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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!



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 25, 2025

8:00 AM - + Angela Kelly Ricker

9:15 AM - Zofia Litra

10:30 AM - Shruti Kulkarni—

thanksgiving for Confirmation

11:45 AM - +Felicisima Alob

1:15 PM - +Guido del Toro—

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4:00 PM - Ashley Lazarre

5:30 PM - +Dennis Raymond Policarpio

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Monday, May 26—Memorial Day

9:00 AM - Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

12:00 PM -+Sr. Lisa DeSabatino

Tuesday, May 27

8:00 AM - +Tim & +Ann Murphy

Callahan

12:05 PM - + Hugh Grant

4:45 PM - Jacqueline Nolan-Haley

Wednesday, May 28

8:00 AM - +Raymond Jean P.

12:05 PM - +Mrs. Musafer

4:45 PM - Michael Muñoz

Thursday, May 29—The Ascension

8:00 AM - +Frederick W. Bush—

anniversary

12:05 PM -+Robert & +Cory Sheers

4:00 PM -+ Maria Carvalho

5:10 PM -Barbara Pelton—health

7:00 PM -+P. James B. Doran, OMV

Friday, May 30

8:00 AM - Brian Kallajian—healing

12:05 PM - +Pat Kelly

4:45 PM - Xiomara. Emilio & Emanuel

Saturday, May 31

9:00 AM - Vocations to the Oblates of

the Virgin Mary

10:00 AM - +Fr. James B. Doran, OMV

12:00 PM - Souls in Purgatory

4:00 PM -+Carlene Barcella

5:30 PM -+Anthony Colozzo

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

Habemus Papam! A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV:

It is with profound reverence that we give thanks to Almighty God for the election of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Taking the name Pope Leo XIV, he becomes the first American-born pontiff in the Church's two-millennia history.

Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father,

You have raised Your servant, Pope Leo XIV, to the Chair of Saint Peter.

Pour out Your abundant blessings upon him.

Through him, guide Your pilgrim Church along the path to Heaven.

Grant him wisdom to discern Your will,

Courage to fulfill it,

And charity to shepherd Your people with the Heart of Christ.

In this time of grace,

Bring peace to troubled hearts,

Joy to those who suffer,

And hope to the despairing.

May he be a faithful successor to Saint Peter,

A humble servant of Your Word,

And a fearless herald of Your Divine Mercy and Truth.

Strengthen him with the grace of the Holy Spirit,

That he may lead the Church in unity, holiness, and fidelity.

We entrust him to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

And to the prayers of all the saints.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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¡Habemus Papam! Oración por el Papa León XIV:

Con profunda reverencia damos gracias a Dios Todopoderoso por la elección del cardenal Robert Francis Prevost como el 267º papa de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Tomando el nombre de Papa León XIV, se convierte en el primer nacido en Estados Unidos pontífice en los dos milenios de historia de la Iglesia.

Oremos:

Padre Celestial,

Has elevado a tu siervo, el Papa León XIV, a la Cátedra de San Pedro.

Derrama Tus abundantes bendiciones sobre él.

A través de él, guía a tu Iglesia peregrina por el camino hacia el Cielo.

Concédele sabiduría para discernir Tu voluntad,

Coraje para cumplirlo,

Y la caridad para pastorear a tu pueblo con el Corazón de Cristo.

En este tiempo de gracia,

Trae paz a los corazones atribulados,

Alegría a los que sufren,

Y esperanza para los desesperados.

Que sea un fiel sucesor de San Pedro, Un humilde siervo de Tu Palabra.

Y un heraldo intrépido de Tu Divina Misericordia y Verdad.

Fortalécelo con la gracia del Espíritu Santo,

Que conduzca a la Iglesia en la unidad, la santidad y la fidelidad.

Lo encomendamos al cuidado materno de la Santísima Virgen María,

Y a las oraciones de todos los santos.

Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

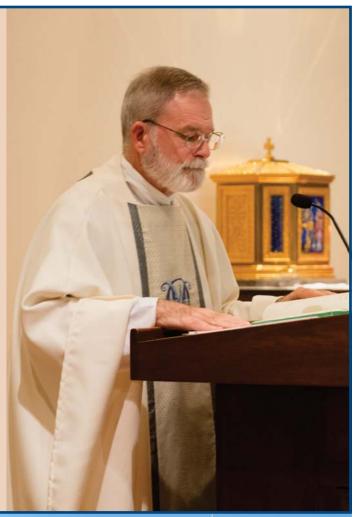
Saturday, May 31, 10:00 AM Bilingual Memorial Mass for Fr. James Bernard Doran, OMV Former Director of St. Francis Chapel

Fr. Jim Doran, beloved former director of St. Francis Chapel, tragically passed away on May 9, 2025 after a bicycle accident.

Fr. Jim faithfully served the Lord as an Oblate of the Virgin Mary. He professed his final vows in 1982, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1986. He spent nearly two decades as a missionary in Brazil, ministering in the Amazon. In 2003 he returned to the United States and served in various communities across the Province, including Hawaiian Gardens, CA, Denver, CO, and Boston, MA. He lived a life of humble service, prayer and devotion to Christ, leaving a lasting impact on all who knew him.

Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Jim Doran, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Fr. Jim, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.

El descanso eterno concédele al P. Jim Doran, oh Señor, y que la luz perpetua brille sobre él. Que el Padre Jim, y todas las almas de los fieles difuntos, descansen en paz. Amén.





Honoring Catholic Chaplains on Memorial Day

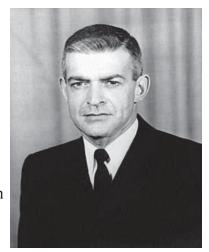


Father Aloysius H. Schmitt and the USS Schmitt

Aloysius H. Schmitt was born in St. Lucas, Iowa on December 4, 1909, and was appointed acting chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant (Junior Grade) on June 28, 1939. Serving on his first sea tour, he was hearing confessions on board the battleship USS Oklahoma when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. When the ship capsized, he was entrapped along with several other members of the crew in a compartment where only a small porthole provided a means of escape. He assisted o thers through the porthole, giving up his own chance to escape, so that more men might be rescued. He received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal posthumously for his courage and self-sacrifice. St. Francis Xavier Chapel, erected at Camp Lejeune in 1942, was dedicated in his memory.

Father Vincent R. Capodanno and the USS Capodanno

Vincent R. Capodanno was born in Richmond County, New York, on February 13, 1929. He was an avid swimmer and a great sports enthusiast. After receiving his training at Fordham University in New York City, Maryknoll Seminary College in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and Maryknoll Seminaries in Bedford, Massachusetts and New York City, New York, he was ordained on June 7, 1957 by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar of the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate. Shortly thereafter, he began an eight-year period of service in Taiwan and Hong Kong under the auspices of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society.



Chaplain Capodanno received his commission with the rank of Lieutenant on December 28, 1965. Having requested duty with Marines in Vietnam, he joined the First Marine Division in 1966 as a battalion chaplain. He extended his one-year tour by six months in order to continue his work with the men. While seeking to aid a wounded corpsman, he was fatally wounded on September 4, 1967 by enemy sniper fire in the Quang Tin Province. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty...." He had previously been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for bravery under battle conditions.

WITH GRATITUDE AND HONOR BY J. VELTRI, S.J.

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others. O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country – and for us. Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no other young men and women follow them to a soldier's grave unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just. Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy

Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice, O God, help us to be worthy. Amen.

Homenaje a los Capellanes Católicos en el Día de los Caídos



El Padre Aloysius H. Schmitt y el USS Schmitt

Aloysius H. Schmitt nació en St. Lucas, Iowa, el 4 de diciembre de 1909 y fue nombrado capellán interino con el rango de Teniente (Grado Subalterno) el 28 de junio de 1939. En su primer servicio en el mar, escuchaba confesiones a bordo del acorazado USS Oklahoma cuando los japoneses atacaron Pearl Harbor el 7 de diciembre de 1941. Cuando el barco zozobró, quedó atrapado junto con varios otros miembros de la tripulación en un compartimento donde solo una pequeña portilla les permitía escapar. Ayudó a otros a atravesar la portilla, renunciando a su propia oportunidad de escapar, para que más hombres pudieran ser rescatados. Recibió la Medalla de la Armada y el Cuerpo de Marines a título póstumo por su valentía y abnegación. La capilla de San Francisco Javier, erigida en Camp Lejeune en 1942, fue dedicada a su memoria.

El Padre Vincent R. Capodanno y el USS Capodanno

Vincent R. Capodanno nació en el condado de Richmond, Nueva York, el 13 de febrero de 1929. Era un ávido nadador y un gran aficionado a los deportes. Tras formarse en la Universidad de Fordham en la ciudad de Nueva York, el Colegio Seminario Maryknoll en Glen Ellyn, Illinois, y los Seminarios Maryknoll en Bedford, Massachusetts y Nueva York, fue ordenado sacerdote el 7 de junio de 1957 por el Cardenal Francis Spellman, Arzobispo de Nueva York y Vicario Militar del Ordinariato Militar Católico Romano. Poco después, comenzó un período de ocho años de servicio en Taiwán y Hong Kong bajo los auspicios de la Sociedad Católica de Misiones Extranjeras. El capellán Capodanno recibió su comisión con el rango de teniente el 28 de diciembre de 1965. Habiendo solicitado el servicio con los Marines en Vietnam, se unió a la Primera División de Marines en 1966 como



capellán de batallón. Extendió su período de un año por seis meses para continuar su trabajo con los hombres. Mientras intentaba ayudar a un médico herido, fue herido fatalmente el 4 de septiembre de 1967 por fuego de francotiradores enemigos en la provincia de Quang Tin. Se le concedió póstumamente la Medalla de Honor "por su notable valentía e intrepidez arriesgando su vida más allá del llamado del deber...". Anteriormente había sido galardonado con la Medalla Estrella de Bronce por su valentía en condiciones de batalla.

CON GRATITUD Y HONOR POR J. VELTRI, S.J.

Dios misericordioso, en este fin de semana del Día de los Caídos, recordamos y damos gracias por quienes dieron su vida al servicio de nuestro país. Cuando la necesidad era mayor, dieron un paso al frente y cumplieron con su deber de defender las libertades que disfrutamos y de conquistar las mismas para los demás. Oh Dios, tú mismo nos has enseñado que ningún amor es mayor que el que se entrega al prójimo. Estos fallecidos honrados dieron el regalo más preciado que tenían, la vida misma, por sus seres queridos y vecinos, por sus compañeros y su país, y por nosotros. Ayúdanos a honrar su memoria cuidando de los familiares que dejaron atrás, asegurándonos de que sus compañeros heridos reciban la atención adecuada, siendo vigilantes de las libertades por las que dieron su vida y exigiendo que ningún otro joven los siga a la tumba de un soldado a menos que la razón sea digna y la causa justa. Santo, ayúdanos a recordar que la libertad no es gratuita. Hay momentos en que el precio es, sin duda, muy alto. Nunca olvidemos a quienes pagaron un precio tan terrible para asegurar que la libertad fuera nuestro legado.

Aunque sus nombres se desvanezcan con el paso de las generaciones, que nunca olvidemos lo que hicieron. Ayúdanos a ser dignos de su sacrificio, oh Dios, ayúdanos a ser dignos. Amén.







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