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DECEMBER 15, 2024—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

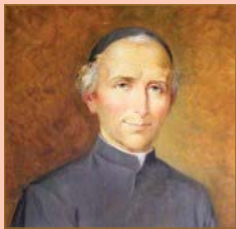
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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!

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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 16: Spiritual Gifts (Br. Joe)
December 23: AC Social
December 30: No meeting
January 6: Sacraments Night



The Watertown Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH): is hosting a Red Cross blood drive and collecting food items to support the Watertown Catholic Collaborative on Saturday December 28th from 9 AM to 2 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:00 AM - Special Intention

9:15 AM - Edith & Edward Forster

10:30 AM - +Glenna McNally

11:45 AM - +Kathy McMullen

1:15 PM - +Luis Arango

4:00 PM - +Ted Conigliaro

5:30 PM - Minda Pingcas & Norma
Lagdamen—birthday

Monday, December 16

8:00 AM - Special Intention

12:05 PM - Bill House—healing

4:00 PM - +Eugene Menoche

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 AM - Special Intention

12:05 PM - +Anna Lombardi

4:45 PM - Rosa Tempesta—healing

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 AM - +Susan Bogorad

12:05 PM - +Lisa Gilligan

4:45 PM - Kane Family

Thursday, December 19

8:00 AM - +Mary Connelly

12:05 PM - Ed & Kathleen Clark—60th
wedding anniversary

4:45 PM - +Esperanza, +Javier, +Maria
& +Amparo

Friday, December 20

8:00 AM - +John Patrick Flannery

12:05 PM - +Macidra & Mit

4:45 PM - +Rudolph, +Josephine &
+Rudolph L. Zlody

Saturday, December 21

9:00 AM - +Mary Teahan

12:00 PM - +Mahon Family

4:00 PM - Ryan Smith

5:30 PM - +Nolby Ruiz

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:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" Happy Gaudete Sunday! Today, on the Third Sunday of Advent we rejoice that the celebration of the birth of Jesus is near and also that we are closer as a Church and world to his glorious Second Coming. Rejoice!

As the crowds, the tax collectors and the soldiers in today's Gospel asked "What must I do?" So do we ask the same question. Some of the answers are: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

And as we hear these answers to what we must do, we're able to embrace them and act on them and change our hearts, attitudes and lives. We can make these changes with rejoicing, because the Lord is near and he will give us his transforming Grace, and so St Paul tells us: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." The Lord is near with his love and grace. There are 10 days until Christmas, Why not pray over the Ten Commandments and make a good confession? What must I do? Begin Again.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas:

"Estad siempre alegres en el Señor. Lo repito: ¡alegraos!" ¡Feliz domingo de Gaudete! Hoy, Tercer Domingo de Adviento nos alegramos de que la celebración del nacimiento de Jesús está cerca y también de que estamos más cerca como Iglesia y como mundo de su gloriosa Segunda Venida. ¡Alegrarse!

Mientras la multitud, los recaudadores de impuestos y los soldados en el Evangelio de hoy preguntaban "¿Qué debo hacer?" Entonces nos hacemos la misma pregunta. Algunas de las respuestas son: "El que tiene dos mantos, que los comparta con el que no tiene. Y el que tenga comida, que haga lo mismo". "Dejen de recolectar más de lo prescrito". "No practiquéis la extorsión, No acuses falsamente a nadie y convéncete con tu salario".

Y a medida que escuchamos estas respuestas a lo que debemos hacer, podemos aceptarlas, actuar en consecuencia y cambiar nuestros corazones, actitudes y vidas. Podemos hacer estos cambios con alegría, porque el Señor está cerca y nos dará su Gracia transformadora, por eso nos dice San Pablo: "Hermanos y hermanas: estad siempre alegres en el Señor. Lo repito: ¡alegraos! vuestra bondad". debe ser conocido por todos. El Señor está cerca." El Señor está cerca con su amor y gracia. Faltan 10 días para Navidad, ¿Por qué no rezar los Diez Mandamientos y hacer una buena confesión? ¿Qué debo hacer? Empezar de nuevo.

St. Francis Chapel

Statement of Financial Position

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Reporting Book:

As of Date:

Entity:

ACCRUAL

06/30/2024

B425--St Francis Chapel Boston

Actual

Net Income (Loss)

Operating Income (Loss)

Revenue and Other Support

Collections

410000 - Offertory

329,877

410001 - Offertory Monthly

10,377

410007 - Offertory Online Giving

84,051

410008 - Offertory Monthly Online Giving

5,965

Total Collections

430,270

Contributions, Bequests & Grants

Donations Other

412500 - Donations - Other

63,600

Total Donations Other

63,600

Gifts and Bequests

412750 - Gifts And Bequests

610

Total Gifts and Bequests

610

Total Contributions, Bequests & Grants

64,210

Tuition and Fees

Fees

415104 - Fees-Other

464

Total Fees

464

Total Tuition and Fees

464

Sacramental Offerings

423004 - Mass cards

6,754

423005 - Mass intentions

12,830

Total Sacramental Offerings

19,584

Shrines, Candles and Flowers

423250 - Shrines, Candles, Flowers

74,389

Total Shrines, Candles and Flowers

74,389

Other Revenue

424503 - Other Revenue

132,817

Total Other Revenue

132,817

Total Revenue and Other Support

721,734

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

Lay Salaries

510000 - Salaries

84,136

Lay Benefits

17,199

Total Salaries & Benefits

101,335

Clergy Stipends & Benefits

Clergy Stipends

511000 - Remuneration Clergy Assigned

106,268

511001 - Remuneration Clergy UnAssigned

3,000

Total Clergy Stipends

109,268

Statement of Financial Position cont'd

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|---|----------|
| Clergy Benefits | |
| 511512 - Parking Garage | 5,588 |
| 511516 - Medical - Clergy | 300 |
| 511519 - Professional Development - Cle | 584 |
| Total Clergy Benefits | 6,472 |
| Total Clergy Stipends & Benefits | 115,740 |
| Religious Stipends & Benefits | |
| Total Religious Stipends & Benefits | 2,250 |
| Program Activities | |
| Office Expense | |
| 517001 - Bank Service Charge | 510 |
| 517011 - Books, Pamphlets, Gift Shop | 85,459 |
| 517027 - Data Processing Fees | 863 |
| 517040 - Miscellaneous Expense | 3,788 |
| 517050 - Office Supplies | 1,807 |
| 517058 - Postage & Freight | 629 |
| 517059 - Printing & Graphics | 3,230 |
| 517078 - Professional Development | 155 |
| Total Office Expense | 96,441 |
| Insurance Expense | |
| 519005 - Property Insurance & Liability | 7,200 |
| Total Insurance Expense | 7,200 |
| Facility Expense | |
| Facility/Maintenance Costs | |
| Total Facility/Maintenance Costs | 257,012 |
| Utilities | |
| 520350 - Telephone | 2,037 |
| 520353 - Telephone - Internet | 723 |
| 520376 - Utilities - Electricity | 31,023 |
| Total Utilities | 33,783 |
| Total Facility Expense | 290,795 |
| Motor Vehicle Services | |
| Total Motor Vehicle Services | 1,030 |
| Other Expense | |
| 532015 - Pilot | 740 |
| Total Other Expense | 740 |
| Pastoral/ Liturgical Expenses (Altar supplies, music, candles etc.) | 53,801 |
| Fundraising Expense | |
| 535000 - Fundraising Expense | 698 |
| Total Fundraising Expense | 698 |
| Total Expenses | 670,183 |
| Operating Income (Loss) | 51,551 |
| 713754 - Capital Campaign Contributions | (15,170) |
| 713755 - Capital Campaign Fees/Exp | (5,555) |
| Total Non Operating Income | (20,725) |
| Total Non Operating Income | (20,725) |
| Total Non Operating Income (loss) | (20,725) |
| Net Income (Loss) | 30,826 |



Thurs., Jan. 23: 10:00 PM – Depart the Boston Archdiocese for Washington, D.C.

Fri., Jan. 24: 7:30 AM – Arrive at Life Fest and celebrate Mass

11:00 AM – Depart for the March for Life

4:00 PM – Depart D.C. for the Boston Archdiocese

Sat., Jan. 25: 12:15 AM – Arrive in the Boston Archdiocese

The cost is \$80 pp. and includes bus transportation, driver gratuity, a ticket to Life Fest, and a boxed lunch.

Payment in FULL by credit card at the time of registration.

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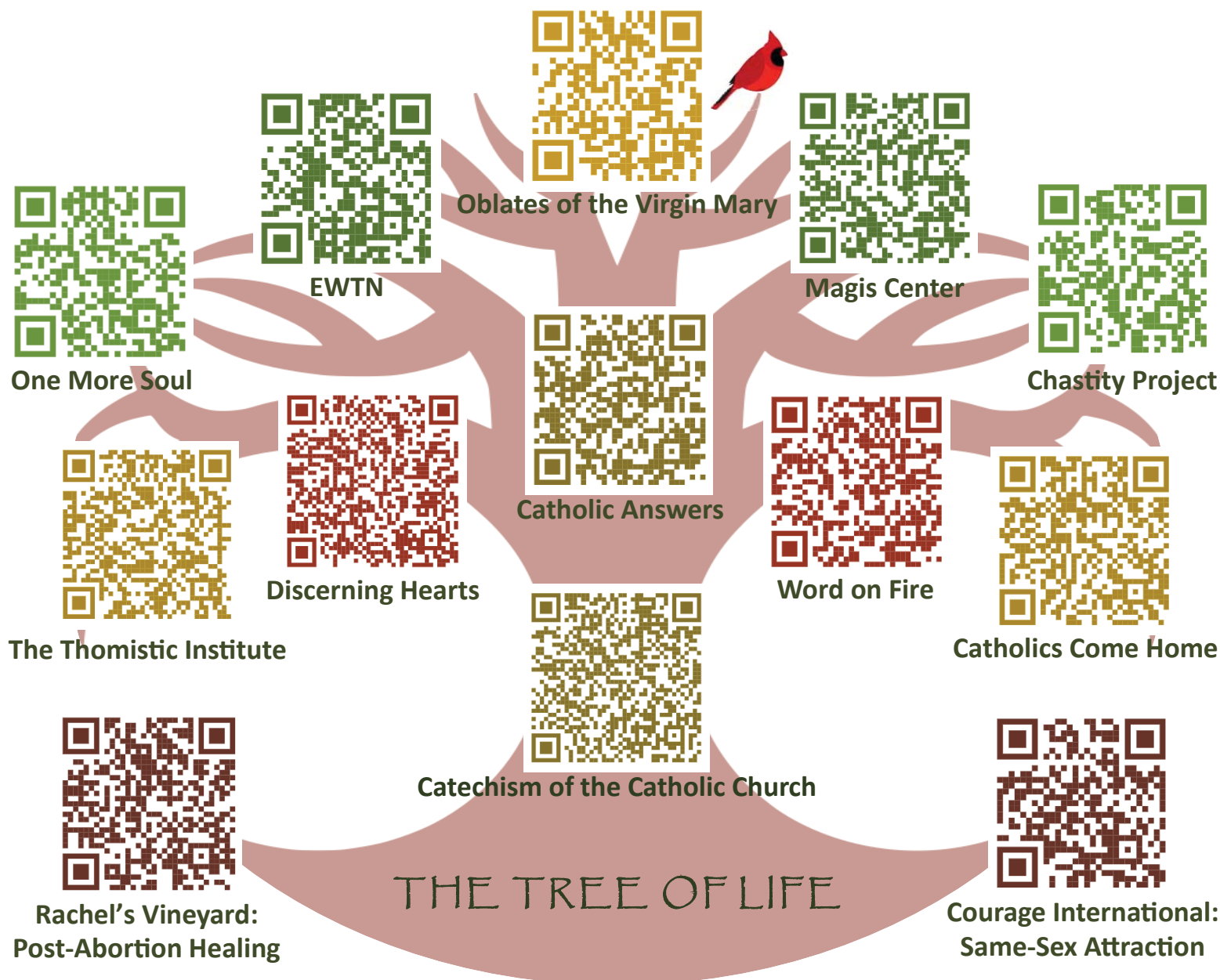
Note: Food/drink at rest stops is the participant's responsibility.

This trip is for parents with children ages 12–17, adults, or small high school youth groups. (Ratio of 1 adult (21+) to 6 youth; minimum of 2 adults) Limited spaces are available, so act soon. Release forms will be forwarded after registration.

For the safety of all participants, each person 18+ must have a clear CORI as of January 15, 2025. CORI checks can be done through the Pastoral Center if not already on file with a parish. Chaperones must have completed *Protecting God's Children* (Virtus) before attending. Contact witnessstolife@rcab.org for more information.

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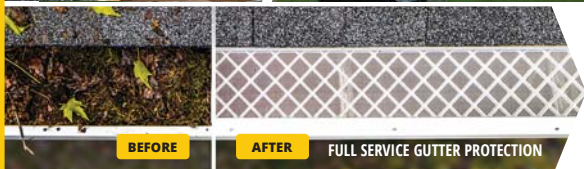
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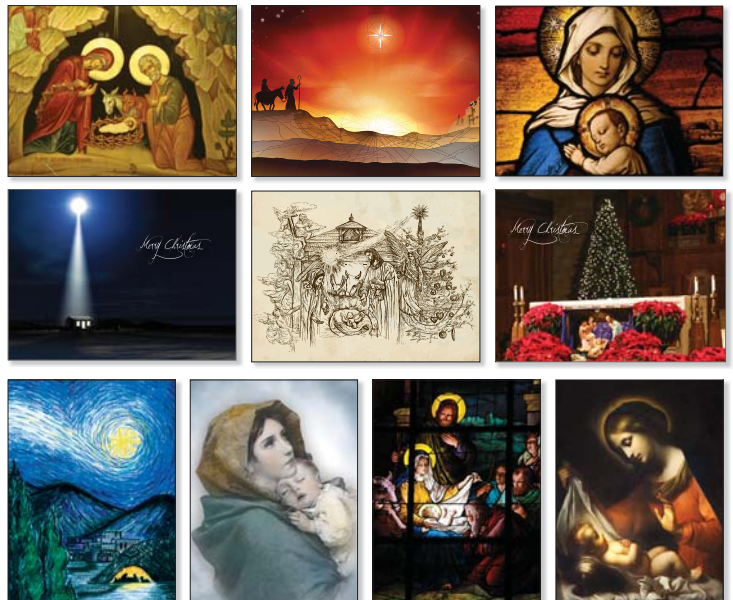
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