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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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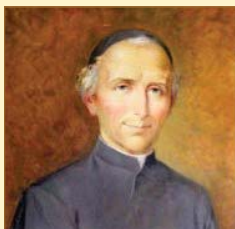
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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**

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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, May 4, 2025

8:00 AM - +Pope Francis
9:15 AM - +LaVerne DuBois
10:30 AM - Holly—healing
11:45 AM - +Kevin Schiller
1:15 PM - +Paola Ledesma
4:00 PM - +Doreen Pinto
5:30 PM - +Edgar & Odilla Castillo

Monday, May 5

8:00 AM - +Vinnie Grant
12:05 PM - Helen Doherty
4:00 PM - +Robert Fraser

Tuesday, May 6

8:00 AM - +Baby Phoebe
12:05 PM - +Jan Aughey
4:45 PM - Lilia

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 AM - +Carol Berlusconi
12:05 PM - +Brenda DiGiovanni
4:45 PM - +Jorge Maravi Benitez &
Family

Thursday, May 8

8:00 AM - +Miquie Rivera
12:05 PM - +Robert & +Mary Quinn
4:45 PM - Lily Feitelberg

Friday, May 9

8:00 AM - +Rosemary Gallo
12:05 PM - Ferdinand
4:45 PM - +Michael Hyland

Saturday, May 10

9:00 AM - Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM - +Joseph & +Joseph Henry
4:00 PM - +Russell Eidell
5:30 PM - +Margarita Arboleda

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! Alleluia! So much to talk about! So much to pray for, and so much for which to be grateful! We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, who died on Easter Monday, and for the consolation of his family and friends, and for all the Church which mourns his passing. We pray for the Cardinals who gather in Rome to pray and discern and elect our next Vicar of Christ. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their choice.

Our Holy Week and Easter Week here at the Chapel were so beautiful! So blessed! There were so many confessions! Thanks be to God! The Chapel is an oasis of peace and an oasis of mercy. and mercy was pouring out in buckets in the confessionals here right up until and through Mercy Sunday. We have over 40 hours of confessional availability every week, but Holy Week and Easter week are especially blessed in this regard. So much healing! The Masses for the Sacred Triduum were full and the Spanish Easter Vigil was especially beautiful. The Easter Sunday Masses were glorious with several of the Masses full to overflowing into the vestibule and out into the Mall. The annual Runner's Mass for the Marathon was one of those, and we blessed all the runners and gave out 300 blessed bracelets to the marathoners present. The Music for our Masses was heavenly - more about that next week, but in the meanwhile, I am ever so grateful for the wonderful musicians we have here at the Chapel who give so much of their time and talent to the Lord in our Liturgies! Thank you!

Finally, I was very pleased to have over 4 tables of friends from the Chapel at our Annual OMV Seminary Fundraising Gala last Saturday at the Seaport Hotel! A wonderful time was had by the 250 plus guests who heard an inspiring talk by Jim Wahlberg. Jim shared deeply about his recovery from addiction and the influence of a priest prison chaplain and meeting St Mother Teresa upon his conversion to Christ in the Church. His book "The Big Hustle" is a worthy read. His movies including the latest "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality" are contributing greatly to the transformation of our Culture and the building up of God's Kingdom. Please join us next year on Saturday, April 25 for the 2026 Gala, which will mark 200 years of the Foundation of the OMV and 50 years for us in the USA! It will be grand!

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Felices Pascuas! ¡Aleluya! ¡Hay tanto que contar! ¡Tanto por lo que orar y tanto por lo que estar agradecidos! Oramos por el descanso del alma del Papa Francisco, fallecido el Lunes de Pascua, y por el consuelo de su familia y amigos, y por toda la Iglesia que llora su fallecimiento. Oramos por los cardenales que se reúnen en Roma para orar, discernir y elegir a nuestro próximo Vicario de Cristo. Que el Espíritu Santo los guíe en su elección.

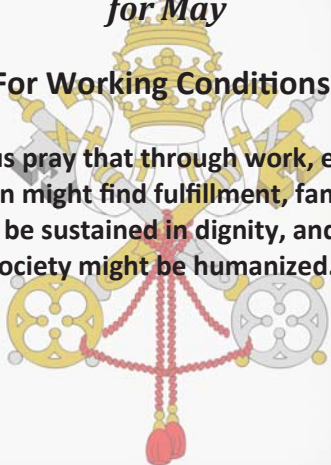
¡Nuestra Semana Santa y la Semana de Pascua aquí en la Capilla fueron tan hermosas! ¡Tan bendecidas! ¡Hubo tantas confesiones! ¡Gracias a Dios! La Capilla es un oasis de paz y un oasis de misericordia. Y la misericordia se derramó a raudales en los confesionarios hasta el Domingo de la Misericordia. Tenemos más de 40 horas de confesionarios disponibles cada semana, pero la Semana Santa y la Semana de Pascua son especialmente bendecidas en este sentido. ¡Cuánta sanación! Las misas del Triduo Sagrado estuvieron llenas y la Vigilia Pascual española fue especialmente hermosa. Las misas del Domingo de Pascua fueron gloriosas, con varias misas llenas hasta el vestíbulo y el centro comercial. La Misa anual de los Corredores del Maratón fue una de ellas, y bendecimos a todos los corredores y repartimos 300 pulseras bendecidas a los maratonistas presentes. La música de nuestras misas fue celestial; les contaré más sobre eso la próxima semana, pero mientras tanto, estoy muy agradecido por los maravillosos músicos que tenemos aquí en la Capilla, quienes dedican tanto de su tiempo y talento al Señor en nuestras liturgias. ¡Gracias!

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for May

For Working Conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



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Finalmente, me complació mucho contar con más de cuatro mesas de amigos de la Capilla en nuestra Gala Anual de Recaudación de Fondos del Seminario OMV el sábado pasado en el Hotel Seaport. Los más de 250 invitados disfrutaron de un momento maravilloso al escuchar la inspiradora charla de Jim Wahlberg. Jim compartió con profundidad su recuperación de la adicción, la influencia de un sacerdote capellán de prisión y su encuentro con la Santa Madre Teresa en su conversión a Cristo en la Iglesia. Su libro "The Big Hustle" es una lectura que vale la pena leer. Sus películas, incluyendo la más reciente, "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality", están contribuyendo enormemente a la transformación de nuestra cultura y a la construcción del Reino de Dios. ¡Acompáñenos el próximo año el sábado 25 de abril para la Gala 2026, que conmemorará los 200 años de la fundación del OMV y nuestros 50 años en EE. UU.! ¡Será una experiencia grandiosa!



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How is a New Pope Chosen? — Papal Conclave 2025

When a pope dies or resigns, the governance of the Catholic Church passes to the College of Cardinals. Cardinals are bishops and Vatican officials from all over the world, personally chosen by the pope, recognizable by their distinctive red vestments.

Following a vacancy in the papacy, the cardinals hold a series of meetings at the Vatican called general congregations. They discuss the needs and the challenges facing the Catholic Church globally. They will also prepare for the upcoming papal election, called a conclave. Decisions that only the pope can make, such as appointing a bishop or convening the Synod of Bishops, must wait till after the election. In the past, they made arrangements for the funeral and burial of the deceased pope.

In the past, 15 to 20 days after a papal vacancy, the cardinals gathered in St. Peter's Basilica for a Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in electing a new pope. Only cardinals under the age of 80 are eligible to vote in a conclave. They are known as the cardinal electors.



"Habemus Papam" - Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., has been elected Pope Francis. © Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk. Flickr

For the conclave itself, the cardinal electors process to the Sistine Chapel and take an oath of absolute secrecy before sealing the doors.

The cardinals vote by secret ballot, processing one by one up to Michelangelo's fresco of the Last Judgment, saying a prayer and dropping the twice-folded ballot in a large chalice. Four rounds of balloting are taken every day until a candidate receives two-thirds of the vote. The result of each ballot are counted aloud and recorded by three cardinals designated as recorders. If no one receives the necessary two-thirds of the vote, the ballots are burned in a stove near the chapel with a mixture of chemicals to produce black smoke.

When a cardinal receives the necessary two-thirds vote, the dean of the College of Cardinals asks him if he accepts his election. If he accepts, he chooses a papal name and is dressed in papal vestments before processing out to the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. The ballots of the final round are burned with chemicals producing white smoke to signal to the world the election of a new pope.

The senior cardinal deacon, currently French Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, announces from the balcony of St. Peter's "Habemus Papam" ("We have a pope") before the new pope processes out and imparts his blessing on the city of Rome and the entire world.

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*O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

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¿Cómo se elige a un nuevo Papa? — Cónclave Papal 2025

Cuando un papa fallece o renuncia, el gobierno de la Iglesia Católica pasa al Colegio Cardenalicio. Los cardenales son obispos y funcionarios del Vaticano de todo el mundo, elegidos personalmente por el papa y reconocibles por sus distintivas vestimentas rojas.

Tras una vacante en el papado, los cardenales celebran una serie de reuniones en el Vaticano llamadas congregaciones generales. En ellas, discuten las necesidades y los desafíos que enfrenta la Iglesia Católica a nivel mundial. También se preparan para la próxima elección papal, llamada cónclave. Las decisiones que solo el papa puede tomar, como nombrar a un obispo o convocar el Sínodo de los Obispos, deben esperar hasta después de la elección. Anteriormente, organizaban el funeral y el entierro del papa fallecido.

Anteriormente, entre 15 y 20 días después de una vacante papal, los cardenales se reunían en la Basílica de San Pedro para una misa en la que invocaban la guía del Espíritu Santo para elegir a un nuevo papa. Solo los cardenales menores de 80 años pueden votar en un cónclave. Se les conoce como cardenales electores.



Basílica de San Pedro, Ciudad del Vaticano.
Foto: Dominio Público.

Para el cónclave, los cardenales electores se dirigen a la Capilla Sixtina y prestan juramento de absoluto secreto antes de sellar las puertas.

Los cardenales votan en secreto, procesándolos uno a uno hasta el fresco del Juicio Final de Miguel Ángel, donde recitan una oración y depositan la papeleta doblada dos veces en un gran cáliz. Se realizan cuatro rondas de votación diarias hasta que un candidato obtiene dos tercios de los votos. El resultado de cada votación se cuenta en voz alta y es registrado por tres cardenales designados como registradores. Si nadie obtiene los dos tercios necesarios, las papeletas se queman en una estufa cerca de la capilla con una mezcla de productos químicos para producir humo negro.

Cuando un cardenal obtiene los dos tercios necesarios, el decano del Colegio Cardenalicio le pregunta si acepta su elección. Si acepta, elige un nombre papal y se viste con las vestiduras papales antes de salir al balcón de la Basílica de San Pedro. Las papeletas de la ronda final se queman con productos químicos produciendo humo blanco para señalar al mundo la elección de un nuevo Papa.

El cardenal diácono de mayor rango, actualmente el cardenal francés Dominique Mamberti, Prefecto del Tribunal Supremo de la Signatura Apostólica, anuncia desde el balcón de San Pedro "Habemus Papam" ("Tenemos un Papa") antes de que el nuevo Papa salga en procesión e imparta su bendición a la ciudad de Roma y al mundo entero. ©2025 Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos

*Oh Dios, eterno pastor,
que gobiernas tu rebaño con inagotable cuidado,
concede, en tu infinito amor paternal,
un pastor para tu Iglesia
que te agrade por su santidad
y nos muestre un cuidado solícito.
Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo,
Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.*

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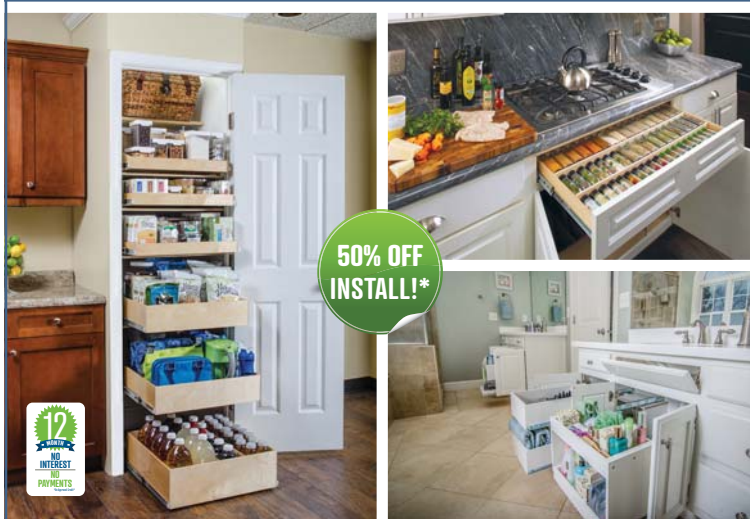
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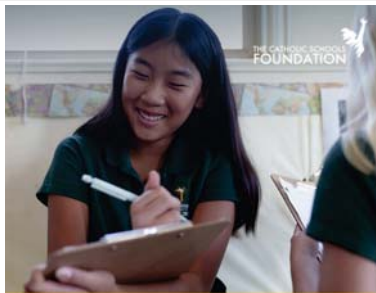
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