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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!

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE:

THURS., AUG. 14 (VIGIL): 4:45 PM

**FRI., AUG. 15: 8 AM, 12:05 PM,
4 PM, 5:10 PM,
7 PM EN ESPAÑOL**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8:00 AM --Charles Yered

9:15 AM - Jocelyn & Tony

10:30 AM - Mary Purvis—health

11:45 AM - +John & +Virginia Feeney

1:15 PM - Nubia Gallego—cumpleaños

4:00 PM - Kevin & Audrey Lydon

5:30 PM - +Momed Faquir

Monday, August 11

8:00 AM - Angela Flavin

12:05 PM -Woonsoo & Helena

4:0045M -All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 12

8:00 AM - +Jose Baens

12:05 PM - Jean Flavin

4:45 PM --Mary Barred & souls in need

Wednesday, August 13

8:00 AM - +Mary Elizabeth De Winter

12:05 PM -Gretchen W. Maloney-health

4:45 PM - Victoria Buckley—health

Thursday, August 14

8:00 AM --Margaret McSweeney

12:05 PM - +Antonella Scorza

4:45 PM --Henry Feitelberg

Friday, August 15—The Assumption

8:00 AM - +Jaida Sheers—birthday

12:05 PM --Tony, Cecilia & Sheila Byrne

4:00 PM - Jacqueline Novicki

5:10 PM -Horsely Family living & deceased

7:00 PM - +Brenda Embrescia

Saturday, August 16

9:00 AM --Marian Mazurek

12:00 PM --Thomas J. Cusack

4:00 PM -Henry MacElroy

5:30 PM --Richard Van Campen

CLUB DE LECTURA CATÓLICO

Invitación a evento de septiembre de 2025:

La esperanza nunca defrauda: crisis, promesa, confianza (2014) del Papa Francisco

Teófilo te invita a participar en su club de lectura para crecer en la fe mientras hacemos comunidad. Esta vez, en sincronía con este año jubilar dedicado a la esperanza, analizaremos el libro *La esperanza nunca defrauda: crisis, promesa, confianza* (2014) del Papa Francisco.

Cupo limitado. Evento gratuito. Para registrarse, por favor contactar a Ely Segura: segura.ely@gmail.com

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." I hope you find this excerpt from a treatise on Christian Perfection by Saint Gregory of Nyssa, bishop (335 - 394), helpful, in setting your heart entirely on Him!

"He is our peace, for he has made both one. Since we think of Christ as our peace, we may call ourselves true Christians only if our lives express Christ by our own peace. As the Apostle says: He has put enmity to death. We must never allow it to be rekindled in us in any way but must declare that it is absolutely dead. Gloriously has God slain enmity, in order to save us; may we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges. We must not awaken that enmity or call it back to life by our wickedness, for it is better left dead.

No, since we possess Christ who is peace, we must put an end to this enmity and live as we believe he lived. He broke down the separating wall, uniting what was divided, bringing about peace by reconciling in his single person those who disagreed. In the same way, we must be reconciled not only with those who attack us from outside, but also with those who stir up dissension within; flesh then will no longer be opposed to the spirit, nor the spirit to the flesh. Once we subject the wisdom of the flesh to God's law, we shall be re-created as one single man at peace. Then, having become one instead of two, we shall have peace within ourselves.

Now peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end that civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become peace. By this peace we demonstrate that the name of Christ, which we bear, is authentic and appropriate.

When we consider that Christ is the true light, having nothing in common with deceit, we learn that our own life also must shine with the rays of that true light. Now these rays of the Sun of Justice are the virtues which pour out to enlighten us so that we may put away the works of darkness and walk honorably as in broad daylight. When we reject the deeds of darkness and do everything in the light of day, we become light, and, as light should, we give light to others by our actions.

If we truly think of Christ as our source of holiness, we shall refrain from anything wicked or impure in thought or act and thus show ourselves to be worthy bearers of his name. For the quality of holiness is shown not by what we say but by what we do in life."

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: «Porque donde esté vuestro tesoro, allí estará también vuestro corazón». Espero que este extracto de un tratado sobre la perfección cristiana de san Gregorio de Nisa, obispo (335-394), les sea útil para poner todo su corazón en Él.

"Él es nuestra paz, porque de ambos ha hecho uno. Puesto que pensamos en Cristo como nuestra paz, solo podemos llamarnos verdaderos cristianos si nuestras vidas expresan a Cristo mediante nuestra propia paz. Como dice el Apóstol: Él ha dado muerte a la enemistad. Nunca debemos permitir que se reavive en nosotros de ninguna manera, sino que debemos declarar que está absolutamente muerta. Gloriosamente Dios ha matado la enemistad para salvarnos; que nunca arriesguemos la vida de nuestras almas estando resentidos o guardando rencor. No debemos despertar esa enemistad ni devolverla a la vida con nuestra maldad, porque es mejor dejarla muerta.

No, ya que poseemos a Cristo, que es paz, debemos poner fin a esta enemistad y vivir como creemos que él vivió. Él derribó el muro que nos separaba, uniendo lo que estaba dividido, trayendo la paz al reconciliar en su única persona a quienes discrepaban. De la misma manera, debemos reconciliarnos no solo con quienes nos

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atacan desde afuera, sino también con quienes siembran discordia en nuestro interior; entonces la carne ya no se opondrá al espíritu, ni el espíritu a la carne. Una vez que sometamos la sabiduría de la carne a la ley de Dios, seremos recreados como un solo hombre en paz. Entonces, convertidos en uno en lugar de dos, tendremos paz interior.

Ahora bien, la paz se define como la armonía entre quienes están divididos. Por lo tanto, cuando ponemos fin a esa guerra civil dentro de nuestra naturaleza y cultivamos la paz interior, nos convertimos en paz. Con esta paz demostramos que el nombre de Cristo, que llevamos, es auténtico y apropiado.

Cuando consideramos que Cristo es la luz verdadera, sin nada que ver con el engaño, aprendemos que nuestra vida también debe brillar con los rayos de esa luz verdadera. Ahora bien, estos rayos del Sol de Justicia son las virtudes que se derraman para iluminarnos, para que podamos abandonar las obras de las tinieblas y andar con honor como a plena luz del día. Cuando rechazamos las obras de las tinieblas y actuamos a la luz del día, nos convertimos en luz y, como corresponde a la luz, iluminamos a los demás con nuestras acciones.

Si verdaderamente consideramos a Cristo como nuestra fuente de santidad, nos abstendremos de todo lo malo o impuro, tanto en pensamiento como en acción, y así nos mostraremos dignos portadores de su nombre. Porque la cualidad de la santidad no se demuestra por lo que decimos, sino por lo que hacemos en la vida."



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

¡Reserve la fecha!
Domingo, 7 de septiembre de 2025, 12 p. m.
*¡Primera Misa bilingüe anual y picnic**
en el Prudential South Garden!

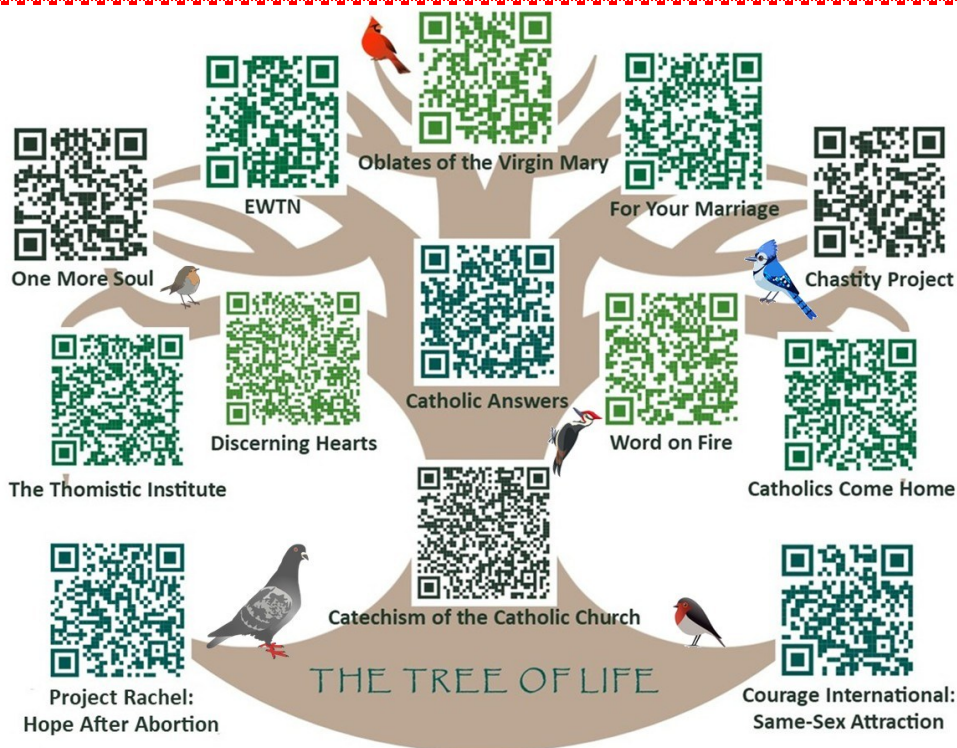
**BYOP — bring your own picnic — por favor, traiga su comida*

Gift Shop Item of the Week:
Home Doorpost Blessing



3.25" x 6". Made in U.S.A.

Grow in your faith at home and share it with your guests!



QR codes linking to various Catholic resources:

- One More Soul
- EWTN
- Oblates of the Virgin Mary
- For Your Marriage
- Chastity Project
- Discerning Hearts
- Catholic Answers
- Word on Fire
- Catholics Come Home
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Project Rachel: Hope After Abortion
- Courage International: Same-Sex Attraction
- The Thomistic Institute

THE TREE OF LIFE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, Holy Day of Obligation

The Church's Directory on Popular Piety

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August) is deeply imbedded in popular piety. In many places the feast is synonymous with the person of Our Lady, and is simply referred to as "Our Lady's Day" or as the "Immacolata" in Spain and Latin America.

In the Germanic countries, the custom of blessing herbs is associated with 15 August. This custom, received into the *Rituale Romanum*²⁰⁰, represents a clear example of the genuine evangelization of pre-Christian rites and beliefs: one must turn to God, through whose word "the earth produced vegetation: plants bearing seeds in their several kinds, and trees bearing fruit with their seed inside in their several kinds"(Gen 1, 12) in order to obtain what was formerly obtained by magic rites; to stem the damages deriving from poisonous herbs, and benefit from the efficacy of curative herbs.

This ancient use came to be associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, in part because of the biblical images applied to her such as vine, lavender, cypress and lily, partly from seeing her in terms of a sweet smelling flower because of her virtue, and most of all because of Isaiah 11, 1, and his reference to the "shoot springing from the side of Jesse", which would bear the blessed fruit of Jesus.



Blessing of Herb Garden

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

All Pray Psalm 64

All: Glory be to the Father...

Leader: The Lord will be gracious. **All:** And our land will bring forth its fruit.

Leader: You water the mountains from the clouds. **All:** The earth is replenished from your rains.

Leader: Giving grass for cattle. **All:** And plants for the benefit of man.

Leader: You bring wheat from the earth. **All:** And wine to cheer man's heart.

Leader: Oil to make his face lustrous. **All:** And bread to strengthen his heart.

Leader: He utters a command and heals their suffering. **All:** And snatches them from distressing want.

Leader: Lord, heed my prayer. **All:** And let my cry be heard by you.

Leader: The Lord be with you. **All:** May He also be with you.

Let us all pray.

Almighty everlasting God, who by your word alone brought into being the heavens, earth, sea, things seen and things unseen, and garnished the earth with plants and trees for the use of man and beast; who appointed each species to bring forth fruit in its kind, not only for the food of living creatures, but for the healing of sick bodies as well; with mind and word we urgently call on you in your great kindness to bless + these various herbs and fruits, thus increasing their natural powers with the newly given grace of your blessing. May they keep away disease and adversity from men and beasts who use them in your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

15 de Agosto, Fiesta de Precepto

El Directorio de la Iglesia sobre la Piedad Popular

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María (15 de agosto) está profundamente arraigada en la piedad popular. En muchos lugares, la festividad es sinónimo de la persona de Nuestra Señora, y en España y Latinoamérica se la conoce simplemente como el "Día de Nuestra Señora" o como la "Inmaculada".

En los países germánicos, la costumbre de bendecir hierbas se asocia con el 15 de agosto. Esta costumbre, recogida en el Ritual Romano 200, representa un claro ejemplo de la genuina evangelización de los ritos y creencias precristianos: uno debe recurrir a Dios, por cuya palabra "produjo la tierra vegetación: plantas que dan semilla según su especie, y árboles que dan fruto con su semilla en su interior según su especie" (Gn 1, 12) para obtener lo que antes se obtenía mediante ritos mágicos: para detener los daños derivados de las hierbas venenosas y beneficiarse de la eficacia de las hierbas curativas.

Este antiguo uso se asoció con la Santísima Virgen María, en parte por las imágenes bíblicas que se le aplicaban, como la vid, la lavanda, el ciprés y el lirio; en parte por verla como una flor de dulce aroma debido a su virtud; y sobre todo por Isaías 11, 1, y su referencia al "retoño que brota del costado de Jesús", que daría el fruto bendito de Jesús.



Bendición del Huerto

Líder: Nuestro socorro está en el nombre del Señor.

Todos: Que hizo los cielos y la tierra.

Todos oran el Salmo 64

Todos: Gloria al Padre...

Líder: El Señor será misericordioso. **Todos:** Y nuestra tierra dará su fruto.

Líder: Riegas las montañas con las nubes. **Todos:** La tierra se llena con tus lluvias.

Líder: Dando pasto para el ganado. **Todos:** Y plantas para el beneficio del hombre.

Líder: Traes trigo de la tierra. **Todos:** Y vino para alegrar el corazón del hombre.

Líder: Aceite para darle brillo a su rostro. **Todos:** Y pan para fortalecer su corazón.

Líder: Él da una orden y sana su sufrimiento. **Todos:** Y los libra de la angustiante necesidad.

Líder: Señor, escucha mi oración. **Todos:** Y que mi clamor sea escuchado por ti.

Líder: El Señor esté contigo. **Todos:** Que Él también esté contigo.

Oremos todos.

Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que con tu sola palabra creaste los cielos, la tierra, el mar, lo visible y lo invisible, y adornaste la tierra con plantas y árboles para el uso del hombre y de los animales; que designaste a cada especie para que produjera fruto según su género, no solo para alimento de los seres vivos, sino también para la curación de los cuerpos enfermos; con la mente y la palabra te invocamos urgentemente, en tu gran bondad, para que bendigas + estas diversas hierbas y frutos, aumentando así sus poderes naturales con la gracia recién otorgada de tu bendición. Que mantengan alejadas de la enfermedad y la adversidad a los hombres y a los animales que los usan en tu nombre; por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.