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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

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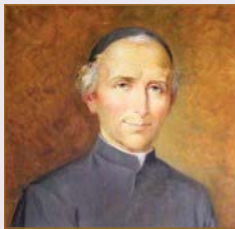
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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!

Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship)

is a new young adult initiative in collaboration with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine.

Recent college grads and young professionals 20-29 are welcome!

Reach out to stclementac@gmail.com with any questions or consult our website (scan QR code below).

**Every Monday from 7-8:30 PM
at St. Clement Shrine, 1105 Boylston Street, Boston:**

December 2: Sacraments Night (Advent Preparation Holy Hour)

December 9: Marian Apparition and St. Juan Diego
(Dominican Sisters)

December 16: Spiritual Gifts (Br. Joe)

December 23: AC Social

December 30: No meeting

January 6: Sacraments Night



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:00 AM - +Rev. Franklin Mussi

9:15 AM - +Areti Kiara

10:30 AM - +Ellen M. Kana—Month's
Mind

11:45 AM - +Richard Frain

1:15 PM - Francisco Guardado y Familia

4:00 PM - +Jean Lucarelli

5:30 PM - +Deddy Tedjamukti

Monday, December 2

8:00 AM - Doris Boutin—6th anniv.

12:05 PM - +Fr. Leonard Feeney

4:45 PM - +Al Donaghy

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM - +Susan Bogorad

12:05 PM - Holy Souls in Purgatory

4:45 PM - +Michael Just

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 AM - +Rose Aceto

12:05 PM - Denise Dougherty—birthday

4:45 PM - Anniversary

Thursday, December 5

8:00 AM - +Ellen Elcock

12:05 PM - George Grey

4:45 PM - Pingcas Family

Friday, December 6

8:00 AM - +Dolores Boyle

12:05 PM - +Br. John Mangazini

4:45 PM - +Tim & +Anne Murphy-
Callahan

Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM - Bishop & Alejandra Rowell

12:00 PM - +Enrique Rivas

4:00 PM - +Manuel Alvaran—anniv.

5:30 PM - +Ercilia Nuñez y +Leoncio
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The Pope's Prayer Intention for December:

For Pilgrims of Hope



We pray that
this Jubilee Year
strengthen our
faith, helping us
to recognize the
Risen Christ in
our daily lives,

and that it may transform us into
pilgrims of Christian hope.

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! Yes, Happy New Year! Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the Church and the world begin a new year, and we recall yet again that God came among us and will come again, and indeed that he is always standing at the door, our door, my door, and knocking, asking that we might let him in. He, Emmanuel, "God with us" whose birth we'll celebrate come Christmas, invites us to prepare ourselves yet again to celebrate and rejoice in his birth.

As we light the first candle of the four weeks of this brief but eternally important preparatory time, we can ask ourselves, what housekeeping do I need to do in order to warmly welcome the Baby Jesus when he comes at Christmas? Has it been a while since I went to Confession? Is there someone with whom I need to humbly reconcile, perhaps taking the first step toward that? Maybe in my family? Do I need to commit more time to prayer on a daily and weekly basis? Do I need the courage to ask my spouse and family to pray with me? Do I need help with some ongoing struggle in my life, perhaps an addiction to alcohol, lust, food, work? How can I and my family consecrate Advent and Christmas and this New Year to God? An Advent wreath and candles on our dining room table or in our prayer corner? Perhaps this is the time to begin - or begin again - our family Rosary - and since you'll have the habit down by Christmas, why not continue!? We probably all need to pause in the face of growing commercialism and secularism, to take some step toward putting the humble Baby Jesus, Lord and King of the Universe, first in our life. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! Happy Advent!



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz año nuevo! ¡Sí, feliz año nuevo! Hoy es el Primer Domingo de Adviento y la Iglesia y el mundo comienzan un nuevo año, y recordamos una vez más que Dios vino entre nosotros y volverá a venir, y de hecho, que siempre está a la puerta, nuestra puerta, mi puerta, y llamando, pidiendo que le dejemos entrar. Él, Emmanuel, "Dios con nosotros" cuyo nacimiento celebraremos en Navidad, nos invita a prepararnos una vez más para celebrar y regocijarnos en su nacimiento.

Al encender la primera vela de las cuatro semanas de este breve pero eternamente importante tiempo preparatorio, podemos preguntarnos: ¿qué tareas domésticas debo hacer para recibir calurosamente al Niño Jesús cuando venga en Navidad? ¿Ha pasado un tiempo desde que me confesé? ¿Hay alguien con quien necesito reconciliarme humildemente, quizás dando el primer paso hacia eso? ¿Quizás en mi familia? ¿Necesito dedicar más tiempo a la oración diaria y semanalmente? ¿Necesito el valor de pedirle a mi cónyuge y a mi familia que oren conmigo? ¿Necesito ayuda con alguna lucha continua en mi vida, tal vez una adicción al alcohol, la lujuria, la comida, el trabajo? ¿Cómo puedo yo y mi familia consagrar el Adviento, la Navidad y este Año Nuevo a Dios? ¿Una corona de Adviento y velas en la mesa del comedor o en nuestro rincón de oración? Quizás este sea el momento de comenzar - o comenzar de nuevo - nuestro Rosario familiar - y ya que para Navidad habrás perdido el hábito, ¿por qué no continuar? Probablemente todos necesitemos hacer una pausa ante el creciente comercialismo y secularismo, para dar algún paso hacia poner al humilde Niño Jesús, Señor y Rey del Universo, en primer lugar en nuestra vida. ¡Oh Ven, oh Ven, Emmanuel! ¡Feliz Adviento!



Nunc Coepi - How to "Begin Again" this Advent with Venerable Bruno Lanteri, OMV

Lanteri's heart perceives with special joy the "unshakable gentleness in every occasion" of Christ (Un'esperienza, 146), and the warmth of that humble attitude which is "characteristic of Christ" (ibid., 133); he desires to foster such dispositions in those he directs spiritually. Lanteri finds in our inevitable failings an opportunity to grow in a humility, which removes all discouragement regarding such faults, and gives us peace.

"I will treat all those who live here with great warmth and politeness.... I will always be joyful in the company of others, and I will willingly accede to the tastes of the other women in matters of leisure time and in all that is not a question of sin."

— *To a Married Woman, Positio, 535*

"Peace of heart, a joyful spirit, love of neighbor, compassion for the sorrows of others, goodness of heart, patience, quiet endurance, affability, acceptance of others' desires which are not of offense to God: in short, to be gentle and lowly of heart. This is the character I propose to have and which I will continually ask of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of Mary." — *To a Married Woman, ibid., 540*

"I beg you then with all the energy of my heart, not to be afraid of your past failings, but rather to let the memory of them lead you to a greater knowledge of yourself and humility before the Lord, and, at the same time, to encourage you to trust all the more in our heavenly Father, who is always so ready to welcome, forgive, and assist us." — *To Ricasoli, Carteggio, II, 170*



Nunc Coepi - Cómo "comenzar de nuevo" este Adviento con el Venerable Bruno Lanteri, OMV

El corazón de Lanteri percibe con especial alegría la "dulzura inquebrantable en cada ocasión" de Cristo (Un'esperienza, 146), y la calidez de esa actitud humilde que es "característica de Cristo" (ibid., 133); desea fomentar tales disposiciones en aquellos a quienes dirige espiritualmente. Lanteri encuentra en nuestros inevitables fracasos una oportunidad para crecer en una humildad que elimina todo desánimo ante tales errores y nos da paz.

"Trataré a todos los que viven aquí con gran calidez y cortesía.... Estaré siempre alegre en compañía de otras, y accederé de buen grado a los gustos de las demás mujeres en materia de tiempo libre y en todo lo que no sea cuestión de pecado". — *A una mujer casada, Positio, 535*

"La paz del corazón, el espíritu alegre, el amor al prójimo, la compasión por los dolores ajenos, la bondad de corazón, la paciencia, la paciencia, la afabilidad, la aceptación de los deseos ajenos que no ofenden a Dios: en una palabra, ser amables. y humilde de corazón. Éste es el carácter que me propongo tener y que pediré continuamente al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y de María". — *A una mujer casada, ibíd., 540*

"Te ruego, pues, con todas las energías de mi corazón, que no tengas miedo de tus fracasos pasados, sino que deses que el recuerdo de ellos te lleve a un mayor conocimiento de ti mismo y a la humildad ante el Señor, y, al mismo tiempo, , para animaros a confiar aún más en nuestro Padre celestial, que está siempre dispuesto a acogernos, perdonarnos y ayudarnos". — *A Ricasoli, Cartaggio, II, 170*

Advent Wreath and Prayers at Home

Each day your family should gather around the Advent wreath, generally before the evening meal. The proper number of candles are then lighted and a prayer is said.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

It starts at the evening meal on the Saturday before the first Sunday in Advent with the blessing of the wreath. (The head of the household is the one designated to say the prayers, following which various members of his family light the candles. If the group is not a family, then a leader may be selected to say the prayers and others appointed to light the candles.) The following prayer can be used.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The wreath would then be sprinkled with water. Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week in Advent.

FIRST WEEK The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, That by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candle is allowed to burn during evening meals for the first week.

SECOND WEEK The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the second week. After the prayer, the oldest child lights the first and second purple candles.

Leader: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The two candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the second week.

THIRD WEEK The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as "Gaudete") is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink, as well as the two previously burned purple candles, after the following prayer has been said.

Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The three candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the third week.

FOURTH WEEK The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the fourth week. After the prayer, the father lights all four candles.

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The four candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the fourth week.



Corona de Adviento y Oraciones en Casa



Cada día, su familia debe reunirse alrededor de la corona de Adviento, generalmente antes de la cena. A continuación, se enciende el número adecuado de velas y se reza una oración.

BENDICIÓN DE LA CORONA DE ADVIENTO

Comienza con la cena del sábado anterior al primer domingo de Adviento con la bendición de la corona. (El cabeza de familia es el designado para decir las oraciones, después de lo cual varios miembros de su familia encienden las velas. Si el grupo no es una familia, entonces se puede seleccionar a un líder para que diga las oraciones y se puede designar a otros para encender las velas). Se puede usar la siguiente oración.

Líder: Nuestra ayuda es en el nombre del Señor.

Todos: Quienes hicieron el cielo y la tierra.

Líder: Oh Dios, por cuya Palabra todas las cosas son santificadas, derrama Tu bendición sobre esta corona y concede que los que la usamos podamos preparar nuestros corazones para la venida de Cristo y podamos recibir de Ti abundantes gracias. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

A continuación, la corona se rociaba con agua. Luego sigue la oración que se dice antes de la cena cada noche de la primera semana de Adviento.

PRIMERA SEMANA *La siguiente oración debe repetirse cada día durante la primera semana. Después de la oración, el hijo menor de la familia enciende la primera vela morada. (Los miembros de la familia también pueden turnarse para encender y soplar las velas cada noche).*

Líder: Oh Señor, despierta Tu poder, Te lo suplicamos, y ven, para que por Tu protección podamos merecer ser rescatados de los peligros amenazantes de nuestros pecados y salvados por Tu liberación. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

La vela se deja arder durante las cenas durante la primera semana.

SEGUNDA SEMANA *La oración que sigue debe repetirse cada día de la segunda semana. Después de la oración, el niño mayor enciende la primera y la segunda vela morada.*

Líder: Oh Señor, despierta nuestros corazones para que nos preparemos para Tu Hijo unigénito, para que a través de Su venida seamos dignos de servirte con mentes puras. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

Las dos velas se dejan arder durante las cenas de la segunda semana.

TERCERA SEMANA *El alegre domingo de Adviento (conocido como "Gaudete") está representado por el rosa (o rosa) en lugar del color púrpura penitencial. Cada noche durante la tercera semana la madre de familia enciende el color rosa, así como las dos velas moradas previamente encendidas, después de que se haya dicho la siguiente oración.*

Líder: Oh Señor, te suplicamos que inclines tu oído a nuestras oraciones e ilumines la oscuridad de nuestras mentes con la gracia de tu visitación. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

Las tres velas se dejan arder durante las cenas de la tercera semana.

CUARTA SEMANA *La oración que sigue debe repetirse cada día de la cuarta semana. Después de la oración, el padre enciende las cuatro velas.*

Líder: Oh Señor, despierta Tu poder, te lo rogamus, y ven; y con gran poder ayúdanos, para que con la ayuda de Tu Gracia, Tu perdón misericordioso apresure lo que nuestros pecados impiden. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

Las cuatro velas pueden arder durante las cenas de la cuarta semana.

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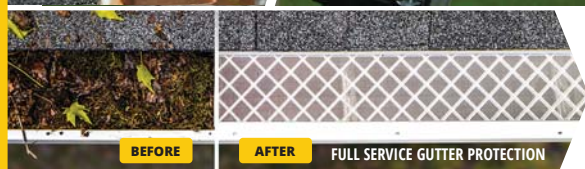


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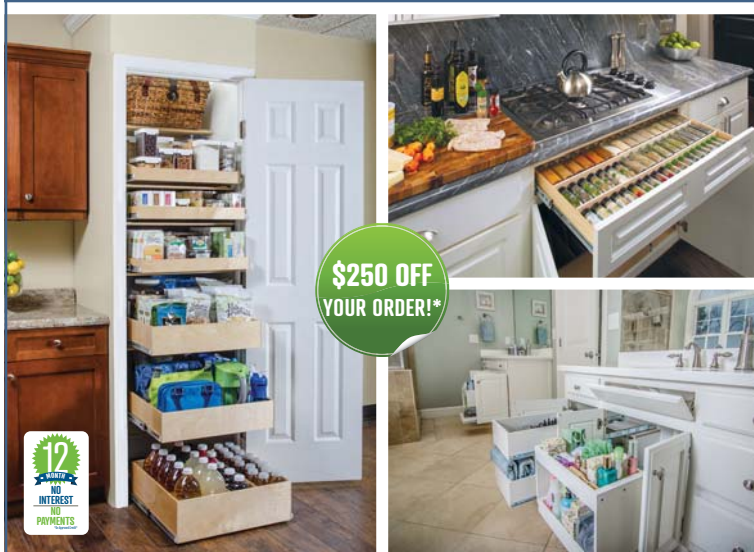
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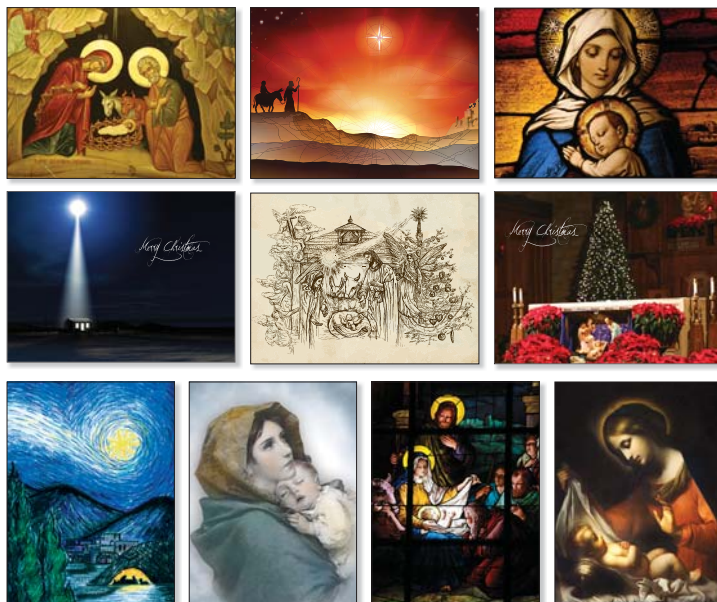
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