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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:

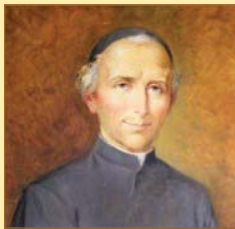
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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!

St. Clement Amicizia Cristiana

Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship) is a new young adult initiative in collaboration with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary out of St. Clement's Eucharistic Shrine. The name comes from the group that was so integral to the life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the OMV.

Membership is limited to ages 20-29 to respect differences in practical life experience. Reach out to stclementac@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

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

January 6: Sacraments Night
January 13: Evangelization Workshop
*Schedule is tentative and subject to change



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:00 AM - +Sin Chin Lim

9:15 AM - +Angel Ramon Sanchez

10:30 AM - Chapel Benefactors & Those
Remembered on the Chapel
Memorial Tree

11:45 AM - Alice & Douglas Lim & Ken
Ashley

1:15 PM - +Hanna Schontal y +Marcos
Gomez

4:00 PM - +Joan Haggerty

5:30 PM - Souls in Purgatory

Monday, January 6

8:00 AM - +Teresa Hippolito—birthday

12:05 PM - +Salvatore Villelo

4:45 PM - +Maria Della Peruta - birthday

Tuesday, January 7

8:00 AM - Anna McGrath—healing

12:05 PM - +Mary DeSasa

4:45 PM - Dr. Regina Bagsic—birthday

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 AM - Fra' Nicola Tegoni

12:05 PM - Mary O'Byrne

4:45 PM - +Marie Pearce

Thursday, January 9

8:00 AM - Kenneth Colebourn

12:05 PM - +Thomas Preziosy

4:45 PM - Brendan Feitelberg

Friday, January 10

8:00 AM - Doug Tocio & Family

12:05 PM - +Prima Brito Rodriguez

4:45 PM - Cecilia Ozaeta—birthday

Saturday, January 11

9:00 AM - Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM - Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM - +John Morse

5:30 PM - +Jacob Erazo

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Newborn King,

Happy Epiphany!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! A Blessed Epiphany to you and yours! Along with the Wisemen from afar, we drop to our knees to adore Jesus. O come, let us adore him!" We bring him gifts, and especially and above all our own heart, coming to him as we are, in love, seeking forgiveness and mercy, thanking and praising him, and asking and trusting him with all our necessities and those of the whole world.

Here at the chapel we offer Confession for about 40 hours each week, and penitents come and humbly kneel before the Lord asking his pardon and they receive it, along with the joy and peace that only Christ can give. Each week lovers of the Lord come in adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, exposed on the Chapel altar throughout the day. "O come, let us adore Him!" Particularly moving is the sight of someone kneeling and praying outside the chapel, eyes and heart set on Jesus on the altar. Above all, a good confession and adoration lead into Holy Mass where we worship together as God's holy people and receive our glorious and humble King and Savior, body, blood, soul and divinity, and share in his grace and love, transformed more and more into the Lord, whom they receive. "O come, let us adore Him!"

Thanks and Rejoicing!

As I reflect upon my first Christmas here at the Chapel, I rejoice and thank God and all who helped in our joyful celebration of the great Feast of the Lord's Nativity. For me it was a Christmas to remember. I especially want to thank our lectors and our singers and musicians in the English and Spanish Choirs. Our English music program has been growing and filling out under the direction of Celine Winn, joined by a host of very talented and generous volunteers some of whom have sung here for as many as 30 years, and students from Berklee and NEC who stepped up this past fall. So much for us all to be grateful for, and to perhaps ask ourselves: "What more can I do to assist the Chapel?"

Looking ahead, in the first full week of February, we will be repainting the Chapel and reflooring the confessional area, store and offices, along with a few other updates. On February 3 - 7 daily Masses will take place in a space at the Sheraton Hotel. There are expenses associated with this work, and if you're moved to assist, we are grateful! Also this coming autumn, I hope to lead a six-day Chapel pilgrimage to Guadalupe, Mexico. Stay tuned for details! God bless you, and Happy Jubilee 2025!



The Pope's Prayer Intention for January:

For the Right to an Education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas del Rey Recién Nacido,

¡Feliz Epifanía!

¡Feliz navidad! ¡Feliz año nuevo! ¡Una Bendita Epifanía para ti y los tuyos! Junto a los Reyes Magos que vienen de lejos, nos arrodillamos para adorar a Jesús. ¡Oh, venid, adorémosle!" Le llevamos dones, y sobre todo y sobre todo nuestro propio corazón, acercándonos a él tal como somos, en amor, buscando perdón y misericordia, agradeciéndole y alabándole, y pidiéndole y confiando en él con todo nuestras necesidades y las del mundo entero.

Aquí en la capilla ofrecemos Confesión durante aproximadamente 40 horas cada semana, y los penitentes vienen y se arrodillan humildemente ante el Señor pidiendo su perdón y lo reciben, junto con el gozo y la paz que solo Cristo puede dar. Cada semana los amantes del Señor vienen a adorar a Jesús en la Eucaristía, expuesta en

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el altar de la Capilla durante todo el día. "¡Oh venid, adorémosle!" Particularmente conmovedor es ver a alguien arrodillado y orando afuera de la capilla, con los ojos y el corazón puestos en Jesús en el altar. Sobre todo, una buena confesión y adoración conducen a la Santa Misa donde adoramos juntos como pueblo santo de Dios y recibimos a nuestro glorioso y humilde Rey y Salvador, en cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad, y compartimos su gracia y amor, transformados cada vez más en el Señor a quien reciben. "¡Oh venid, adorémosle!"

¡Gracias y regocijo! Mientras reflexiono sobre mi primera Navidad aquí en la Capilla, me regocijo y agradezco a Dios y a todos los que ayudaron en nuestra gozosa celebración de la gran Fiesta de la Natividad del Señor. Para mí fue una Navidad para recordar. Especialmente quiero agradecer a nuestros lectores y a nuestros cantantes y músicos de los coros en inglés y español. Nuestro programa de música en inglés ha ido creciendo y desarrollándose bajo la dirección de Celine Winn, a la que se unió una gran cantidad de voluntarios muy talentosos y generosos, algunos de los cuales han cantado aquí durante hasta 30 años, y estudiantes de Berklee y NEC que intensificaron este esfuerzo pasado otoño. Hay mucho por lo que todos debemos estar agradecidos y tal vez preguntarnos: "¿Qué más puedo hacer para ayudar a la Capilla?"

De cara al futuro, en la primera semana completa de febrero, volveremos a pintar la Capilla y cambiaremos el piso del área del confesionario, la tienda y las oficinas, junto con algunas otras actualizaciones. Del 3 al 7 de febrero se llevarán a cabo misas diarias en un espacio del Hotel Sheraton. Hay gastos asociados con este trabajo, y si te animas a ayudar, ¡te lo agradecemos! También el próximo otoño espero dirigir una peregrinación de seis días a la Capilla de Guadalupe, México. ¡Estén atentos para más detalles! ¡Dios los bendiga y feliz jubileo 2025!

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APRIL 26, 2025

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Consider volunteering at the OMV Gala at the Seaport Hotel!

Volunteering at the Gala is a great way to serve God beside the Oblates, meet new Catholic people, and hear a wonderful guest speaker.

We offer a private Mass, transportation/parking costs if needed, and food and beverage during the event.

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- Your presence on April 26
- 1 In-person training a weeknight before the event at St. Clement

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Traditional Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Begin by having all family members gather outside the front door. All make the sign of the cross. One person will then read this prayer:

Priest/Leader: *Peace be to this house.*

All: *And to all who dwell herein.*

Leader: *From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of his burial.*

Enter your home and read the Magnificat, the hymn of praise sung by the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke's Gospel after being greeted by Elizabeth. During this, sprinkle the area you are in with holy water. After that is complete:

All: *From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of his burial.*

Leader: *Begin the Our Father...* **All:** *Join in*

Leader: *All they from Saba shall come*

All: *Bringing gold and frankincense.*

Leader: *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

All: *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

Leader: *Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ, Our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee — Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.*

All: *And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.*

Leader: *Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness, and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ, Our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

After the prayers are recited, walk throughout your home sprinkling each room with holy water. Then write the initials of the Magi connected with crosses at the top of your front door. Then the numbers of the year. The numbers will be split so that they are on each side of the initials. You will write:

20 + C + M + B + 25 C = Caspar M = Melchior B = Balthasar The Three Magi



Bendición Tradicional del Hogar de Epifanía

Comience reuniendo a todos los miembros de la familia afuera de la puerta principal. Todos hacen la señal de la cruz. Luego una persona leerá esta oración:

Sacerdote/Líder: Paz a esta casa.

Todos: Y a todos los que aquí habitan.

Líder: Del oriente vinieron los Magos a Belén para adorar al Señor; y abriendo sus tesoros ofrecieron preciosos obsequios: oro para el gran Rey, incienso para el Dios verdadero y mirra en símbolo de su entierro.

Entra en tu casa y lee el Magnificat, el himno de alabanza cantado por la Santísima Virgen María en el Evangelio de Lucas después de ser saludada por Isabel. Durante esto, rocía el área en la que te encuentras con agua bendita. Después de que esté completo:

Todos: Del oriente vinieron los Magos a Belén para adorar al Señor; y abriendo sus tesoros ofrecieron preciosos obsequios: oro para el gran Rey, incienso para el Dios verdadero y mirra en símbolo de su entierro.

Líder: Comience el Padre Nuestro... **Todos:** Únanse

Líder: Todos los de Saba vendrán

Todos: Trayendo oro e incienso.

Líder: Oh Señor, escucha mi oración.

Todos: Y que mi clamor llegue a Ti.

Líder: Oremos. Oh Dios, que por la guía de una estrella manifestaste en este día a tu Hijo unigénito a los gentiles, concede misericordiosamente que nosotros, que te conocemos por la fe, podamos también alcanzar la visión de tu gloriosa majestad. Por Cristo, Nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

Líder: Ilumina, ilumina, oh Jerusalén, porque ha venido tu luz, y sobre ti ha nacido la gloria del Señor, Jesucristo, nacido de la Virgen María.

Todos: Y las naciones caminarán en tu luz y los reyes en el esplendor de tu resurrección, y la gloria del Señor ha nacido sobre ti.

Líder: Oremos. Bendice, oh Señor Dios todopoderoso, este hogar, para que en él haya salud, pureza, fuerza de la victoria, humildad, bondad y misericordia, el cumplimiento de tu ley, la acción de gracias a Dios Padre y al Hijo y a el Espíritu Santo. Y que esta bendición permanezca sobre este hogar y sobre todos los que aquí habitan. Por Cristo, Nuestro Señor.

Todos: Amén.

Después de recitar las oraciones, camine por toda su casa rociando cada habitación con agua bendita. Luego escribe las iniciales de los Reyes Magos conectadas con cruces en la parte superior de la puerta de entrada.

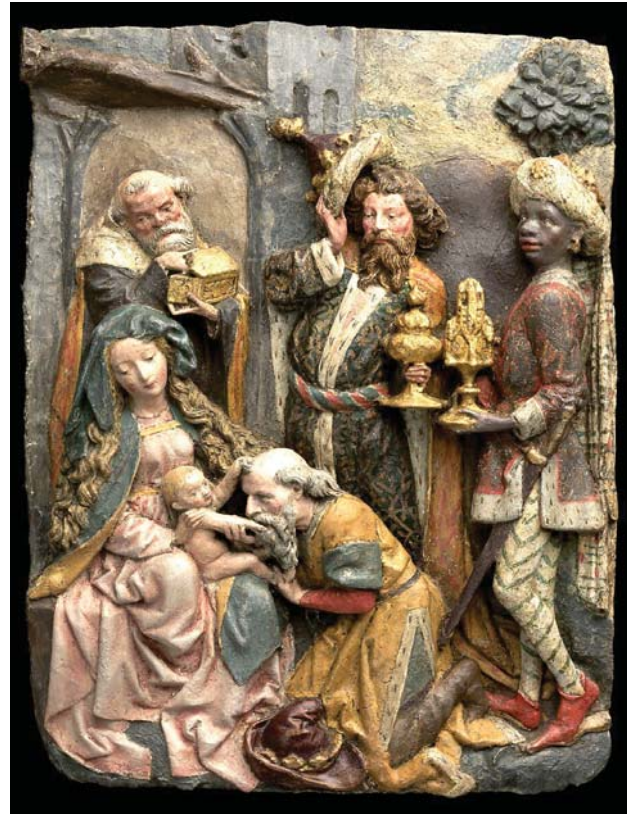
Luego los números del año. Los números se dividirán de modo que queden a cada lado de las iniciales.

Escribirás:

20 + C + M + B + 25

C = Gaspar **M** = Melchor **B** = Baltasar

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