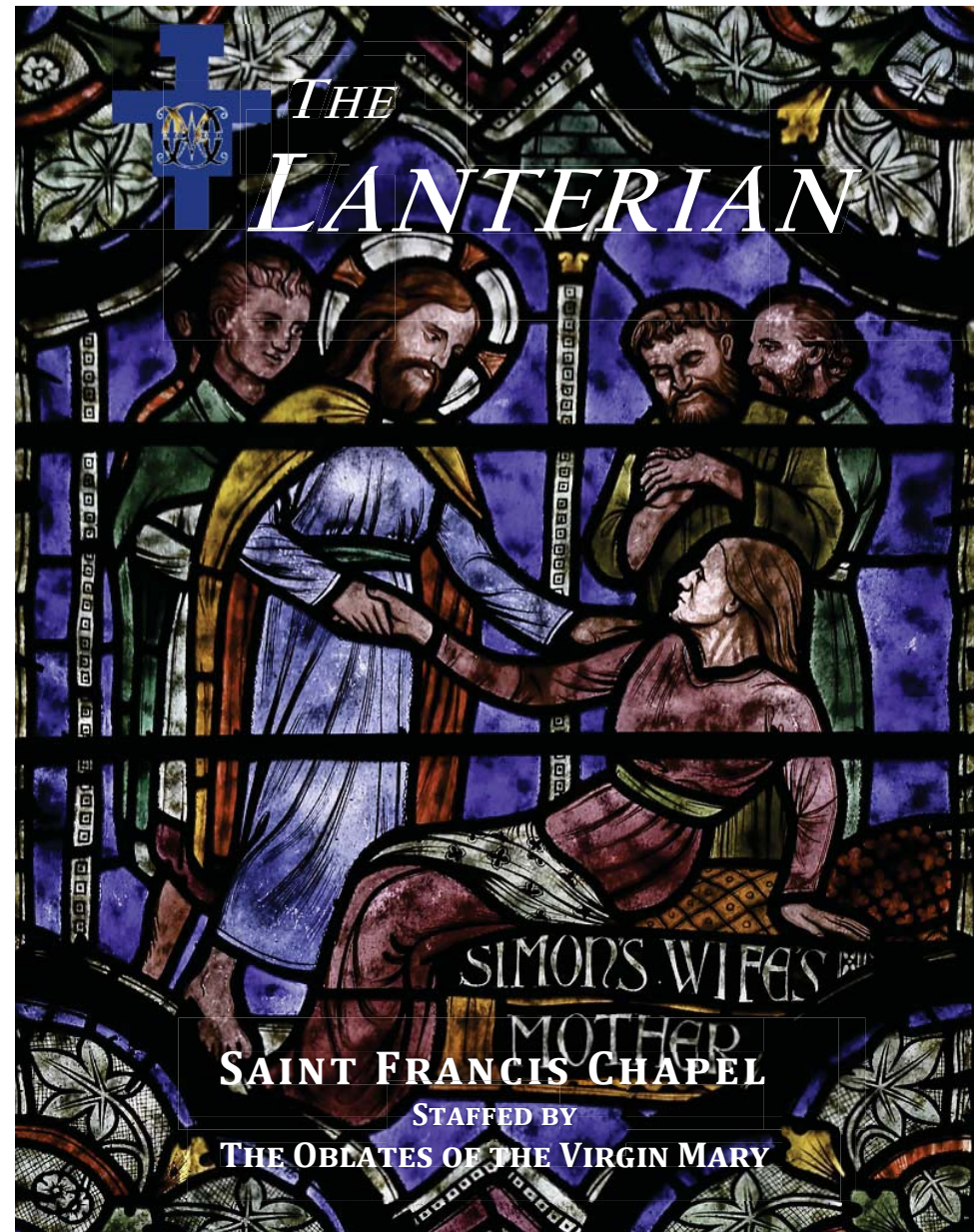
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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February



Cover Art:

Jesus Heals Simon's Mother in Law. Stained Glass. Washington National Cathedral. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. 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

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family

The love and commitment of marriage and family life is renewed each day. When couples exchange their vows they embark on a life-long journey to holiness that is re-expressed each day and in each action. The love that is exchanged on the wedding day must be made concrete every day in every part of daily life shared by the couple. This is how the grace of the marriage sacrament transforms the lives of husband and wife. Every day presents new moments for grace to penetrate their individual lives. The transformational graces of marriage do not happen in one moment at the altar when vows are exchanged; rather, that is the launching point for a life of dedicated service to each other.

However, no merely human love can ever be enough to complete another human being. We are made for the love of God. It is His love for us and our response to Him that is the fulfillment of all desire. Even married couples will never be able to be the absolute fulfillment for each other. They minister to each other in growing in the love of God, which is their perfection. Spouses show each other a kind of mercy when they do not expect from each other total completion. The spouses need each other. They need to pray with and for each other, but they also need their own personal relationship with God in order to live out their commitment to each other and to grow in personal freedom. Fulfilling the marriage covenant will require an individual and personal commitment to God, then to each other.

Nevertheless, family prayer is essential spirituality. At the heart of each family spirituality should be the Sunday Eucharist, a true family pilgrimage to the parish church. The family rosary, prayers before bed and domestic celebrations of feast days are also great means by which to keep the grace of the marriage sacrament stirring.

As the family members grow in mutual love, reflecting the love of God for them and in them, they are also called to a social love outside of the family. Love is never meant to be constrained; it is meant to reach beyond its origin out to peripheries. Family love begins at home but is then meant to reach to neighbors, local parishes, schools, colleagues at work and other friends. In this way the family truly becomes an icon of the creative love of the Blessed Trinity.



The Vatican office in charge of coordinating plans for the Holy Year 2025 announced they are launching a new website and releasing an app to help people register and to guide them along their pilgrimage in Rome.

By registering online at iubi-laeum2025.va or on the jubilee app, people will receive a free digital "pilgrim's card," which will be needed to participate in jubilee events, especially gaining access to the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, said Msgr. Graham Bell, undersecretary of the Dicastery for Evangelization's section that is coordinating the Holy Year.

The jubilee website was to go live May 10 and be available in nine languages, he said at a news conference at the Vatican May 9. People can begin registering online starting in September, he said, "by clicking on the 'participate' button." After registering, people will be able to access a personal page on the site's "pilgrim's zone," which will also go live in September.

Registrants will receive a digital "pilgrim's card," which is a personal QR code needed to access jubilee events and better facilitate the pilgrimage to the Holy Door, the monsignor said. There also will be an option to purchase a "service card" for a nominal fee to receive special discounts for transportation, lodging, food and museums during the pilgrimage.

The jubilee website and app will give news and information on the Holy Door of St. Peter's and the other basilicas as well as offer the possibility of organizing one's own pilgrimage within the city, Msgr. Bell said.

People can choose from three proposed pilgrimages: "the traditional pilgrimage of St. Philip Neri with the seven churches; the pilgrimage on the churches dedicated to the women doctors of the church and patrons of Europe; and the 'Iter Europaeum,' that is, the 28 churches in 27 different European countries, plus the church that represents the European Union."

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 4

8:00 AM +Michael Nee
9:15 AM Hunter Martel
10:30 AM Names on the Memorial Tree
11:45 AM +Maria Della Peruta—1st anniv.
1:15 PM +Raul, +Samuel & +Margarita Mejia
4:00 PM +Danny & + Maria Cortes
5:30 PM +James English

Monday, Feb. 5

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM +Madeline & +Charles Reagan
4:45 PM +Austin Brennan

Tuesday, Feb. 6

8:00 AM +Austin "Sonny" Brennan
12:05 PM +Austin Brennan
4:45 PM +Michael Da Ponte

Wednesday, Feb. 7

8:00 AM +Romeila, +Alejandro & +Sergio Norena
12:05 PM Diane & Adam Martel
4:45 PM +Mary Palachi

Thursday, Feb. 8

8:00 AM +Judy Fyles Benoit
12:05 PM +Denise Richardson
4:45 PM Rebecca Sterling—healing

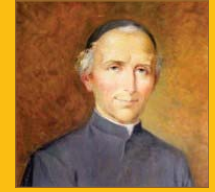
Friday, Feb. 9

8:00 AM +Grace DeCrescenzo
12:05 PM +Francisco, +Jorge, & Belisario Lopez
4:45 PM +Rev. Fergus Healey, Raul Zapato, & Sr. Lucia Angel

Saturday, Feb. 10

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM +Rose Aceto
4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM +Miguel Pineros

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.

Heavenly Father,
We come before You to praise You
and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families
consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimo-
ny.
May they rediscover each day
the grace they have received,
and as small domestic Churches,
may they know how to witness to Your
presence
and to the love with which Christ loves the
Church.



We pray to You for all families faced with
difficulty and suffering
caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.
Sustain them and make them aware
of the path to holiness upon which You call them,
so that they might experience Your infinite mercy
and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people:
may they encounter You and respond joyfully
to the vocation You have in mind for them;
We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware
that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God
in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to
them; and for the experience of fraternity
that the family can give to the world

Lord, grant that each family
might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church
as a call to become missionary disciples,
in the service of life and peace,
in communion with our priests, religious,
and all vocations in the Church.

Eucharistic Mini-Pilgrimages: How to Plan One this Summer

ONE OF THE LARGEST EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGES
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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



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