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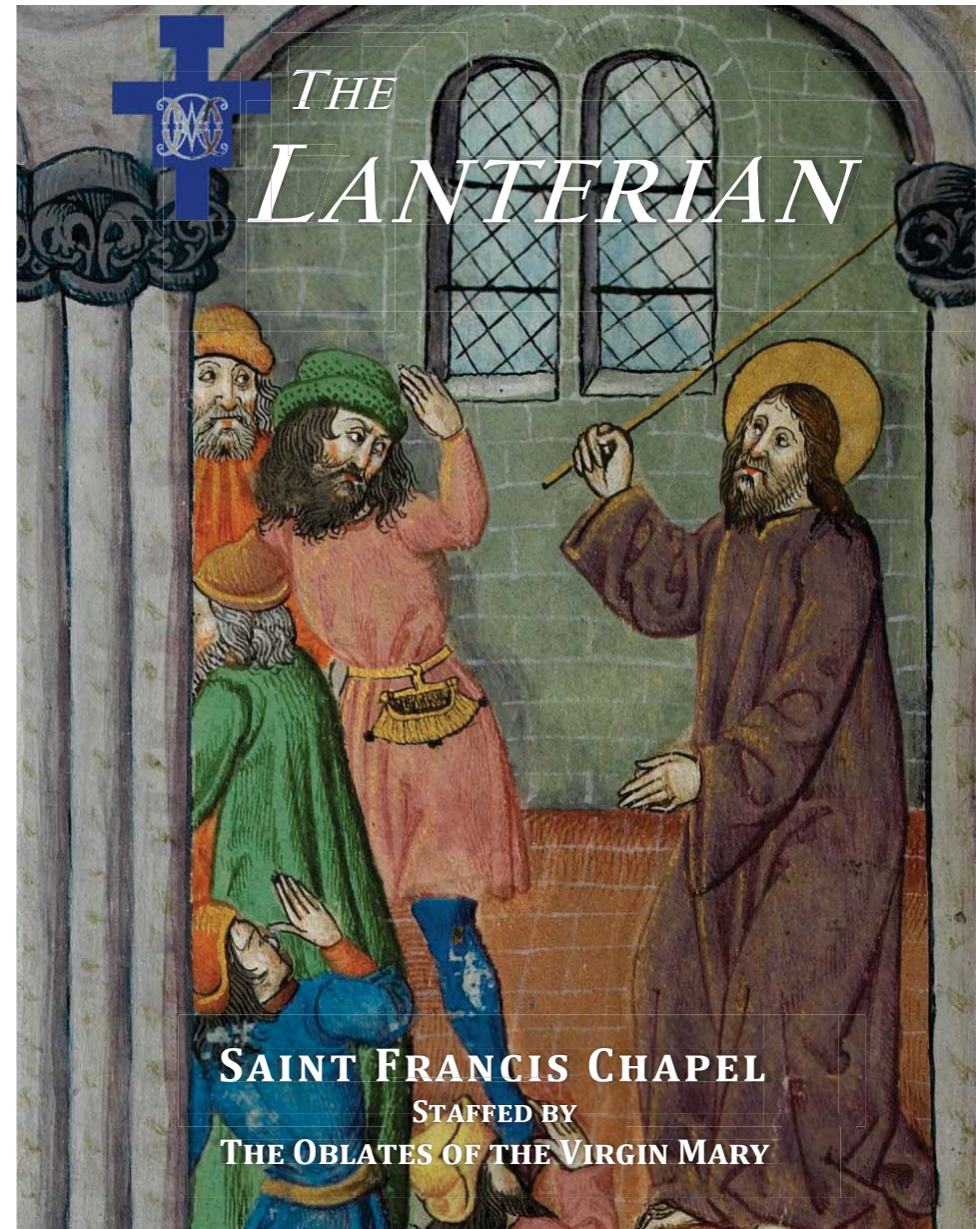
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MARCH 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent



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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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Christ Drives out the Money Changers. 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. Michael Warren, OMV

March is the Month of St. Joseph

When we consider the moral and spiritual life we do not usually think of the mind, of practicing good judgment and due consideration. Will often think simply of the will. Exercising good practical judgment, however, is actually the chief moral virtue. Prudence is that virtue by which a person knows how to apply principles to practical situations under changing circumstances, of placing truth into one's emotions. St. Joseph was a man of prudence; he was no simple dreamer. Joseph was a man of the mind, a man of prayer, consideration, practicality and judgment. He lived the virtue of prudence.

Already we saw how Joseph contemplated the mystery of Mary's pregnancy and considered what in justice he must do for her and for God. Later he had to plan the trip to Bethlehem with his pregnant wife (Luke 2:4). He had to work quickly to find shelter after there was no room for them in the inn at Bethlehem (Luke 2:7). When the angel of the Lord warned him about the plotting of King Herod, Joseph had to plan the trip to Egypt, find work and sustain his family while in a foreign country (Matthew 2:13-15). Now we see after the death of Herod Joseph was instructed that he could return with his family to Israel but when he heard that Herod's son was now ruling in Judea he judged it unwise to return there. Joseph knew that the principles of his faith required him to return to the Israel, the land of God's people but the timing and the destination were matters dependent upon changing circumstances. Joseph acted prudently in determining that Judea would not be safe for his family due to the rule of Herod's son. He chose a small town in the north, far from the center of power in Jerusalem to settle his family and guard the treasure of Jesus and Mary.

The prudent person is not selfish or improperly proud. St. Joseph did not rely solely on his own wisdom; rather, opened his mind to the counsel of the angel in assessing the circumstances. We also know that Joseph admitted that he felt fear in the situation. He was afraid to return to Judea because of the violent history of Herod's family. He felt no shame in experiencing fear but shared this with God in prayer, found his core strength in his faith, and acted with courage and practical judgment in deciding his course. Joseph felt the emotion of fear but he shaped that fear through good judgment with the truth of the angel's command and with his heart turned toward justice. Joseph was a prudent man.

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, March 3

8:00 AM +Marjorie Silva Rach

9:15 AM +Fr. Peter Polo

10:30 AM Named on the Memorial Tree

11:45 AM John & Jane Sexton

1:15 PM Erna Smith—Health

4:00 PM +Dimitri Spadaccini

5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 4

8:00 AM +Romelia, +Alejandro & +Sergio Norena

12:05 PM Fr. Kazimier Chwalek, MIC

4:45 PM +Raul, +Samuel & +Clarisa Mejia

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 AM +Rev. Fargus Healey, +Sr. Lucia Angel & Rev. Raul Zapata

12:05 PM +Francisco & +Belisario Lopez

4:45 PM +Raphael Ceron & +Luis Tama-yo

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05 PM +Fred Spadaccini

4:45 PM +Fr. James Alling

Thursday, March 7

8:00 AM Antonio Restrepo—Health

12:05 PM +Margaret & +Walter Doherty

4:45 PM Elfid Lopez—Health

Friday, March 8

8:00 AM In Gratitude to God

12:05 PM +Maria Mascarenhas

4:45 PM +Ricardo Balaga—anniv.

Saturday, March 9

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM +Julia Molloy

4:00 PM +Carmelita Lacsina

5:30 PM +Nancy Collins & +Peggy Ear-waker

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.

