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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

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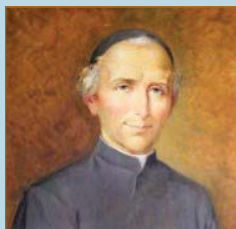
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*
Sunday 8:30AM - 6:30PM*
(*Closed during Masses)

DEC. 9 — IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**MASSSES: 8 AM, 11 AM, 12:05 PM, 4 PM,
5:10 PM, [7 PM—en español]**

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!

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

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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 9: Marian Aparition 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 8, 2024

8:00 AM - Jaime Alberto Arroyave Velasquez
9:15 AM - +Ligia Tosta
10:30 AM - Those Named on the Memorial Tree & the Chapel Benefactors

11:45 AM - +Douglas Michaud
1:15 PM - Acción de Gracias a la Virgen
4:00 PM - Paul Scheeler—birthday
5:30 PM - +Vincent & +Clara Arnot

Monday, December 9

8:00 AM - +Alan Salinas
11:00 AM - Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM - Donna LeCam
4:00 PM - +Daniel Aguilar
5:10 PM - +Sara Maria
7:00 PM - Accion de Gracias a San Antonio

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 AM - Joni Gilmour—birthday
12:05 PM - +Della Peruta Family
4:45 PM - +Virginia Terrazzano

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 AM - +Rita & +David Haverty
12:05 PM - +James Doherty
4:45 PM - +John Lane

Thursday, December 12

8:00 AM - Guadalupe Torres
12:05 PM - +Virgilio & +Maria José Aguilar
4:45 PM - +Mark Francis Molloy

Friday, December 13

8:00 AM - +Mary Connelly
12:05 PM - Special Intention: the Unborn
4:45 PM - +Rita Kopp

Saturday, December 14

9:00 AM - Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM - Teddy Chagnon

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 Mary Immaculate,

What a week we have to look forward to and live! All with Jesus and Mary and the Saints! Because today is December 8, the day on which we normally would honor Our Lady in her Immaculate Conception, and since today is Sunday, this great Solemnity and Holy day of Obligation is transferred to tomorrow, Monday, December 9. Every Sunday is a "little Easter," on which we weekly celebrate the new Sabbath, the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. So the Sunday celebration of the Lord always takes precedence over any saint, even Mother Mary, the Queen of Saints. So we are blessed in Adventide, as we walk with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, to attend and pray the Mass on Monday with Mary, who was Immaculately Conceived so as to be a worthy dwelling for God who has come among us in her Son, Jesus.

But wait, there's more! December 9 is normally the date of the celebration of St Juan Diego, who was blessed by Mary when she came to him at Guadalupe, Mexico on that day in 1531 (read elsewhere in the bulletin a summary of that incredibly blessed encounter). Between December 9 and 12, 1531, Mary appeared to him four times, and on the last time on December 12, left him with the great and enduring gift of her presence in her supernaturally created image on his tilma or cloak (See bulletin cover), still venerated by millions each year in Mexico City (I hope to lead a pilgrimage to Guadalupe next year, and if you're interested, please let me know). And so also this week we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday, December 12. Truly a week of Jesus and Mary!

To Juan Diego, who was a humble, simple and devout man, yet anxious because of his dying uncle, Mary said:

"My child, my littlest one, listen to my words
and allow them to penetrate your heart.
Allow nothing to afflict you or cause you anguish.
Let nothing disturb your heart.
Am I not here, I who am your Mother?
Are you not in my shadow and under my protection?
Am I not the source of your life?
Are you not in the folds of my mantle,
in the crossing of my arms?
Do you need anything more?"

My dear brothers and Sisters in Jesus and Our Lady of Guadalupe, fear nothing, and this Advent run to Mary's arms. Let her speak these words to you. She will bring you and yours to Jesus.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en María Inmaculada,

¡Qué semana nos toca esperar y vivir! ¡Todos con Jesús y María y los Santos! Porque hoy es 8 de diciembre, día en el que normalmente honraríamos a Nuestra Señora en su Inmaculada Concepción, y como hoy es domingo, esta gran Solemnidad y Santo día de Obligación se traslada a mañana lunes 9 de diciembre. Cada domingo es un "pequeña Pascua", en la que celebramos semanalmente el nuevo sábado, la Resurrección del Señor Jesús. Por eso la celebración dominical del Señor siempre tiene prioridad sobre cualquier santo, incluso sobre la Madre María, la Reina de los Santos. Así que somos bendecidos en Adviento, mientras caminamos con María y José hacia Belén, para asistir y rezar la Misa del lunes con María, quien fue Inmaculadamente Concebida para ser una morada digna de Dios que ha venido entre nosotros en su Hijo. Jesús.

¡Pero espera, que hay más! El 9 de diciembre es normalmente la fecha de celebración de San Juan Diego, quien fue bendecido por María cuando vino a él en Guadalupe, México, ese día de 1531 (lea en otra parte del boletín un resumen de ese encuentro increíblemente bendito). Entre el 9 y el 12 de diciembre de 1531, María se le apareció cuatro veces, y la última vez, el 12 de diciembre, le dejó el gran y duradero regalo de su presencia en su imagen creada sobrenaturalmente en su tilma o manto (Ver portada del boletín)., todavía venerado por millones cada año en la Ciudad de México (espero encabezar una peregrinación a Guadalupe el próximo año, y si estás interesado, házmelo saber). Y así también esta semana celebramos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el jueves 12 de diciembre. ¡Verdaderamente una semana de Jesús y María!

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A Juan Diego, que era un hombre humilde, sencillo y devoto, aunque angustiado por la muerte de su tío, María le dijo:

"Hijo mío, lo más pequeño mío, escucha mis palabras.
y permite que penetren en tu corazón.
No permitáis que nada os aflija ni os cause angustia.
Que nada turbe tu corazón.
¿No estoy yo aquí, yo que soy vuestra Madre?
¿No estás a mi sombra y bajo mi protección?
¿No soy yo la fuente de tu vida?
¿No estás en los pliegues de mi manto,
en el cruce de mis brazos?
¿Necesitas algo más?"

Mis queridos hermanos y Hermanas en Jesús y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, no teman nada, y este Adviento corran a los brazos de María. Déjala que te diga estas palabras. Ella te llevará a ti y a los tuyos a Jesús.

From a Report by Don Antonio Valeriano, a Native American Author of the Sixteenth Century

(Nicon Mopohua, 12th ed., 3-9, 21)

The Voice of the Turtledove has been heard in our land

At daybreak one Saturday morning in 1531, on the very first days of the month of December, an Indian named Juan Diego was going from the village where he lived to Tlatelolco in order to take part in divine worship and listen to God's commandments. When he came near the hill called Tepeyac, dawn had already come, and Juan Diego heard someone calling him from the very top of the hill: "Juanito, Juan Dieguito."

He went up the hill and caught sight of a lady of unearthly grandeur whose clothing was as radiant as the sun. She said to him in words both gentle and courteous: "Juanito, the humblest of my children, know and understand that I am the ever virgin Mary, Mother of the true God through whom all things live. It is my ardent desire that a church be erected here so that in it I can show and bestow my love, compassion, help, and protection to all who inhabit this land and to those others who love me, that they might call upon and confide in me. Go to the Bishop of Mexico to make known to him what I greatly desire. Go and put all your efforts into this."

When Juan Diego arrived in the presence of the Bishop, Fray Juan de Zumarraga, a Franciscan, the latter did not seem to believe Juan Diego and answered: "Come another time, and I will listen at leisure."

Juan Diego returned to the hilltop where the Heavenly Lady was waiting, and he said to her: "My Lady, my maiden, I presented your message to the Bishop, but it seemed that he did not think it was the truth. For this reason I beg you to entrust your message to someone more illustrious who might convey it in order that they may believe it, for I am only an insignificant man."

She answered him: "Humblest of my sons, I ask that tomorrow you again go to see the Bishop and tell him that I, the ever virgin holy Mary, Mother of God, am the one who personally sent you."

But on the following day, Sunday, the Bishop again did not believe Juan Diego and told him that some sign was necessary so that he could believe that it was the Heavenly Lady herself who sent him. And then he dismissed Juan Diego.

On Monday Juan Diego did not return. His uncle, Juan Bernardino, became very ill, and at night asked Juan to go to Tlatelolco at daybreak to call a priest to hear his confession.

Juan Diego set out on Tuesday, but he went around the hill and passed on the other side, toward the east, so as to arrive quickly in Mexico City and to avoid being detained by the Heavenly Lady. But she came out to meet him on that side of the hill and said to him: "Listen and understand, my humblest son. There is nothing to frighten and distress you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and let nothing upset you. Is it not I, your Mother, who is here? Are you not under my protection? Are you not, fortunately, in my care? Do not let your uncle's illness distress you. It is certain that he has already been cured. Go up to the hilltop, my son, where you will find flowers of various kinds. Cut them, and bring them into my presence."

When Juan Diego reached the peak, he was astonished that so many Castilian roses had burst forth at a time when the frost was severe. He carried the roses in the folds of his tilma (mantle) to the Heavenly Lady. She said to him: "My son, this is the proof and the sign which you will bring to the Bishop so that he will see my will in it. You are my ambassador, very worthy of trust."

Juan Diego set out on his way, now content and sure of succeeding. On arriving in the Bishop's presence, he told him: "My lord, I did what you asked. The Heavenly Lady complied with your request and fulfilled it. She sent me to the hilltop to cut some Castilian roses and told me to bring them to you in person. And this I am doing, so that you can see in them the sign you seek in order to carry out her will. Here they are; receive them."

He immediately opened up his white mantle, and as all the different Castilian roses scattered to the ground, there was drawn on the cloak and suddenly appeared the precious image of the ever virgin Mary, Mother of God, in the same manner as it is today and is kept in her shrine of Tepeyac.

The whole city was stirred and came to see and admire her venerable image and to offer prayers to her; and following the command which the same Heavenly Lady gave to Juan Bernardino when she restored him to health, they called her by the name that she herself had used: "the ever virgin holy Mary of Guadalupe."



De un Informe de Don Antonio Valeriano, un Autor Nativo Americano del Siglo XVI.

(Nicon Mopohua, 12ª ed., 3-9, 21)

La Voz de la Tórtola se ha escuchado en nuestra tierra

Al amanecer de un sábado por la mañana de 1531, en los primeros días del mes de diciembre, un indio llamado Juan Diego se dirigía desde el pueblo donde vivía a Tlatelolco para participar del culto divino y escuchar los mandamientos de Dios. Cuando llegó cerca del cerro llamado Tepeyac, ya había amanecido, y Juan Diego oyó que alguien lo llamaba desde lo alto del cerro: "Juanito, Juan Dieguito".

Subió la colina y vio a una dama de grandeza sobrenatural cuya ropa era tan radiante como el sol. Ella le dijo con palabras amables y corteses: "Juanito, el más humilde de mis hijos, conoce y comprende que soy la siempre virgen María, Madre del Dios verdadero, por quien todas las cosas viven. Es mi ardiente deseo que una iglesia erigir aquí para que en él pueda mostrar y otorgar mi amor, compasión, ayuda y protección a todos los que habitan esta tierra y a aquellos que me aman, para que puedan invocarme y confiar en mí. México para darle a conocer lo que tanto deseo. Id y poned todos vuestros esfuerzos en esto."

Cuando Juan Diego llegó en presencia del obispo fray Juan de Zumárraga, franciscano, éste no pareció creerle a Juan Diego y respondió: "Ven en otra ocasión y te escucharé tranquilamente".

Juan Diego volvió a la cima del cerro donde esperaba la Celestial Señora, y le dijo: "Señora mía, doncella mía, presenté tu mensaje al Obispo, pero parecía que él no creía que fuera verdad. Por esta razón Te ruego que confíes tu mensaje a alguien más ilustre que lo transmita para que lo crean, porque soy sólo un hombre insignificante.

Ella le respondió: "El más humilde de mis hijos, te pido que mañana vuelvas a ver al Obispo y le digas que soy yo, la siempre virgen Santa María, Madre de Dios, quien personalmente te envió".

Pero al día siguiente, domingo, el Obispo nuevamente no le creyó a Juan Diego y le dijo que era necesaria alguna señal para que creyera que era la misma Señora Celestial quien lo enviaba. Y luego despidió a Juan Diego.

El lunes Juan Diego no regresó. Su tío, Juan Bernardino, enfermó gravemente y por la noche le pidió a Juan que fuera al amanecer a Tlatelolco para llamar a un sacerdote para confesarlo.

Juan Diego salió el martes, pero rodeó el cerro y pasó del otro lado, hacia el oriente, para llegar rápidamente a la ciudad de México y no ser detenido por la Señora Celestial. Pero ella salió a su encuentro en aquella ladera del monte y le dijo: "Escucha y comprende, humilde hijo mío. No hay nada que te espante ni te angustie. No se turbe tu corazón, ni dejes que nada te turbe. ¿No soy yo, vuestra Madre, la que está aquí? ¿No estáis bajo mi protección? ¿No estáis, afortunadamente, bajo mi cuidado? No dejéis que la enfermedad de vuestro tío os aflija. a la cima de la colina, mi hijo, donde encontrarás flores de diversas clases, córtalas y tráelas ante mí.

Cuando Juan Diego llegó a la cima, quedó asombrado de que tantas rosas de Castilla hubieran brotado en un momento en que la helada era severa. Llevó las rosas en los pliegues de su tilma (manto) a la Señora Celestial. Ella le dijo: "Hijo mío, ésta es la prueba y la señal que llevarás al Obispo para que vea en ella mi voluntad. Tú eres mi embajador, muy digno de confianza".

Juan Diego emprendió su camino, ya contento y seguro de triunfar. Al llegar ante el Obispo, le dijo: "Señor, hice lo que usted me pidió. La Celestial Señora atendió su pedido y lo cumplió. Me envió al cerro a cortar unas rosas de Castilla y me dijo que las trajera a tú en persona. Y esto lo hago, para que puedas ver en ellos la señal que buscas para cumplir su voluntad. Aquí los recibes. Inmediatamente abrió su manto blanco, y mientras las diferentes rosas castellanas caían al suelo, se dibujó en el manto y de repente apareció la preciosa imagen de la siempre virgen María, Madre de Dios, tal como se ve hoy. y se guarda en su santuario del Tepeyac.

Toda la ciudad se conmovió y acudió a ver y admirar su venerable imagen y a ofrecerle oraciones; y siguiendo el mandato que la misma Celestial Señora dio a Juan Bernardino cuando le devolvió la salud, la llamaron con el nombre que ella misma había usado: "la siempre virgen María Santa de Guadalupe".





ADVENT

Mary's Immaculate Conception

On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin:

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire

Church. (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, 142-143)

Even before this tenet of the faith was formally declared, a long tradition of faith that held this belief that Mary was conceived without sin:

This feast was celebrated in some monasteries before the beginning of the eighth century and became widespread in the eighteenth century. In the United States, celebration of this observance predates the Declaration of Independence. The bishops commended the nation to the patronage of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception in 1846. It became a nationwide holy day in 1885. (*Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints*, 120)



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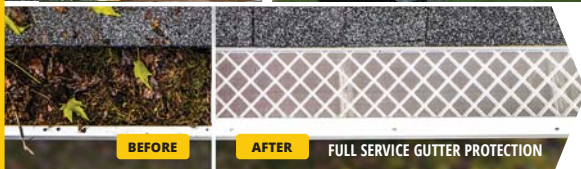
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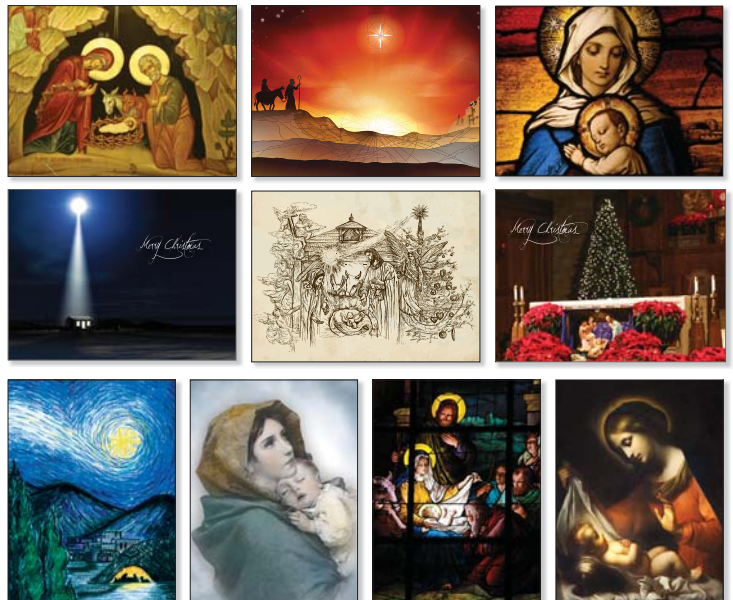
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