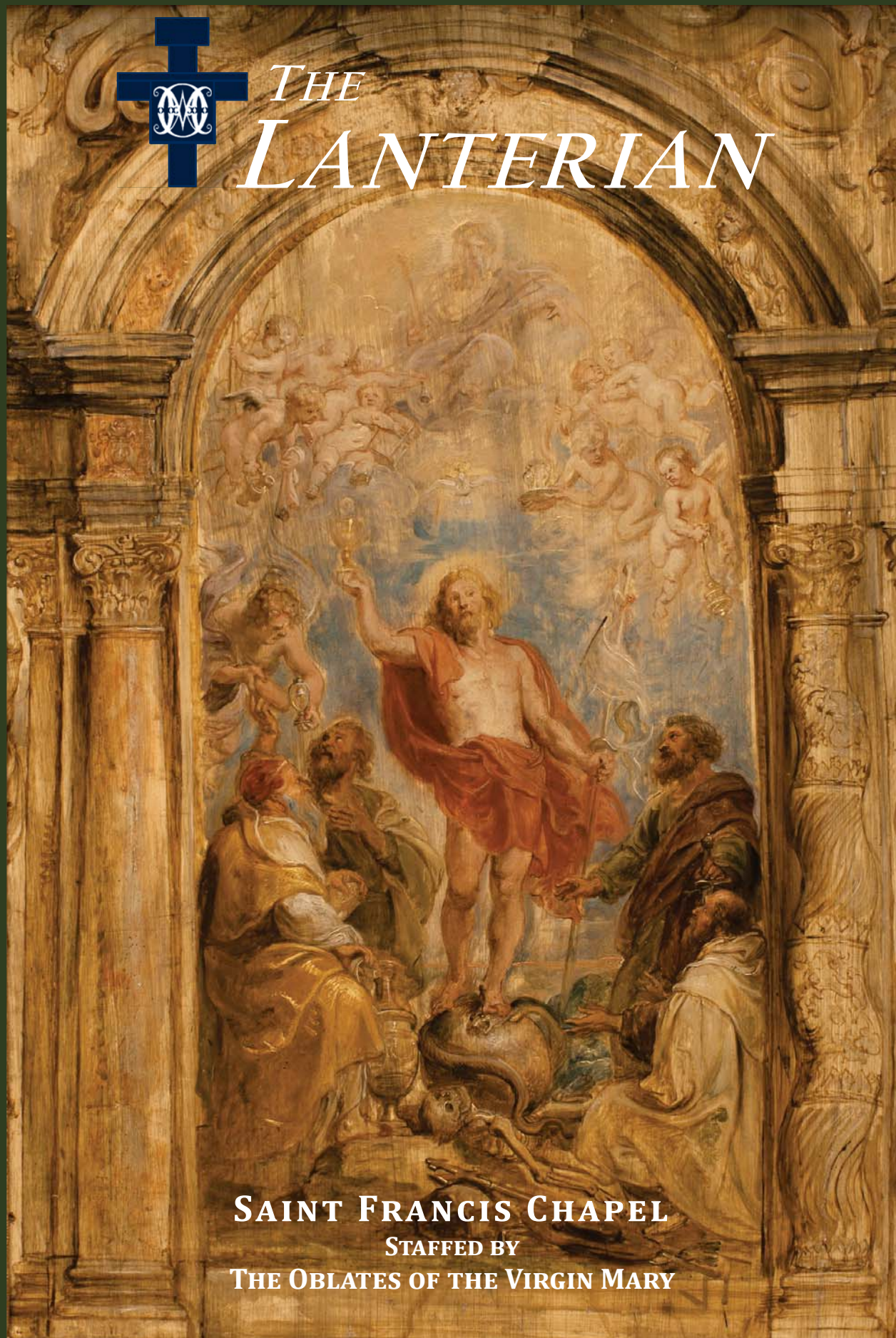


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SCHEDULE

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. 8:40 -11:40AM, 12:40-4:25PM;
After 4:45PM Mass by request

Saturday 9:40 - 11:40 AM, 12:40-3:30PM

Sunday By request in-between Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM

Saturday 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

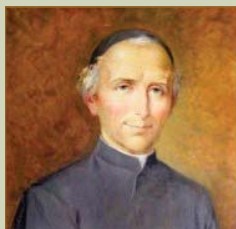
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*

Sunday 8:30AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Masses)

St Francis Chapel here in the Prudential Center has been staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV) since 1983. It is truly a place of mercy and peace. People attend and visit from all over Boston, the USA and the world. They attend Holy Mass, Adore the Lord Jesus, light a candle and oftentimes take advantage of our OMV Charism of Mercy, "beginning again" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Miracles occur in the confessional. In addition to this Chapel, the OMV serve at St Clement Eucharistic Shrine a few blocks from here, which is also our US Seminary, in Milton MA at our St. Joseph Retreat House as well as in Los Angeles, CA, Denver, CO, Alton, IL and Venice, FL. Additionally OMV priests and brothers minister in Italy, where we were founded in 1826, Austria, France, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, The Philippines and England. Learn more at OMVUSA.org.



Prayer Before Mass by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the OMV

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.

Welcome to the Chapel! Whether you are one of our daily or weekly faithful or visiting from the other side of the globe, or anywhere in between, thank you for joining us in prayer! We are blessed by you all! Many comment on the blessing of Christ's Sacramental presence and the love, mercy and peace they encounter in "The Chapel in the Mall." The Chapel has remained open here since 1969, entirely due to God's Providence working through your prayers, goodness, gratitude and generosity. The payment of our monthly rent, utilities and all expenses depends on Mass collections, (including the box by the door), online donations (including the QR codes), major gifts, candles, the kiosks in the vestibule, the gift shop (check it out!) and the Benefactors Memorial Tree in the vestibule. Thank you for your support of our ministry here. We are not able to serve here without you! Pray for us! God bless you!



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 AM - +Carmine & +Maria DiChiaro
9:15 AM - +Charles Yared
10:30 AM - Donald J. Trump
11:45 AM - Martin Corr—birthday
1:15 PM - +Margarita Barrera
4:00 PM - +Tim & +Ann Murphy-
Callahan
5:30 PM - + Edgar Castillo y + Olivia
Bolivar

Monday, August 26

8:00 AM - +Zeferina Mascarenhas
12:05 PM - Hendricks Guyler Delva &
family
4:45 PM - Fr. Ed Broom, OMV

Tuesday, August 27

8:00 AM - +Ed Broom
12:05 PM - +Bob Bellows
4:45 PM - +Eileen Tye

Wednesday, August 28

8:00 AM - +Joseph Denison
12:05 PM - Joan Broom
4:45 PM - +Cardinal Law

Thursday, August 29

8:00 AM - +Lopez Family
12:05 PM - +Allison Correa
4:45 PM - +Sheila Feitelberg

Friday, August 30

8:00 AM - +Loretta Payne
12:05 PM - Kathleen Corrigan
4:45 PM - Norah Owens—health

Saturday, August 31

9:00 AM - Mary O'Connor
12:00 PM - Juana Huaman—health
4:00 PM - +Cristina & +Genesio Spina
and +Robert Olivar
5:30 PM - Las Almas del Purgatorio

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

This past week, I was blessed to travel to Quebec with my father and one of my brothers. We drove up on Monday and returned Friday, and stayed with my OMV confreres in Montreal. It was a blessed pilgrimage trip, which included Masses and prayer time at the Oratory of St Joseph, built by St Andre Bessette, the beautiful Basilica and Shrine of St Anne de Beaupre just east of Quebec City, and prayers at the tomb of St Kateri Tekakwitha.

While at the Shrines I made some new friends and also ran into some old ones, including one of my priest seminary classmates, and some of the young adults from St Clements from years ago. Along with these, and combined with being with my dad and brother and my wonderful Canadian OMV priest - brothers, it was really a great experience of what pilgrimage and life is meant to be - choosing to journey together to Heaven.

Being able to offer Holy Mass, go to Confession and to feel so close to these great saints in very real ways is already heaven. The faith of thousands of other pilgrims at the Shrine is inspiring and encouraging. And to see at the Oratory and St Anne, so many faithful from all over the world on pilgrimage to love God and to honor the work he accomplished by his grace in all these saints, just makes me all the more to want to choose to live for God alone and more and more to live in the joy of Jesus and also to become a saint.

But, I guess, when it comes down to it, it's what I experience here at St Francis Chapel, practically every day! Holy Mass, Confession, the Communion of Saints (here I think of the relics we have here of St Francis, St Anthony, St Maria Goretti, St Faustina, St Maximilian Kolbe and St John Paul II), the fellowship of my brother OMV's and the people of God, and you from all over Boston and the world...Yes, God is so good, and we're all blessed to belong to him and to be called by him and as we hear in the scriptures in today's Mass, to choose, as Joshua and Peter did, to walk with our household, together toward Christ and Eternal Life, with and in the Holy Eucharist! May He be praised!



La semana pasada tuve la suerte de viajar a Quebec con mi padre y uno de mis hermanos. Llegamos el lunes y regresamos el viernes, y nos quedamos con mis hermanos de OMV en Montreal. Fue un bendito viaje de peregrinación, que incluyó misas y tiempo de oración en el Oratorio de San José, construido por San André Bessette, la hermosa Basílica y Santuario de Santa Ana de Beaupré, al este de la ciudad de Quebec, y oraciones en la tumba de Santa Kateri Tekakwitha.

Mientras estuve en los Santuarios hice algunos nuevos amigos y también me encontré con algunos viejos, incluido uno de mis compañeros de seminario de sacerdotes y algunos de los jóvenes adultos de St Clements de hace años. Junto con esto, y combinado con estar con mi padre, mi hermano y mis maravillosos hermanos sacerdotes canadienses del OMV, fue realmente una gran experiencia de lo que debe ser la peregrinación y la vida: elegir viajar juntos al Cielo.

Poder ofrecer la Santa Misa, confesarse y sentirse tan cerca de estos grandes santos de maneras muy reales ya es el paraíso. La fe de miles de otros peregrinos en el Santuario es inspiradora y alentadora. Y ver en el Oratorio y en Santa Ana a tantos fieles de todo el mundo en peregrinación para amar a Dios y honrar la obra que él realizó por su gracia en todos estos santos, me hace querer aún más elegir vivir. sólo para Dios y cada vez más para vivir en la alegría de Jesús y también para llegar a ser santo.

Pero supongo que, a fin de cuentas, es lo que experimento aquí en la Capilla de San Francisco, ¡prácticamente todos los días! La Santa Misa, la Confesión, la Comunión de los Santos (aquí pienso en las reliquias que tenemos aquí de San Francisco, San Antonio, Santa María Goretti, Santa Faustina, San Maximiliano Kolbe y San Juan Pablo II), la comunión de mis hermanos OMV y el pueblo de Dios, y ustedes de todo Boston y del mundo... Sí, Dios es tan bueno, y todos tenemos la bendición de pertenecerle y de ser llamados por él y, como escuchamos en las Escrituras en la Misa de hoy, elegir, como lo hicieron Josué y Pedro, caminar con nuestra casa, juntos hacia Cristo y la Vida Eterna, con y en la Sagrada Eucaristía. ¡Alabado sea!



The Passion of John the Baptist

August 29

O most zealous Apostle, who, without working any miracle on others, but solely by the example of thy life of penance and the power of thy word, didst draw after thee the multitudes, in order to dispose them to receive the Messiah worthily and to listen to His heavenly doctrine; grant that it may be given unto us, by means of thy example of a holy life and the exercise of every good work, to bring many souls to God, but above all those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance and are led astray by vice.

O Martyr invincible, who, for the honor of God and the salvation of souls didst with firmness and constancy withstand the impiety of Herod even at the cost of thine own life, and didst rebuke him openly for his wicked and dissolute life; by thy prayers obtain for us a heart, brave and generous, in order that we may overcome all human respect and openly profess our faith in loyal obedience to the teachings of Jesus Christ, our divine Master. Amen.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE EUCHARIST IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION

1335 The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigure the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist. The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.

1336 The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?": the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

1337 The Lord, having loved those who were his own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal he washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order never to depart from his own and to make them sharers in his Passover, he instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of his death and Resurrection, and commanded his apostles to celebrate it until his return; "thereby he constituted them priests of the New Testament."

The Eucharistic Faith of St. Peter and the Skepticism of Judas

In the end, Jesus was abandoned by his disciples. Two in particular fell farther than the others. While the name of Judas forever stands as synonymous with betrayal, the name of Peter stands through the ages as the rock of the Church's faith. Yet, both men failed the Lord in his hour. How is it that one could stand in infamy and the other become the first pope?

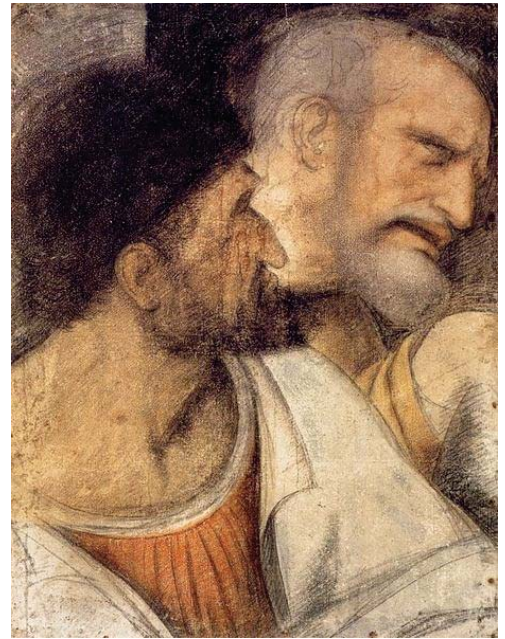
In the Gospel of John we first hear of a traitor in chapter 6. Jesus has just revealed that his body is true food and his blood true drink. His disciples begin to murmur about this teaching on the Eucharist. It is revealed then that Jesus knew there were some who did not believe and there was one who would betray him. After this, many of his original disciples leave him. Turning to his twelve apostles Jesus asks them if they also wish to leave. It is Peter who replies, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

The drama centers around Peter, Judas and the Eucharist. Peter announces that he will remain with Jesus and his words of eternal life. Judas does not believe and will subsequently betray Jesus. When the time of Jesus' Passion arrived it would be Judas who would leave during the Last Supper when the Eucharist was instituted. He would betray Jesus from that moment. Peter would later deny that he knew Jesus when confronted so as to escape arrest. But the final outcome for the two is very different. Both men would come to see their actions as terrible. Judas would commit suicide but Peter would come back to Jesus and be forgiven. No matter what would happen Peter clung to the words of Jesus and to belief in the Eucharist. In the end it is Peter who believed that if Jesus would give his body and blood as food and drink, then he would forgive all sins to those who repent. Judas, who never believed in the Eucharist, and therefore could not experience (see) its goodness, could not trust Jesus in the end. Both Judas and Peter were influenced by the spirit of Satan, but Peter held fast to the words of Jesus, while Judas did not.

In Shakespeare's play *Cymbeline*, Imogen, the daughter of the king of Britain, marries Posthumus, a member of the royal court. The king is angry about this secret wedding so he banishes Posthumus from Brittainy. Before they part, the couple exchange a ring and a bracelet to symbolize their love and fidelity to one another. In Rome Posthumus meets a man named Iachimo and boasts to him of his wife's chastity and fidelity, even though they are parted. Iachimo wagers that he can travel to Britain and entice Imogen to betray her vows and that he shall bring back to Rome proof that he has done so. Posthumus very foolishly agrees to the wager.

Iachimo utterly fails in his attempt to entice Imogen, who remains faithful, but through treachery he steals the bracelet Posthumus gave to her as a symbol of their union. When Iachimo returns to Rome with the bracelet, Posthumus believes that Imogen has been unfaithful and flies into a rage, even plotting to kill her. The prideful Posthumus so easily forgets the virtue of Imogen and her vows to him. Instead, he accepts the words of a scoundrel simply because Iachimo shows him the bracelet. Rather than trust his experience of life with Imogen, who has always proved true, Posthumus has placed his trust in appearances. All of his attention and faith is in the appearance of the bracelet, not in the substance of Imogen's vows.

Judas trusted more in appearances than in the substance of his experience of Christ. Peter held on to the words of Christ and trusted that what he received at the Last Supper was the gift of Jesus' body and blood sacrificed for him and for you. The Eucharistic faith of Peter held on tightly to the words of Jesus even when everything around him seemed to collapse. Peter was solidified by the Blessed Sacrament.

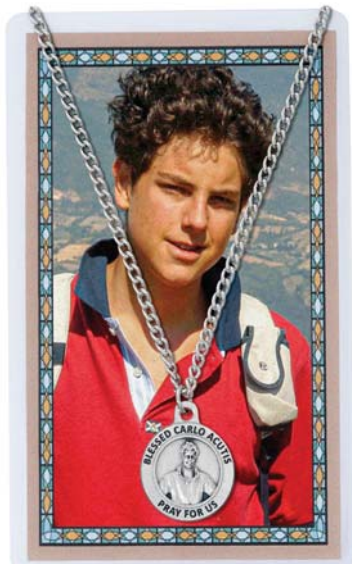


Heads of Judas and Peter. Drawing of Leonardo da Vinci. Ackland Art Museum.

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Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia

Saturday, September 7, 2024, 9:00AM



Events:

9:00 AM - Holy Mass

Followed by: the Monthly-First Saturday Rosary and Procession
9th-Day Novena Prayers
Fellowship and Lunch

The 1st to the 8th days of the novena to Our Lady of Penafrancia will be prayed privately starting August 30, 2024 with the 9th day to be prayed as a community during the feast day.

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