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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

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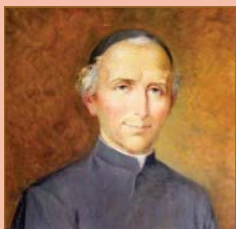
**Monday—Friday** 11:00AM - 5:30PM\*

**Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*

**Sunday** 8:30AM - 6:30PM\*

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## *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!

## JANUARY 1—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### Mass Schedule

**Vigil: Tuesday, December 31: 5:10 PM**

**Wednesday, January 1:**

**8:00 AM**

**12:05 PM**

**4:00 PM**

**5:30 PM**

**7:00 PM en español**





## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 29

**8:00 AM** - +Br. John Maganzini, OFM  
**9:15 AM** - +Monica Cuniffe  
**10:30 AM** - Anyoha Famiy  
**11:45 AM** - +Jiao Gao  
**1:15 PM** - +Pablo Lyons  
**4:00 PM** - Mary Ann Tocio  
**5:30 PM** - Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, December 30

**8:00 AM** - Souls in Purgatory  
**12:05 PM** - Bane Family  
**4:00 PM** - Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, December 31

**8:00 AM** - In Thanksgiving for the Past Year  
**12:05 PM** - Maria Sophia—health  
**5:10 PM** - Carrie & Dougie

### Wednesday, January 1, 2025

**8:00 AM** - In Thanksgiving for the New Year  
**12:05 PM** - +Juanita Monzón  
**4:00 PM** - Joe & Therese Nolan & family  
**5:30 PM** - Employees of Boston Property  
**7:00 PM** - Ma. Rubiela Restrepo Berrio

### Thursday, January 2

**8:00 AM** - Emily Zografos—birthday  
**12:05 PM** - +Mr. & Mrs. Lim Sio Pek family  
**4:45 PM** - +Barbara Vasconcellos

### Friday, January 3

**8:00 AM** - +Mary Teahan  
**12:05 PM** - Teresa Cotter  
**4:45 PM** - +Mr. & Mrs. Chin Fun & family

### Saturday, December January 4

**9:00 AM** - +John Patrick Flannery  
**12:00 PM** - +Marguerite & +Bob Reiling  
**4:00 PM** - Sophia Feitelberg  
**5:30 PM** - Marianna Novellino-birthday

### *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 Chapel Brothers and Sisters in the Newborn King,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and this Wednesday, January 1, New Years Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A Holy Day of Obligation - see the Mass Schedule here in the bulletin).

I pray that your Christmas is and has been blessed and the New Year as well! I have been here at the Chapel for six months now, and what a blessing it has been for me. Pondering the Holy Family, it really strikes me that the Chapel is very unique among various places of Catholic worship such as parishes and shrines. Even though we are not a parish and much of our population is transitory (we don't celebrate the full array of the Catholic Sacramental life—no baptisms, confirmations, first holy communions, weddings or funerals—and we don't do much in the way of formation—no prayer groups, catechism, youth group, senior group, etc), I have a profound sense that we are still a family here at the Chapel. I see it, above all, in the devotion: seeking of mercy, faith and love in you all; your devotion to the Sacramental life that we offer here—the nearly 30 Masses and 40 hours of Confession availability here each week. I see it in the people who come and pray and adore the Lord here daily, in the people with whom I am able to speak with in the gift shop and after Masses and around the chapel here in the Pru, who ask for prayers and blessings, who share their needs and intentions with me and ask us for prayers. I see it in the generosity of our staff and in the volunteers and all who offer to help with their prayers and generosity toward keeping the Chapel up and running, open and beautiful. Yes we are the Family of God, part of his Holy Family under the love and care of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, St. Francis and Venerable Bruno Lanteri, the founder of the OMV. Yes! Happy Feast of the Holy Family! And may we all continue to grow together in holiness in the love and mercy of our Newborn King, Jesus Christ!

From all the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and the staff here at St Francis Chapel, merry Christmas! And may our Newborn King bless you and yours abundantly with His Grace and Blessing in this Great Jubilee Year 2025! ([www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va))

Mis queridos Hermanos y Hermanas de la Capilla en el Rey Recién Nacido,

Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José y este miércoles 1 de enero, día de Año Nuevo, celebramos la Solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María (Un Día Santo de Precepto - ver el Programa de Misas aquí en el boletín).

¡Rezo para que su Navidad sea y haya sido bendecida y el Año Nuevo también! He estado aquí en la Capilla durante seis meses, y qué bendición ha sido para mí. Reflexionando sobre la Sagrada Familia, realmente me llama la atención que la Capilla es muy singular entre varios lugares de culto católico, como parroquias y santuarios. A pesar de que no somos una parroquia y gran parte de nuestra población es transitoria (no celebramos la gama completa de la vida sacramental católica, no hay bautismos, confirmaciones, primeras comuniones, bodas o funerales, y no hacemos mucho en el camino de la formación, no hay grupos de oración, catecismo, grupo de jóvenes, grupo de personas mayores, etc.), tengo un profundo sentido de que todavía somos una familia aquí en la Capilla. Lo veo, sobre todo, en la devoción: la búsqueda de la misericordia, de la fe y del amor en todos vosotros; su devoción a la vida sacramental que ofrecemos aquí: las casi 30 Misas y 40 horas de Confesión disponibles aquí cada semana. Lo veo en la gente que viene a rezar y a adorar al Señor aquí todos los días, en las personas con las que puedo hablar en la tienda de regalos y después de las misas y alrededor de la capilla aquí en el Pru, que piden oraciones y bendiciones, que comparten sus necesidades e intenciones conmigo y nos piden oraciones. Lo veo en la generosidad de nuestro personal y en los voluntarios y todos los que se ofrecen a ayudar con sus oraciones y generosidad para mantener la capilla en funcionamiento, abierta y hermosa. Sí, somos la Familia de Dios, parte de su Sagrada Familia bajo el amor y el cuidado de Jesús, María y José, San Francisco y el Venerable Bruno Lanteri, el fundador de la OMV. ¡Sí! ¡Feliz fiesta de la Sagrada Familia! ¡Y que todos sigamos creciendo juntos en santidad en el amor y la misericordia de nuestro Rey recién nacido, Jesucristo!

De parte de todos los Oblatos de la Virgen María y del personal de la Capilla de San Francisco, ¡feliz Navidad! ¡Y que nuestro Rey Recién Nacido te bendiga a ti y a los tuyos abundantemente con Su Gracia y Bendición en este Gran Año Jubilar 2025! ([www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va))



## The 2025 Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and  
the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

## Prayer to the Holy Family By Pope Francis

*"Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. What we have been promised is greater than we can imagine. May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us."*

– Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (On Love in the Family), 325.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendor of true love;  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again experience  
violence, rejection and division;  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.



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## Catechism of the Catholic Church on the *Holy Theotokos*—Mother of God

### *Mary's divine motherhood*

**495** Called in the Gospels "the mother of Jesus," Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord."<sup>[144]</sup> In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*).<sup>[145]</sup>

### *Mary's virginal motherhood in God's plan*

**502** The eyes of faith can discover in the context of the whole of Revelation the mysterious reasons why God in his saving plan wanted his Son to be born of a virgin. These reasons touch both on the person of Christ and his redemptive mission, and on the welcome Mary gave that mission on behalf of all men.

**503** Mary's virginity manifests God's absolute initiative in the Incarnation. Jesus has only God as Father. "He was never estranged from the Father because of the human nature which he assumed ... He is naturally Son of the Father as to his divinity and naturally son of his mother as to his humanity, but properly Son of the Father in both natures."<sup>[161]</sup>

**504** Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary's womb because he is the New Adam, who inaugurates the new creation: "The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven."<sup>[162]</sup> From his conception, Christ's humanity is filled with the Holy Spirit, for God "gives him the Spirit without measure."<sup>[163]</sup> From "his fullness" as the head of redeemed humanity "we have all received, grace upon grace."<sup>[164]</sup>

**505** By his virginal conception, Jesus, the New Adam, ushers in *the new birth* of children adopted in the Holy Spirit through faith. "How can this be?"<sup>[165]</sup> Participation in the divine life arises "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."<sup>[166]</sup> The acceptance of this life is virginal because it is entirely the Spirit's gift to man. The spousal character of the human vocation in relation to God<sup>[167]</sup> is fulfilled perfectly in Mary's virginal motherhood.

**506** Mary is a virgin because her virginity is *the sign of her faith* "unadulterated by any doubt," and of her undivided gift of herself to God's will.<sup>[168]</sup> It is her faith that enables her to become the mother of the Savior: "Mary is more blessed because she embraces faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of Christ."<sup>[169]</sup>

**507** At once virgin and mother, Mary is the symbol and the most perfect realization of the Church: "the Church indeed ... by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons, who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse."<sup>[170]</sup>



**JANUARY 23—25, 2025**



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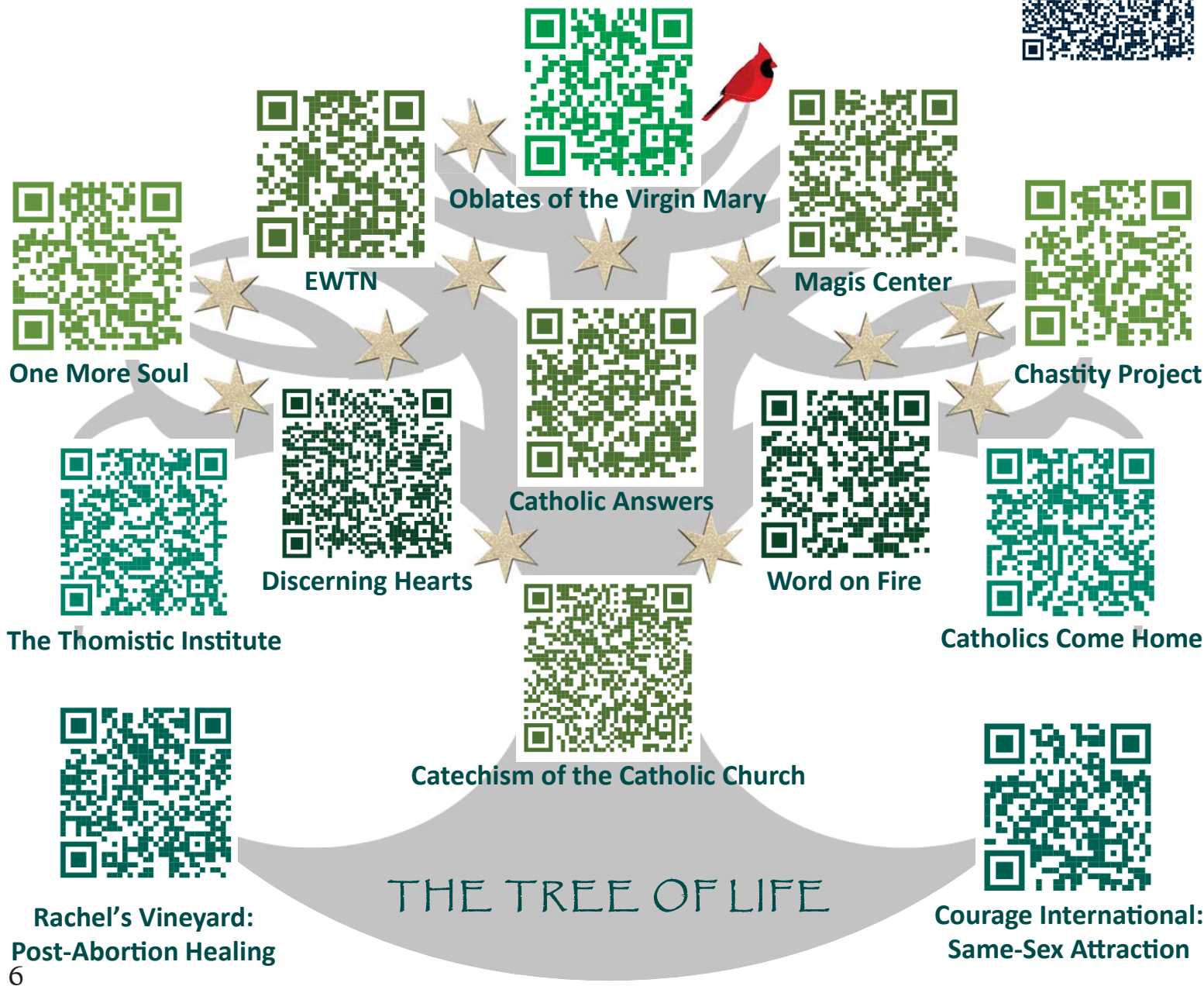

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- 1 In-person training a weeknight before the event at St. Clement



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