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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:

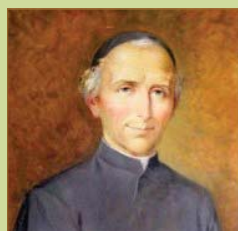
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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.

St. Clement Young Adult Group **AMICIZIA CRISTIANA**

Every Monday from 7-8:30 PM

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine

1105 Boylston Street, 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.



Save the date!

Sunday, September 7, 2025. 12:00 noon.
The First Annual Mass and Picnic in the
Prudential South Garden!

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Domingo, 7 de septiembre de 2025, 12 p. m.
¡Primera Misa bilingüe anual y picnic en el
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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8:00 AM – Bernadette & Leon Olivier
9:15 AM - Coolahan Family
10:30 AM - Christine Olzanski
11:45 AM - Joey Mondello—health
1:15 PM - Familia Correa Duque
4:00 PM - Manuel Tuan—healing
5:30 PM - Paul & Emily

Monday, July 14

8:00 AM - Danielle, Kristen & Jennifer
12:05 PM –+Ignacia Gerra
4:00 PM –Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 15

8:00 AM - +Enrique Akut
12:05 PM - +Violet Villani
4:45 PM - +Maria & +Danny Cortes

Wednesday, July 16

8:00 AM - Patrick & Josephine Ward
12:05 PM - In Thanksgiving
4:45 PM - Megan Coolahan

Thursday, July 17

8:00 AM –Mikaela—thanksgiving
12:05 PM - Elizabeth Tolrach & Family
4:45 PM - Lilia Muñoz

Friday, July 18

8:00 AM - +Sean Skelly
12:05 PM - +Daniel Adigweme
4:45 PM - Tony Ozaeta—birthday

Saturday, July 19

9:00 AM - Miriam Martinez
12:00 PM - +Ann Feitelberg
4:00 PM - Cecilia & Francis Palacio—
50th wedding anniversary
5:30 PM - +Clarence DeMar

Gift Shop Items of the Week:



New Tiny Saints Charms!

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generosity two weeks ago to our visiting missionary priests, Frs. Gabriel and Frederik "JB" from Nyeri, Kenya! Your giving added up to \$5,499! May God bless you for your kindness to their mission. The following is a thank you letter from Fr Gabriel:

Hello Fr. Jeremy,

I write to thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for rallying your parishioners with good preparation before our visit last weekend. They were generous because you are generous. As a good shepherd and pastor you have taught them the value of devotion to our Lord (as you allow them with dedication to adore Our Lord daily in the chapel) and love for the church which is evident in their spirit of giving. Thank you for allowing Fr. JB to come and preach and he definitely did not disappoint. Thank you for giving him accommodation for a prolonged period of time which saved us so much headaches. The project for the children with autism has now a great head start from your generosity. May the Lord bless you and bless each and every one of your parishioners. We are grateful to the priests who work with you at St Francis Chapel and the Fraternity of The Oblates of the Most Holy Virgin Mary. I in particular felt honored to say Masses and to preach for the Missions in your Chapel.

Accept the gratitude of Archbishop Anthony Muheria of Nyeri and that of the whole Archdiocese.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Gabriel Muteru,

Contact for the Archdiocese of Nyeri, Kenya.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Gracias por su generosidad hace dos semanas con nuestros sacerdotes misioneros visitantes, los padres Gabriel y Frederik "JB" de Nyeri, Kenia. ¡Su donación ascendió a \$5,499! Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad hacia su misión. A continuación, una carta de agradecimiento del padre Gabriel:



Hola, padre Jeremy:

Le escribo para agradecerle enormemente su amabilidad y generosidad. Gracias por animar a sus feligreses con una buena preparación antes de nuestra visita el fin de semana pasado. Fueron generosos porque usted es generoso. Como buen pastor, les ha enseñado el valor de la devoción a nuestro Señor (al permitirles adorar a Nuestro Señor con dedicación a diario en la capilla) y el amor por la iglesia, que se evidencia en su generosidad. Gracias por permitir que el padre JB viniera a predicar, y sin duda no nos decepcionó. Gracias por brindarle alojamiento durante un período prolongado, lo que nos ahorró muchos dolores de cabeza. El proyecto para los niños con autismo ahora tiene una gran ventaja gracias a su generosidad. Que el Señor los bendiga y bendiga a todos y cada uno de sus feligreses. Estamos agradecidos a los sacerdotes que trabajan con ustedes en la Capilla de San Francisco y la Fraternidad de los Oblatos de la Santísima Virgen María. En particular, me sentí honrado de decir misas y predicar por las Misiones en su capilla.

Acepte la gratitud del arzobispo Anthony Muheria de Nyeri y la de toda la Arquidiócesis.

Fraternalmente en Cristo,

P. Gabriel Muteru,

Contacto para la Arquidiócesis de Nyeri, Kenia.

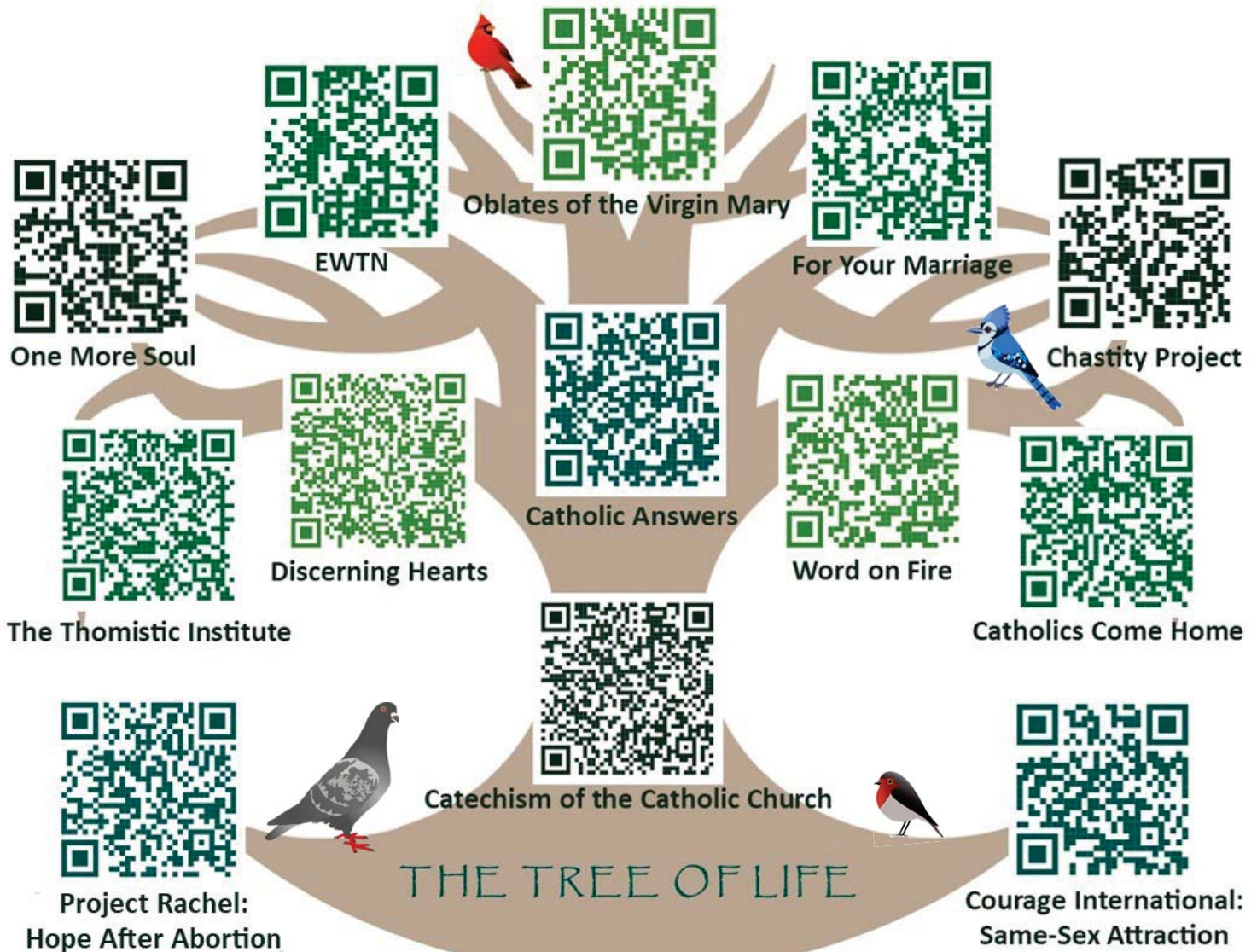
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexico Pilgrimage with St. Francis Chapel, Boston

September 10 - 16, 2025 (7 Days)

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WITNESS TO FREEDOM

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



*"I have deliberated enough.
For a long time my decision on
what I will do has been made."*

Kateri Tekakwitha is revered today as the first Native American saint. Only 24 when she died, Kateri is an example of purity, prayer, and most especially endurance in faith. Born in 1656, in a Mohawk village in what is now upstate New York, she was an outsider. Her mother was an Algonquin who was catechized and baptized Roman Catholic by French missionaries in Trois-Rivières, east of Montreal. Her mother was captured by the Mohawks in a raid and was taken to be the wife of the Mohawk chief Kenneronkwa near present-day Auriesville, New York.

At an early age, Kateri's village suffered a severe smallpox epidemic, which killed her parents and left her scarred and her vision impaired. Her name, "Tekakwitha", means "she who bumps into things." She was adopted by her Mohawk relatives who survived the epidemic, and the survivors of the plague moved to the new village of Caughnawaga.

Like her mother, Tekakwitha sought out instruction from Catholic missionaries that led to her eventual baptism at the age of 19 and her taking the name "Kateri" after St. Catherine of Siena on Easter Sunday 1676.

Kateri faced severe obstacles from the Mohawk tribal leaders, as well as from her adopted family. On Holy Days, Kateri received no food, since she prayed rather than work in the fields. When she walked to chapel, she was cursed and pelted with stones. Nevertheless, she persevered. She refused to marry despite pressure from her tribe. According to Fr. Pierre Cholenec, a Jesuit priest who was a mentor, Kateri said, "I have deliberated enough. For a long time my decision on what I will do has been made. I have consecrated myself entirely to Jesus, son of Mary, I have chosen Him for husband and He alone will take me for wife."

The French missionaries encouraged her to leave her hostile environment and travel to Canada to the St. Francois Xavier mission. Her uncle opposed this move, because he was suspicious of the French and feared it was a ruse to depopulate the village. Even so, Kateri prevailed and traveled the 200 miles by foot and canoe to Canada, where she lived a devout and exemplary life. Called the "Lily of the Mohawks," she is a symbol of chastity and purity as she sought to do penance to commit her life to God. When she died due to failing health, witnesses noted that her face was miraculously transformed so that all her smallpox scars disappeared. Over the years, people have asked Kateri for divine intercession when suffering from serious illnesses, and their prayers have been answered. Her legacy of healing continues. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized on October 21, 2012.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, pray for us!



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SANTA KATERI TEKAKWITHA

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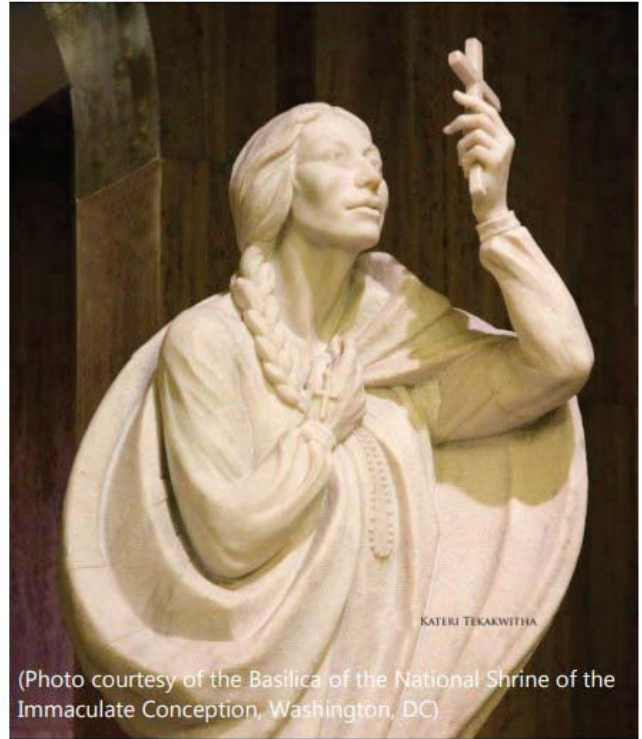
Kateri Tekakwitha se venera hoy como la primera santa amerindia de Estados Unidos. Kateri, que tenía solo 24 años cuando murió, es un ejemplo de pureza, oración y, más especialmente, perseverancia en la fe.

Nacida en 1656, en una aldea mohawk en lo que actualmente es el norte del estado de Nueva York, era vista como extraña. Su madre era algonquina, catequizada y bautizada en la Iglesia Católica por misioneros franceses en Trois-Rivières, al este de Montreal. Los mohawks capturaron a su madre en una incursión y la atraparon para destinarla a ser la esposa del jefe mohawk Kenneronkwa, cerca de la actual Auriesville, Nueva York.

A temprana edad, la aldea de Kateri sufrió una severa epidemia de viruela que mató a sus padres y a ella le dejó cicatrices y dificultades en la vista. Su nombre, Tekakwitha, significa "la que tropieza". Sus familiares mohawk que sobrevivieron a la epidemia la adoptaron, y los sobrevivientes de la plaga se fueron a vivir a la nueva aldea de Caughnawaga.

Al igual que su madre, Tekakwitha buscó instrucción de los misioneros católicos, que finalmente la guiaron a ser bautizada, a los 19 años de edad, con el nombre de Kateri, en honor de Santa Catalina de Siena, el Domingo de Pascua de 1676.

Kateri enfrentó severos obstáculos por parte de los jefes de la tribu Mohawk, como así también de su familia adoptiva. Los días de precepto Kateri no recibía alimentos porque rezaba en lugar de trabajar en el campo. Cuando entraba a la capilla, la insultaban y la apedreaban. Sin embargo, ella perseveraba. Se negó a contraer matrimonio, a pesar de la presión de su tribu. Según el P. Pierre Cholenec, sacerdote jesuita que era su mentor, Kateri dijo: "He deliberado lo suficiente. Mi decisión sobre lo que haré la tomé hace mucho tiempo. Me he consagrado completamente a Jesús, hijo de



(Photo courtesy of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC)

María, lo he escogido como mi esposo y solo Él me tendrá como esposa".

Los misioneros franceses la alentaron a dejar su entorno hostil y viajar a Canadá, a la misión San Francisco Javier. Su tío se opuso a que diera este paso porque sospechaba de los franceses y temía que era una estrategia para despoblar la aldea. Aun así, Kateri se impuso y viajó los 320 km. a pie y en canoa a Canadá, donde vivió una vida devota y ejemplar. Llamada el "lirio de los mohawks", es símbolo de castidad y pureza porque ella buscaba hacer penitencia y entregarle su vida a Dios. Cuando murió, debido a su débil salud, los testigos notaron que su rostro milagrosamente se había transformado y todas las cicatrices que le dejó la viruela desaparecieron. En el transcurso de los años, la gente que sufría de cualquier enfermedad grave ha pedido a Kateri la intercesión divina, y sus oraciones han sido escuchadas. Su legado de sanación continúa. Santa Kateri Tekakwitha fue canonizada el 21 de octubre de 2012.

¡Santa Kateri Tekakwitha, lirio de los mohawks, ruega por nosotros!



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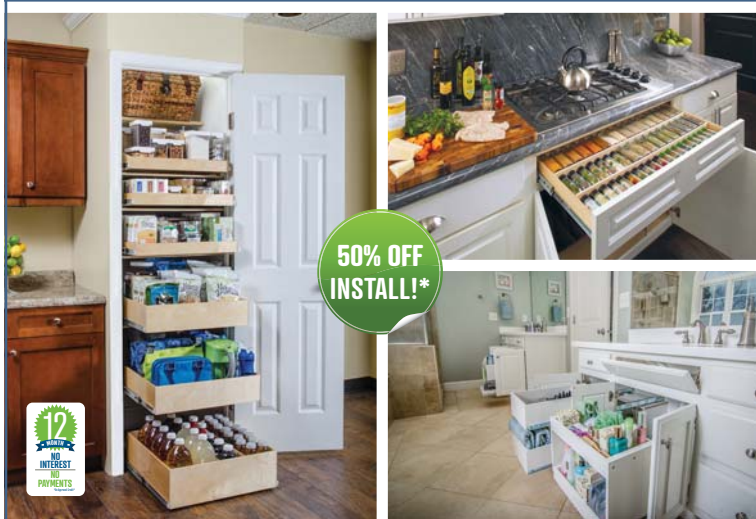
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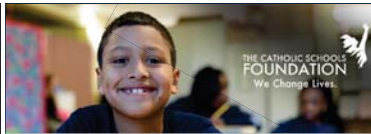
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