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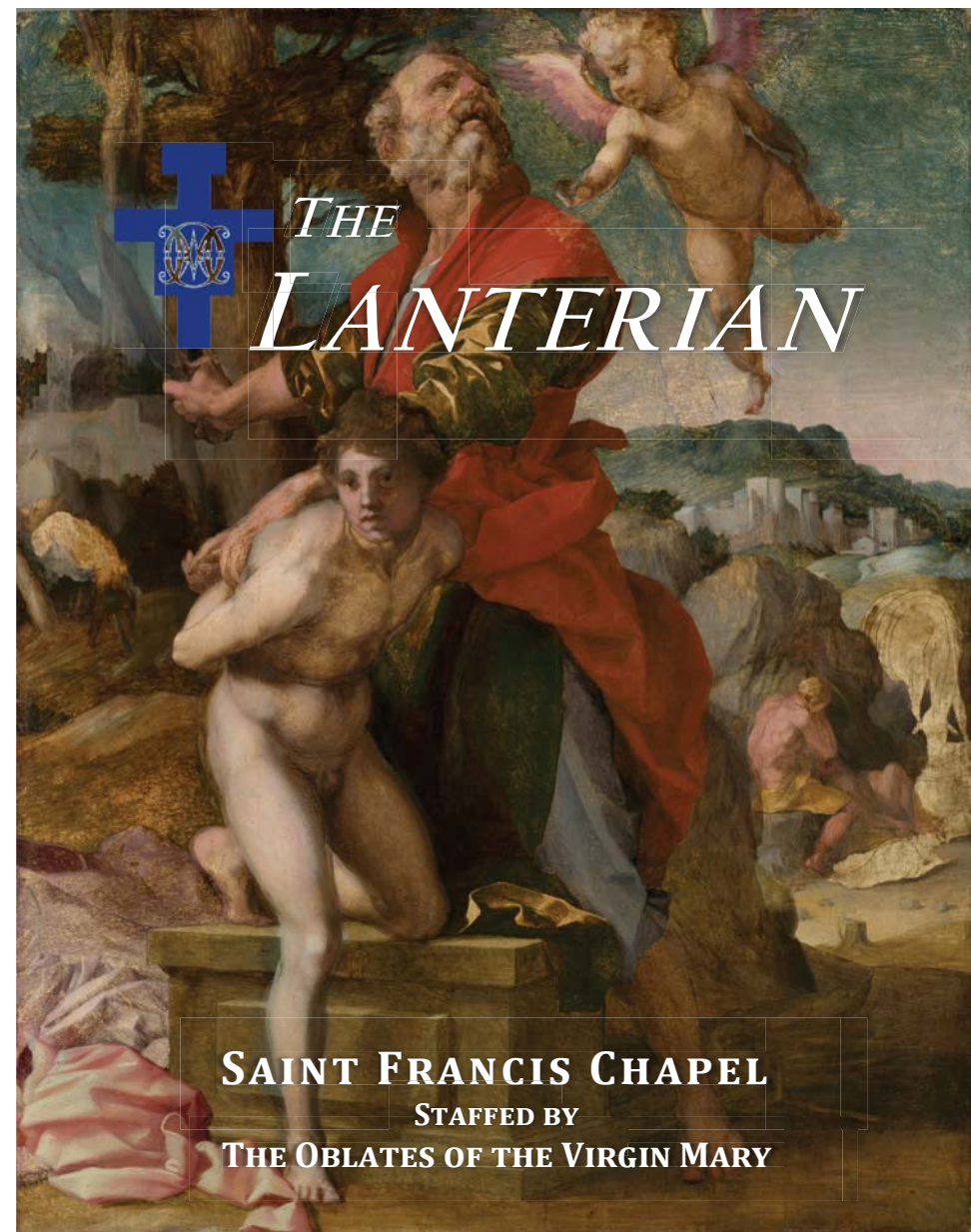
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**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

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## 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 February

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



## Cover Art:

*The Testing of Abraham.* Public Domain.

## 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. John Wykes, OMV

It was a hot and humid Roman August in 1978 when His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, prepared his remarks for the Feast of the Transfiguration. That year the feast (August 6) would fall on a Sunday. And so it was that he wrote a reflection to be delivered at the ordinary Sunday Angelus Message. Among other things, Pope Paul noted that the Transfiguration not only tells us something about Jesus and his Divine Nature, it also tells us something about our own destiny.

“Because it has been redeemed by his irrevocable sacrifice of life,” Paul wrote in his remarks, “our human nature is also destined to participate in the fullness of life, in the ‘destiny of the saints in light’ (Col. 1, 12). That body, which is transfigured before the astonished eyes of the apostles, is the body of Christ our brother, but it is also our body called to glory.”

And so this marvelous event, ostensibly a glimpse of glory giving Peter, James, and John a little bit of hope so they could successfully weather the horrors of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, is also a window through which these disciples could glimpse their own destiny.

Yes, we are dust, and unto dust we shall return. But the story doesn't end there. Just as Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ suffered death, was buried, and rose again on the third day, so, too, we are destined not only to die but also to rise again to a new life.

Ironically, no one ever heard Pope Paul's Angelus Message with its promise of hope and new life. You see, the 80-year-old pontiff had a heart attack that very day. A blood clot in his lung took his life that evening – the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, 1978. It was the one and only Angelus Message the pope missed during his 15-year-long pontificate.

The words of Pope Paul, though never spoken by him, are nevertheless preserved for our appreciation and edification. His completed remarks, finished in written form but never delivered, serve as a dramatic last testament of a holy man – the final words of a pontiff who, several hours later, would cross, as Benedict XVI once called it, the “dark door of death”.

Let the dying words of St. Paul VI be our inspiration this Sunday as we reflect upon the marvelous Transfiguration of Our Lord. “That body,” St. Paul VI reminds us, “which is transfigured before the astonished eyes of the apostles, is the body of Christ our brother, but it is also our body called to glory. That light that floods it is, and also will be, our share of inheritance and splendor... An end of incomparable joy awaits us, if we have done honor to our Christian vocation.”

# 2024



### **Parish & Operational Support**

Nearly half of the funding received through the Catholic Appeal helps the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese support our parishes and ensure the Church in Greater Boston remains vibrant. This includes serving our 250 parishes, from offering support for wide-ranging operational needs to assisting with property damage and other maintenance.

### **Pro-Life Ministry**

Our Pro-Life Office is committed to building a culture of life in the Greater Boston area through the work of its various ministries.

Pregnancy Help Centers provide compassionate, practical, life-affirming alternatives for women facing crisis pregnancies. Through our centers, women can receive free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds, supportive services and referrals, and adoption information. Project Rachel ministry is comprehensive and confidential, offering hope, healing and yearly retreats to women and men hurting from past abortions.

### **Faith & Formation**

Approximately 15% of funds raised through the annual Appeal are directed to programs to walk with our brothers and sisters of all ages on their journeys of faith. This includes providing vibrant and meaningful religious education resources, as well as overseeing campus ministry programs at more than 25 colleges and universities.

### **Chaplaincy & Faith Community Nursing**

The Archdiocese's Chaplaincy Office oversees, trains, and coordinates hospital and prison chaplains serving all over Greater Boston.

### **SUPPORT FOR ETHNIC MINISTRIES**

At the Archdiocese of Boston, we celebrate our cultural diversity. With Mass said in 22 different languages at nearly 100 parishes, we are ethnically rich and diverse.

### **Service to Others**

Approximately one-fifth of funds raised through the Catholic Appeal are dedicated to bringing the light of Christ to those in need in myriad ways. This includes offering support to those affected by addiction, as well as training chaplains to work in hospitals and prisons across Greater Boston.

## **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, Feb. 25**

**8:00 AM** Marko Simnovic—sp. intention

**9:15 AM** +Kevin McGovern

**10:30 AM** +Julie Karahalios

**11:45 AM** Olive Chukwvano—intentions

**1:15 PM** +Salome Machado

**4:00 PM** +William Turbert

**5:30 PM** +Edgar & +Odillia Castillo

### **Monday, Feb. 26**

**8:00 AM** Henricks Guyler Delva & Family

**12:05 PM** Walther Hosley

**4:45 PM** +Valerie Sebanitus

### **Tuesday, Feb. 27**

**8:00 AM** +Walter Heithaus

**12:05 PM** +Jim Doherty

**4:45 PM** Sandra Neves—Sp. Intention

### **Wednesday, Feb. 28**

**8:00 AM** Souls in Purgatory

**12:05 PM** +John B. Morse

**4:45 PM** Souls in Purgatory

### **Thursday, Feb. 29**

**8:00 AM** +Thomas DeCrescenzo

**12:05 PM** +Peter Mortimer

**4:45 PM** +Peter Phuona & +Peter Xang Tran

### **Friday, March 1**

**8:00 AM** +Maria & Carmen Diciaro

**12:05 PM** +Madeline & +Charles Reagan

**4:45 PM** Souls in Purgatory

### **Saturday, March 2**

**9:00 AM** Lorenzana Family—deceased members

**12:00 PM** Souls in Purgatory

**4:00 PM** +Marjorie Silva Rach

**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.



Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats (March 23, May 11)

*Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion?*  
The *Project Rachel* ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat. Spring dates are Saturday, March 23 and Saturday, May 11. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact *Project Rachel* at 508.651.3100 or

[help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

## Seeking Peace after Abortion?



**Project Rachel Retreats offer hope, healing and peace with God.**

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**March 23, 2024**

**May 11, 2024**

**June date TBA**

**Call 508-651-3100 for details.**  
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*"The Project Rachel retreat gave me hope. I now know that I can once again be active in my faith."*

*"The retreat was an experience I will take with me for the rest of my life. I received back the grace of God within me and felt a true sense of peace and self-forgiveness."*



If you are burdened by the spiritual and emotional pain of a past abortion, contact Project Rachel for more information about attending a retreat or getting a referral to a specially trained priest for sacramental Reconciliation. All services are free and confidential.

508-651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com)

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