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**APRIL 13, 2025—PASSION SUNDAY**

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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:

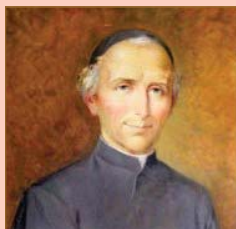
**Monday—Friday** 11:00AM - 5:30PM\*

**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!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday, April 17

5:10 PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM—Misa de la Cena del Señor

Visitation of the Blessed Sacrament after the Spanish Mass  
till 10:00 PM

### Good Friday, April 18

12:00 P M—Stations of the Cross

2:30 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 PM—Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 PM—Commemoración de la Pasión del Señor

### Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00 PM—Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 PM—Misa de Vigilia Pascual

### Easter Sunday, April 20

Regular Sunday Schedule

10:30 AM—Boston Marathon Runners' Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 13, 2025

**8:00 AM** - Claire Chang—conversion

**9:15 AM** - +Thomas Keady—28th anniversary

**10:30 AM** - +Llew D'Souza

**11:45 AM** - +Maribel Duprey—month's mind

**1:15 PM** - +Valeria Ysasa—anniversary

**4:00 PM** - +Joseph Creamer

**5:30 PM** - +Beatriz Nazar Castillo

### Monday, April 14

**8:00 AM** - +Charles Carroll

**12:05 PM** - Thanksgiving to St. Raphael

**4:0045M** - Grace Nethala

### Tuesday, April 15

**8:00 AM** - Matthew & Family

**12:05 PM** - +Helen Hall

**4:45 PM** - Jamal Thompson

### Wednesday, April 16

**8:00 AM** - Dolly Blakkis

**12:05 PM** - +José Falomir

**4:45 PM** - +Sally Fahy

### Thursday, April 17—Holy Thursday

**5:10 PM** - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nolan

**7:00 PM** - Las Almas del Purgatorio

### Saturday, April 19—Holy Saturday

**8:00 PM** - La Comunidad de la Capilla de San Francisco

#### ***The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:***

##### **For the Use of the New Technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



## *Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV*

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For our Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we have 2,000 palms on hand which will be blessed, distributed, held and pondered during the 9 Palm Sunday Masses here at the chapel. We will all hold these palms during the Mass during the proclamation of the Palm Sunday Gospel at the beginning of the Mass and also during our shared proclamation of the Gospel passion narrative. The blessed palms are a concrete way for you and me to enter into the great mystery of Holy Week and the Sacred days of the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Praying with these palms here in Church at home and along the way, we might make these sentiments of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, the founder of the OMV, our own: "Moreover, they did not go with empty hands, but carrying palms which signify victories, and olive branches which represent peace. So I bring them to my Jesus: peace with Him and with one's neighbor, that is, peace of conscience and victories over vices corrected, passions subdued, inclinations and repugnances to the good overcome. And I will not be content to bring Him leaves, that is, simple intentions, but fruits." (Please find the rest of Fr Lanteri's meditation elsewhere in the bulletin.) May the Lord bless your steps into Holy Week and the inestimable love of Jesus Christ for you. Suggestion: another gift you can bring to Jesus this Holy Week is all your sins in a good confession. Be assured of the prayers of all the OMV Chapel priests and Brothers for a blessed and fruitful Holy Week for you and yours.



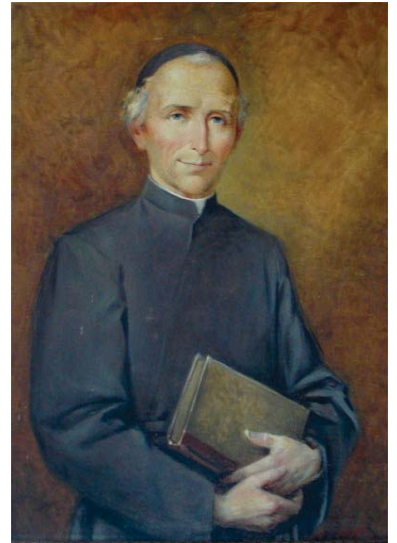
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Para nuestro Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor, tenemos 2000 palmas disponibles que serán bendecidas, distribuidas, sostenidas y meditadas durante las nueve misas del Domingo de Ramos aquí en la capilla. Todos las sostendremos durante la proclamación del Evangelio del Domingo de Ramos al comienzo de la misa y también durante nuestra proclamación compartida del relato evangélico de la pasión. Las palmas benditas son una manera concreta para que ustedes y yo nos adentremos en el gran misterio de la Semana Santa y los días sagrados del Triduo del Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Sábado Santo. Orando con estas palmas aquí en la Iglesia, en casa y a lo largo del camino, podemos hacer nuestros estos sentimientos del Venerable Bruno Lanteri, fundador de la OMV: "Además, no iban con las manos vacías, sino llevando palmas que significan victorias y ramas de olivo que representan la paz. Así que las traigo a mi Jesús: paz con Él y con el prójimo, es decir, paz de conciencia y victorias sobre los vicios corregidos, pasiones sometidas, inclinaciones y repugnancias al bien vencidas. Y no me contentaré con llevarle hojas, es decir, simples intenciones, sino frutos". (Por favor, encuentre el resto de la meditación del P. Lanteri en otra parte del boletín). Que el Señor bendiga sus pasos en la Semana Santa y el inestimable amor de Jesucristo por usted. Sugerencia: otro regalo que puede traer a Jesús esta Semana Santa son todos sus pecados en una buena confesión. Tenga la seguridad de las oraciones de todos los sacerdotes y hermanos de la Capilla OMV para una Semana Santa bendecida y fructífera para usted y los suyos.



## Venerable Bruno Lanteri on Communion and Jesus' Entrance into Jerusalem

S. John Chrysostom says that communion is a solemn entrance that Jesus does in the Christian soul, similar to what he did in Jerusalem. So I can use as a model what his good disciples did towards Jesus then. A crowd of the disciples, as the Evangelist says, in hearing that Jesus wanted to visit them publicly in the city, were happy and praised God. They were rejoicing and praising. So, first of all, knowing that the Lord wants to come into my soul, I will examine whether I am His true disciple by having His holy grace, by detesting everything that displeases Him, by practicing virtue, according to what S. Paul says: But man tests himself. And this being so, I rejoice within myself that the Lord wishes so much to favor me, to praise Him and thank Him for so much goodness.



Moreover, they were not content to wait for Him, but went to meet Him, just as I must go to meet my God, who meekly, hiding His majesty and His glory, comes to my soul with acts of faith, recognizing Him for what He truly is, of humility, very often presenting me with the centurion that I am not worthy of such a great visit, with acts of contrition, detesting my sins and most ardent desires. Moreover, they did not go with empty hands, but carrying palms which signify victories, and olive branches which represent peace. So I bring them to my Jesus: peace with Him and with one's neighbor, that is, peace of conscience and victories over vices corrected, passions subdued, inclinations and repugnances to the good overcome. And I will not be content to bring Him leaves, that is, simple intentions, but fruits. Finally, after covering the streets where He passed with their clothes, they accompanied Him to the inn, stayed with Him for a long time, and did not leave until, after having healed the blind, the deaf, the lame, and all who were sick, He sent them away with His blessing.



## Venerable Bruno Lanteri sobre la Comunión y la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén

Dice San Juan Crisóstomo que la comunión es una entrada solemne que hace Jesús en el alma cristiana, similar a la que hizo en Jerusalén. Así que puedo usar como modelo lo que sus buenos discípulos hicieron con Jesús entonces. Una multitud de los discípulos, como dice el evangelista, al oír que Jesús quería visitarlos públicamente en la ciudad, se alegraron y alabaron a Dios. Se regocijaban y alababan. Así que, ante todo, sabiendo que el Señor quiere venir a mi alma, examinaré si soy su verdadero discípulo teniendo su santa gracia, detestando todo lo que le desagrada, practicando la virtud, según lo que dice San Pablo: Pero el hombre se prueba a sí mismo. Y siendo esto así, me regocijo dentro de mí de que el Señor quiera tanto favorecerme, alabarlo y darle gracias por tanta bondad.

Además, no se contentaron con esperararlo, sino que fueron a su encuentro, como yo debo ir al encuentro de mi Dios, quien mansamente, ocultando su majestad y su gloria, viene a mi alma con actos de fe, reconociéndolo por lo que realmente es, de humildad, presentándome muy a menudo con el centurión de que no soy digno de tan gran visita, con actos de contrición, detestando mis pecados y deseos más ardientes. Además, no fueron con las manos vacías, sino portando palmas que significan victorias y ramas de olivo que representan la paz. Así que los traigo a mi Jesús: paz con Él y con el prójimo, es decir, paz de conciencia y victorias sobre los vicios corregidos, pasiones dominadas, inclinaciones y repugnancias al bien vencidas. Y no me contentaré con traerle hojas, es decir, simples intenciones, sino frutos. Finalmente, después de cubrir con sus ropas las calles por donde pasaba, le acompañaron hasta la posada, estuvieron con Él largo tiempo y no se fueron hasta que, después de haber curado a los ciegos, a los sordos, a los cojos y a todos los enfermos, los despidió con su bendición.

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MON

### ST. PAUL'S PARISH, CAMBRIDGE

6pm Starting with Holy Mass with Fr. Nate Sanders

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TUE

### ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, ALLSTON

6pm Bilingual Portugese - English Night

23

WED

### ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, BROOKLINE

6pm Starting with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

8pm Procession\* followed by a Candlelit Mass at St. Clement

24

THU

### ST. CLEMENT EUCCHARISTIC SHRINE, BACK BAY

5:45pm Starting with Vespers with Oblates of the Virgin Mary

25

FRI

### CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY CROSS, SOUTH END

6pm Bilingual Spanish - English Night

7:30pm Mass with Archbishop Henning & Procession to the North End\*

26

SAT

### SACRED HEART AND ST. LEONARD'S, NORTH END

See website for morning and afternoon activities

6pm Worship and Evangelization Night

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SUN

### ST. FRANCIS PARISH, CAMBRIDGE

5:30pm Mass with Bishop Christiano Barbosa

7pm Social

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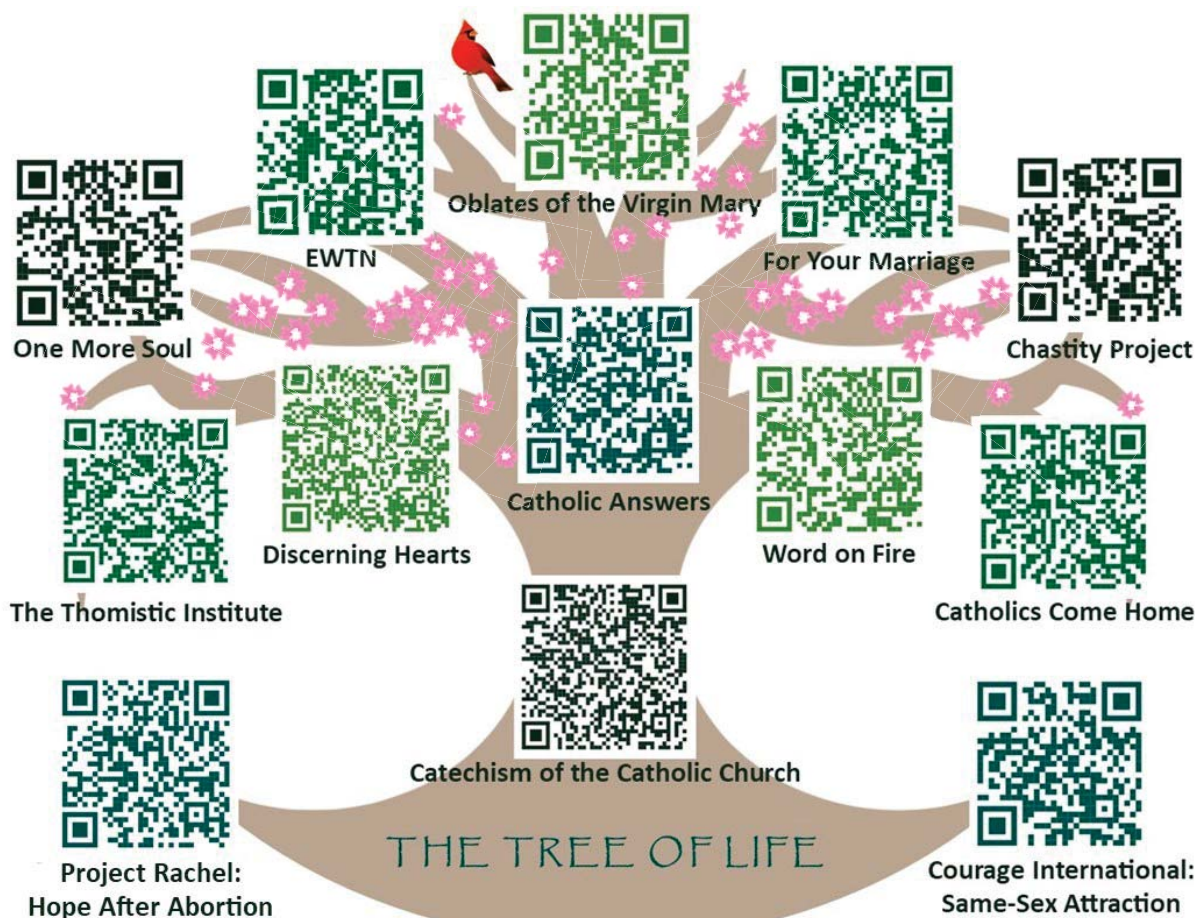
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*We're excited to welcome James Wahlberg as this year's  
keynote speaker!*

James Wahlberg is the CEO and Founder  
of Wahl St. Marketing & Consulting and  
has been working in and around the field  
of addiction recovery for more than 25  
years. Jim's relationship with his faith  
began through the compassion of a  
Catholic Priest and a visit from Mother  
Theresa during one of his stints in a  
Massachusetts State Correctional Facility. As Jim worked to  
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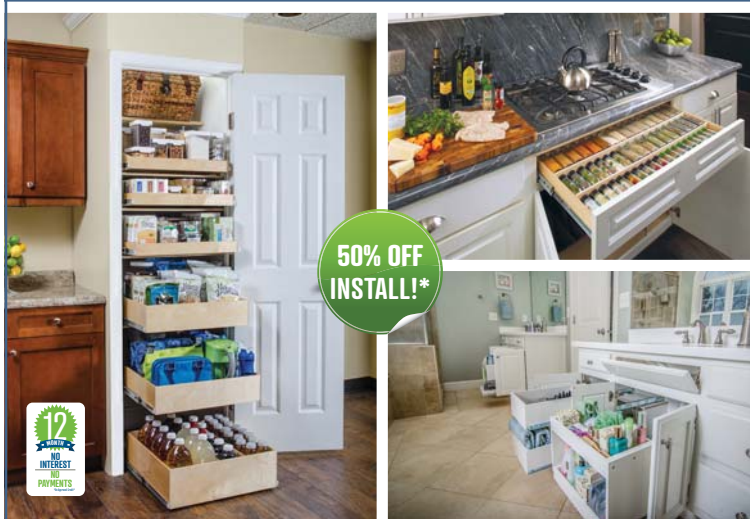
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