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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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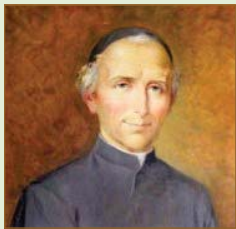
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*

Sunday 8:30AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Masses)

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 Young Adult Group AMICIZIA CRISTIANA

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

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:00 AM - Paul & Emily

9:15 AM - +Mary Keleher

10:30 AM - Cochran—Osborne Family

11:45 AM - Manson—Hing Familu

1:15 PM - Familia Tamayo—Lopera

4:00 PM - +Thomas Vizcay

5:30 PM - +Frank Nappo

Monday, February 10

8:00 AM - Charles Thompson-birthday

12:05 PM - +Thomas Decker

4:00 PM - +Rose Aceto

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 AM - Charles Thompson-birthday

12:05 PM - +Lorraine & +George

McGovern

4:45 PM - + Gerald E. Vinella

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 AM -

12:05 PM - +Marie Malone

4:45 PM - +Antonio H. Ozaeta

Thursday, February 13

8:00 AM -

12:05 PM - +Judith Davidson Rodriguez

4:45 PM - +Christina S. Kvartek

Friday, February 14

8:00 AM - Christopher Bush—birthday

12:05 PM - Manuel Tobón—birthday

4:45 PM - Ricardo Millien

Saturday, February 15

9:00 AM - +Ligia Castaño—3rd anniv.

12:00 PM - Jian Chen—birthday

4:00 PM - +Hugh O'Flynn

5:30 PM - +Salome Machado Guarín—
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The Pope's Prayer Intention for February:

For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

Yesterday, February 8, we celebrated one of my favorite saints, St Josephine Bakhita. I love her. Her life and God's work in her is remarkable, and gives me great hope.

Pope Benedict wrote about her in his Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, on Christian Hope. "She was born around 1869—she herself did not know the precise date—in Darfur in Sudan. At the age of nine, she was kidnapped by slave-traders, beaten till she bled, and sold five times in the slave-markets of Sudan. Eventually she found herself working as a slave for the mother and the wife of a general, and there she was flogged every day till she bled; as a result of this she bore 144 scars throughout her life. Finally, in 1882, she was bought by an Italian merchant for the Italian consul Callisto Legnani, who returned to Italy as the Mahdists advanced. Here, after the terrifying "masters" who had owned her up to that point, Bakhita came to know a totally different kind of "master"—in Venetian dialect, which she was now learning, she used the name "paron" for the living God, the God of Jesus Christ. Up to that time she had known only masters who despised and maltreated her, or at best considered her a useful slave. Now, however, she heard that there is a "paron" above all masters, the Lord of all lords, and that this Lord is good, goodness in person. She came to know that this Lord even knew her, that he had created her—that he actually loved her. She too was loved, and by none other than the supreme "Paron", before whom all other masters are themselves no more than lowly servants. She was known and loved and she was awaited. What is more, this master had himself accepted the destiny of being flogged and now he was waiting for her "at the Father's right hand". Now she had "hope"—no longer simply the modest hope of finding masters who would be less cruel, but the great hope: "I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me—I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good.""

St Josephine was baptized at 21 and would frequently return to kiss the baptismal font from which she had received eternal life. She could never stop speaking of the goodness of God who loved and awaited her. Look up St. Josephine. Learn more about her. Pray to her. You are awaited.

Ayer 8 de febrero celebramos a una de mis santas favoritas, Santa Josefina Bakhita. La amo. Su vida y la obra de Dios en ella es notable y me da una gran esperanza.

El Papa Benedicto escribió sobre ella en su encíclica *Spe Salvi*, sobre la esperanza cristiana. "Nació alrededor de 1869 (ella misma no sabía la fecha exacta) en Darfur, Sudán. A la edad de nueve años, fue secuestrada por traficantes de esclavos, golpeada hasta sangrar y vendida cinco veces en los mercados de esclavos de Sudán. Finalmente se encontró trabajando como esclava para la madre y esposa de un general, y allí fue azotada todos los días hasta sangrar, a consecuencia de esto tuvo 144 cicatrices a lo largo de su vida. Finalmente, en 1882, fue comprada por un comerciante italiano para el cónsul italiano Callisto Legnani, quien regresó a Italia ante el avance de los mahdistas. Aquí, tras los terroríficos "amos" que la habían poseído hasta entonces, Bakhita conoció una. Un tipo de "maestro" totalmente diferente: en el dialecto veneciano, que ahora estaba aprendiendo, usaba el nombre de "paron" para designar al Dios vivo, el Dios de Jesucristo. Hasta ese momento sólo había conocido maestros que despreciaban y despreciaban. La maltrataba o, en el mejor de los casos, la consideraba una esclava útil. Ahora, sin embargo, escuchó que hay un "parón" sobre todos los amos, el Señor de todos los señores, y que este Señor es el bien, la bondad en persona. Llegó a saber que este Señor incluso la conocía, que él la había creado, que realmente la amaba. Ella también fue amada, y nada menos que por el supremo "Paron", ante quien todos los demás amos no son más que humildes sirvientes. Era conocida, amada y esperada. Es más, este maestro había aceptado el destino de ser azotado y ahora la esperaba "a la diestra del Padre". Ahora tenía "esperanza", ya no simplemente la modesta esperanza de encontrar amos menos crueles, sino la gran esperanza: "Soy definitivamente amada y, pase lo que pase, soy esperada por este Amor. Y por eso mi vida es buena".

Santa Josefina fue bautizada a los 21 años y frecuentemente regresaba para besar la pila bautismal de la que había recibido la vida eterna. Nunca podía dejar de hablar de la bondad de Dios que la amaba y esperaba. Busque Santa Josefina. Aprenda más sobre ella. Rezale a ella. Estás esperando.

February is the Month dedicated to the Holy Family

Pope Francis on the Holy Family

The Gospel tells of when Jesus, at the age of twelve, at the end of the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, went missing from Mary and Joseph, who found Him afterwards in the Temple conversing with the teachers (cf. *Lk* 2:41-52). The Evangelist Luke reveals the state of mind of Mary who asks Jesus, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (v. 48). And Jesus replies, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (v. 49).

It is an almost commonplace experience of a family that alternates between calm moments and dramatic ones. It appears to be the story of a family crisis, a crisis of our times, of a difficult teenager and two parents who are unable to understand him. Let us pause to look at this family. Do you know why the Family of Nazareth is a model? Because it is a family that converses, that listens, that talks. Dialogue is an important element for a family! A family that does not communicate cannot be a happy family.

It is good when a mother does not start with a rebuke, but with a question. Mary does not accuse and does not judge, but tries to understand how to accept this Son who is so different by listening. Despite this effort, the Gospel says that Mary and Joseph "did not understand what He said to them" (v. 50), showing that in the family it is more important to listen than to understand. Listening is giving importance to the other, recognizing his or her right to exist and think autonomously. Children need this. Think carefully, parents: listen to your children, who need this!

Mealtimes are a special moment for dialogue in the family. It is good to stay together around the table and to speak. This can solve many problems, and above all unite the generations: children who speak with their parents, grandchildren who speak with their grandparents... Never remain closed in on yourself or, even worse, with your head turned to your mobile phone. This will not do, never, never this. Talk, listen to each other, this is the dialogue that is good for you and that makes you grow!

The Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is *holy*. And yet we have seen that even Jesus' parents did not always understand Him. We can reflect on this, and let us not be surprised if at times it happens that we do not understand each other. When it happens, let us ask ourselves: have we listened to each other? Do we confront problems by listening to each other or do we close up in silence, at times in resentment and pride? Do we take a little time to converse? What we can learn from the Holy Family today is mutual listening.

Let us entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary and ask for our families the gift of listening.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour 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. Amen.

Febrero es el mes dedicado a la Sagrada Familia

Papa Francisco sobre la Sagrada Familia

El Evangelio cuenta cuando Jesús, a la edad de doce años, al final de la peregrinación anual a Jerusalén, desapareció de María y José, quienes lo encontraron después en el templo conversando con los maestros (cf. Lc 2, 41-52). El evangelista Lucas revela el estado de ánimo de María que pregunta a Jesús: “Hijo, ¿por qué nos has hecho esto? Tu padre y yo te buscábamos con gran ansiedad” (v. 48). Y Jesús responde: “¿Por qué me buscabais? ¿No sabíais que me es necesario estar en la casa de mi Padre?” (v. 49).

Es una experiencia casi común de una familia que alterna momentos de calma y momentos dramáticos. Parece ser la historia de una crisis familiar, una crisis de nuestro tiempo, de un adolescente difícil y de dos padres que no logran comprenderlo. Hagamos una pausa para mirar a esta familia. ¿Sabes por qué la Familia de Nazaret es modelo? Porque es una familia que conversa, que escucha, que habla. ¡El diálogo es un elemento importante para una familia! Una familia que no se comunica no puede ser una familia feliz.

Es bueno que una madre no empiece con una reprimenda, sino con una pregunta. María no acusa ni juzga, sino que intenta comprender cómo acoger a este Hijo tan diferente escuchando. Pese a este esfuerzo, el Evangelio dice que María y José “no entendieron lo que les decía” (v. 50), mostrando que en la familia es más importante escuchar que comprender. Escuchar es dar importancia al otro, reconocer su derecho a existir y pensar de forma autónoma. Los niños necesitan esto. Piensen bien, padres: ¡escuchen a sus hijos, que lo necesitan!

La hora de comer es un momento especial para el diálogo en familia. Es bueno permanecer juntos alrededor de la mesa y hablar. Esto puede solucionar muchos problemas y, sobre todo, unir a las generaciones: hijos que hablan con sus padres, nietos que hablan con sus abuelos... Nunca permanezcas encerrado en ti mismo o, peor aún, con la cabeza vuelta hacia el teléfono móvil. Esto no servirá, nunca, nunca esto. Hablad, escuchaos, ¡este es el diálogo que os hace bien y que os hace crecer!

La Familia de Jesús, María y José es santa. Y, sin embargo, hemos visto que ni siquiera los padres de Jesús siempre lo entendieron. Podemos reflexionar sobre esto y no nos extrañemos si a veces sucede que no nos entendemos. Cuando esto suceda, preguntémonos: ¿nos hemos escuchado unos a otros? ¿Afrontamos los problemas escuchándonos unos a otros o nos encerramos en silencio, a veces con resentimiento y orgullo? ¿Nos tomamos un poco de tiempo para conversar? Lo que podemos aprender hoy de la Sagrada Familia es la escucha mutua.

Encomendémonos a la Virgen María y pidamos para nuestras familias el don de la escucha.

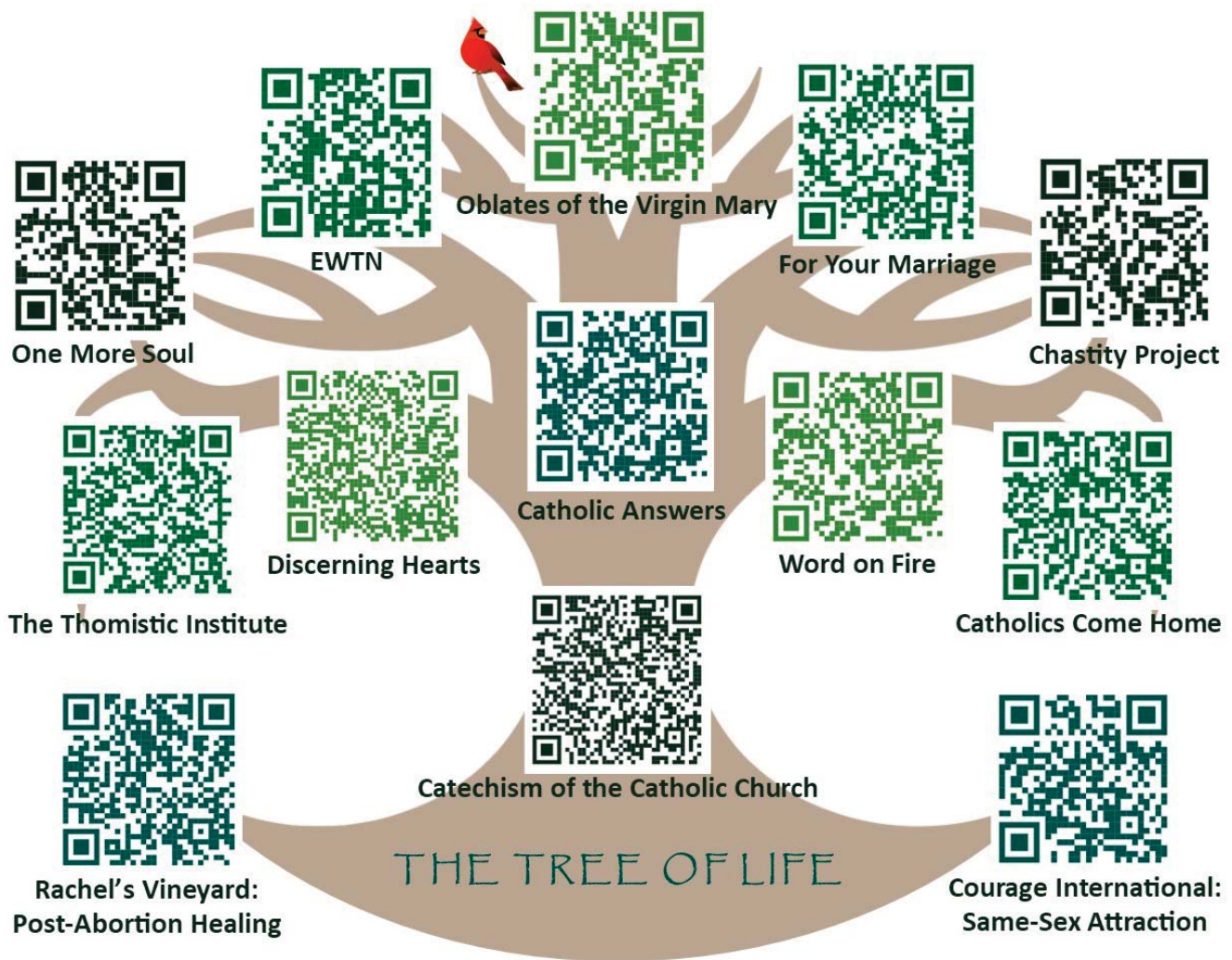


Jesús, María y José,
en ti contemplamos
el esplendor del amor verdadero;
a ti acudimos con confianza.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret,
haz que nuestras familias también
puedan ser lugares de comunión y oración,
Auténticas escuelas del Evangelio.
y pequeñas iglesias domésticas.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret,
que las familias nunca más experimenten
violencia, rechazo y división;
que todos los que han sido heridos o
escandalizados
encuentre pronto consuelo y curación.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret,
haznos una vez más conscientes
del carácter sagrado y de la inviolabilidad de la
familia,
y su belleza en el plan de Dios. Amén.



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