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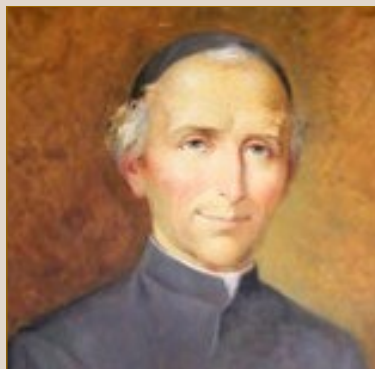
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Venerable Bruno Lanteri

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“The love of God and the
outpouring of his graces
will not cease.”

“El amor de Dios y el
derramamiento de sus
gracias no cesarán.”

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun., Oct. 4 -Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM - St. Francis Chapel Benefactors

9:15 AM - Fr. Michael della Penna, OFM

10:30 AM-The Oblates of the Virgin Mary
at St. Francis Chapel

11:45AM - Teresa Cotter—birthday

1:15 PM - +Joaquin Gomez

4:00 PM - +Eugenio Muñoz

5:30 PM– Gomez Family

Monday, October 5

8:00 AM - +Marta Perdomo

12:05 PM - +Concepcion Aquino

4:45 PM - Adrian Orozco

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 AM - Rev. James T. Kelly

12:05 PM - Mei Gao

4:45 PM - +Ann Gillis, OFS

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM - +Curtis Cole

12:05 PM +Margaret Doherty

4:45 PM - +Mariangela Mogavero—1st
anniversary

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM –Jenna Feitelberg

12:05 PM - Annie Cho

4:45 PM +Marie Ange Monvil

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM - +John R. Githere

12:05 PM - +Margaret Hyacinthe

4:45 PM - +Amador Estrada Arriaga

Saturday, October 10

9:00 AM - +Laura Mucei

12:00 PM - +Dennis Smith

4:00 PM - Leo Benjamin Medeiros—
gratitude and protection
5:30 PM - +Gonzalo Eduardo Muñoz y
Leonor Vasquez de Muñoz

CANDLE DONOR INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Altar Candles

Souls in Purgatory

Adoration Candles

Correia & DeSousa Families—health

Sanctuary Lamp

John, Maria & Manuel-health, wellness

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the humility of Christ and his little brother St. Francis,

Happy Solemnity of St. Francis! Today marks the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis's passing to Heaven. October 4, 1226. We are very grateful to Archbishop Henning for granting us permission here at the Chapel to celebrate this great Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron of our humble yet glorious little Chapel. Forty pilgrims and I recently returned from a pilgrimage to Italy. In Assisi, we prayed for you, your intentions and the Chapel. And we are all in the midst of the special Jubilee Year of St Francis, which will end on January 10, 2027. Please be sure to take one of the yellow cards in the vestibule with Pope Leo's Jubilee prayer to St Francis. It's a beautiful prayer for peace for you and me and the world. There is so much to say about St. Francis; over the centuries, he has inspired millions toward Christian simplicity and holiness of life by imitating Jesus as he did. In fact many have said over the years that there was never a saint so much like Jesus as Francis was.

This Chapel in the Prudential Center was established by Richard Cardinal Cushing in 1969 under Franciscan care, and when in 1983, the Franciscans were no longer able to staff it, it was given over to the care of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV). The Oblates brought among other gifts, their love of Jesus, Mary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For almost 60 years, St. Francis Chapel has been an oasis of peace and Mercy, under the care of Mary and St Francis and the followers of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, the founder of the OMV

Find here the first few sentences of the Testament of St Francis, which he dictated in the days just before his death:

"The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, thus to begin doing penance in this way: for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body. And afterwards I delayed a little and left the world. And the Lord gave me such faith in churches that I would pray with simplicity in this way and say: "We adore You, Lord Jesus Christ, in all Your churches throughout the whole world and we bless You because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.""

The entire Testament of St Francis is short and easy to find on the internet and worth pondering. We praise God for his life, example, and his prayers for us and the Church! He loved the poor, the sick and Jesus in the Eucharist. St. Francis, help us to love Jesus as much as you did and do in Heaven!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en la humildad de Cristo y de su hermano menor, San Francisco:

¡Feliz solemnidad de San Francisco! Hoy se conmemora el 800.º aniversario del tránsito de San Francisco al cielo, ocurrido el 4 de octubre de 1226. Estamos muy agradecidos al arzobispo Henning por concedernos permiso aquí, en la capilla, para celebrar esta gran fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, patrono de nuestra humilde pero gloriosa capilla. Recientemente, cuarenta peregrinos y yo regresamos de una peregrinación a Italia. En Asís, rezamos por ustedes, por sus intenciones y por la capilla. Además, todos nos encontramos en medio del Año Jubilar especial de San Francisco, que concluirá el 10 de enero de 2027. Por favor, asegúrense de tomar una de las tarjetas amarillas que se encuentran en el vestíbulo, las cuales contienen la oración jubilar del Papa León a San Francisco. Es una hermosa oración por la paz: para ustedes, para mí y para el mundo. Hay tanto que decir sobre San Francisco; a lo largo de los siglos, ha inspirado a millones de personas a vivir con sencillez cristiana y santidad, imitando a Jesús tal como él lo hizo. De hecho, muchos han afirmado a lo largo de los años que nunca hubo un santo que se pareciera tanto a Jesús como Francisco.

Esta capilla, situada en el Prudential Center, fue establecida por el cardenal Richard Cushing en 1969 bajo la atención de los franciscanos; sin embargo, cuando en 1983 estos ya no pudieron hacerse cargo de ella, su cuidado pasó a manos de los Oblatos de la Virgen María (OMV). Los oblatos aportaron, entre otros dones, su amor por Jesús, por María y por el sacramento de la reconciliación. Durante casi 60 años, la capilla de San Francisco ha sido un oasis de paz y misericordia, bajo el amparo de María y de San Francisco, y gracias a los seguidores del venerable Bruno Lanteri, fundador de los OMV.

Aquí encontrarán las primeras frases del Testamento de San Francisco, que él dictó pocos días antes de su muerte:

"El Señor me dio de esta manera a mí, hermano Francisco, el comenzar a hacer penitencia: porque, como estaba en pecados, me parecía extremadamente amargo ver a los leprosos. Y el Señor mismo me condujo entre ellos, y practiqué la misericordia con ellos. Y al apartarme de los mismos, aquello que me parecía amargo, se me convirtió en dulzura del alma y del cuerpo; y después me detuve un poco, y salí del siglo. Y el Señor me dio una tal fe en las iglesias, que así sencillamente oraba y decía: Te adoramos, Señor Jesucristo, también en todas tus iglesias que hay en el mundo entero, y te bendecimos, porque por tu santa cruz redimiste al mundo.""

El Testamento de San Francisco es breve, fácil de encontrar en Internet y digno de ser meditado. ¡Alabamos a Dios por su vida, su ejemplo y sus oraciones por nosotros y por la Iglesia! Él amaba a los pobres, a los enfermos y a Jesús en la Eucaristía. ¡San Francisco, ayúdanos a amar a Jesús tanto como tú lo hiciste y lo haces en el Cielo!

The Parts of the Mass

SILENCE

Several times during the Mass, the liturgical texts invite us to observe silence.

It makes you wonder if the folks who wrote those instructions had any idea how noisy a typical pew can be. Kneelers, hymnals, kids, and coughing make it hard for anyone to remember what silence sounds like.

Still, the liturgy soldiers on, suggesting that at certain moments we just keep quiet. For example, when the priest says, “Let us pray,” he really means what he says. How do you normally pray? Hands folded? Eyes closed? Calming yourself down so you can concentrate on the presence of God? Keeping silent? He’s inviting us to assume our prayer position. But sometimes he’s busy signaling the server, flipping pages and adjusting his glasses. Sometimes we’re whispering, looking at the bulletin, or just wishing he’d get on with it so we can sit down again. Silence here is an invitation to pray, not to squirm.

Another occasion for silent prayer is near the end of the Communion Rite. The liturgy bids us all to be quiet for a while to thank God for the wondrous sacrament we have received. Sometimes people want their silence during Communion; they don’t want to be disturbed by singing. Others can’t stand the silence after Communion because they want to get out to the parking lot before everyone else.

But silence follows Communion. Communion itself is one of the most important times to sing. It gathers us as the Body of Christ and wraps us in joyful song, since spoken words or silent thought can’t express what music can. Then, after all have received the mystery, we pause together to meditate on its splendor. Singing followed by silence helps the whole assembly celebrate Communion together.

Sometimes we observe silence after the readings or after the homily. The first Eucharistic Prayer invites us to silence when it prays for the living and the dead.” Silence is hard in our culture. Most of us habitually turn on a TV or radio. But we also know the benefits of being in silence once in a while outside, enjoying nature, getting some quiet time alone at home or in our room. Silence is golden. And the liturgy yearns for us to have some.

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Las Partes de la Misa

SILENCIO

En varios momentos de la Misa, los textos litúrgicos nos invitan a guardar silencio.

Uno se pregunta si quienes redactaron esas indicaciones tenían idea de lo ruidoso que puede ser un banco típico de la iglesia. Los reclinatorios, los libros de cantos, los niños y la tos dificultan que cualquiera recuerde a qué suena el silencio.

Aun así, la liturgia sigue adelante, sugiriendo que en ciertos momentos simplemente guardemos silencio. Por ejemplo, cuando el sacerdote dice «Oremos», realmente quiere decir lo que dice. ¿Cómo reza usted habitualmente? ¿Con las manos juntas? ¿Con los ojos cerrados? ¿Serenándose para concentrarse en la presencia de Dios? ¿Guardando silencio? Él nos invita a adoptar nuestra postura de oración. Pero a veces está ocupado haciendo señas al monaguillo, pasando páginas y ajustándose las gafas. A veces nosotros estamos susurrando, mirando el boletín o simplemente deseando que continúe para poder volver a sentarnos. Aquí, el silencio es una invitación a rezar, no a inquietarse.

Otra ocasión para la oración silenciosa es hacia el final del rito de la Comunión. La liturgia nos invita a todos a guardar silencio un momento para dar gracias a Dios por el maravilloso sacramento que hemos recibido. A veces, la gente desea silencio durante la Comunión; no quiere que los cantos los distraigan. Otros, en cambio, no soportan el silencio posterior a la Comunión porque quieren llegar al aparcamiento antes que los demás.

Sin embargo, tras la Comunión llega el silencio. La Comunión misma es uno de los momentos más importantes para cantar. Nos reúne como Cuerpo de Cristo y nos envuelve en un canto jubiloso, ya que las palabras habladas o el pensamiento silencioso no pueden expresar lo que la música sí logra transmitir. Luego, una vez que todos han recibido el misterio, hacemos una pausa conjunta para meditar sobre su esplendor. El canto seguido de silencio ayuda a toda la asamblea a celebrar la Comunión en unidad.

A veces guardamos silencio después de las lecturas o tras la homilía. La primera Plegaria Eucarística nos invita al silencio al orar por los vivos y los difuntos. El silencio resulta difícil en nuestra cultura; la mayoría de nosotros tenemos la costumbre de encender la televisión o la radio. No obstante, también conocemos los beneficios de permanecer en silencio de vez en cuando al aire libre —disfrutando de la naturaleza— o de disponer de un tiempo de quietud a solas en casa o en nuestra habitación. El silencio es oro, y la liturgia anhela que gocemos de él.

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The Miracle of the Devoted Lambs of the Eucharist

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

ITALY, 13TH CENTURY



The Franciscan historical chronicles tell the story that “during a trip to Rome, the saint kept with him a little lamb, inspired by his devotion to Christ, his most beloved Lamb. Upon his departure, it was entrusted to a noble matron, Lady Jacopa of the Sette Soli (Seven Suns), so that she would have custody of it in her home. And the lamb, as if spiritually educated by the saint in matters of the soul, would not leave the woman’s side when she went to church, when she stayed, or returned. Some mornings, when the lady was late in awakening, the lamb would gently pounce and nudge her with his little horns, and woke her with his bleats, encouraging her with his gestures and expressions to hurry to church. For this, the lady had much admiration and love for that lamb, disciple of Francis and teacher of devotion. [...] One day while walking in the outskirts of Siena, Saint Francis encountered a huge herd of sheep at pasture. As he always did, he kindly saluted them, and they, having stopped grazing, all ran towards him, raising their heads and meeting his gaze.

They greeted him with such festivity that the shepherds were stupefied, seeing the lambs and the rams jumping around in such a wondrous way. [...] Another time, at Santa Maria della Porziuncola, some people brought as a gift to this man of God, a sheep, and he accepted it with gratitude, because he loved the innocence and the simplicity that the sheep demonstrated by nature. The man of God admonished the little lamb to praise God and to absolutely not bother the brothers. The sheep, for his part, sensed the piety of this man of God, and he put these teachings into practice with great care. When he heard the brothers singing in the choir, he would enter the church, bend his knees, and emit tender harmonious bleats in front of the altar of the Virgin Mother of the Lamb, as if with a strong desire to greet her. During the celebration of the Mass, at the moment of elevation, he would bow down, knees bent, as if it were that this devout little animal wished to reproach men of little faith for their irreverence and encourage devout men for their reverence towards the Blessed Sacrament.”

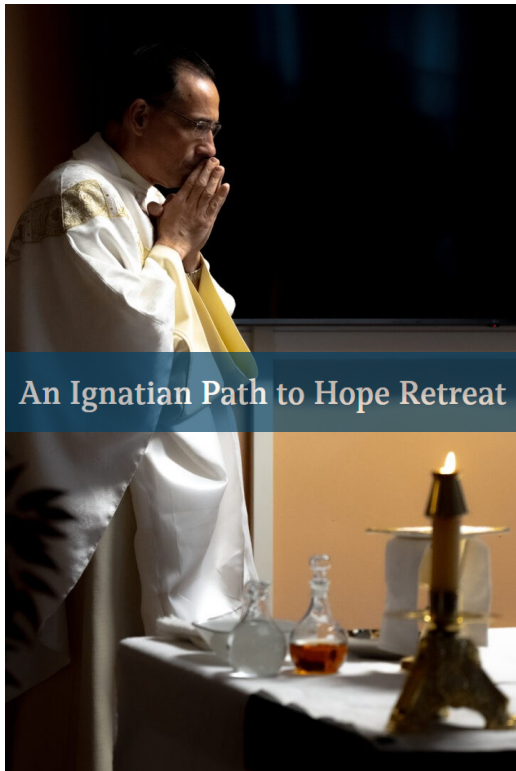
DE MIRACOLI EUCHARISTICI: UNA EXPOSICIÓN INTERNACIONAL DISEÑADA Y CREADA POR SAN CARLO ACUTIS

Las Fuentes Franciscanas cuentan que “durante una estadía en Roma, el Santo había tenido consigo un corderito, impulsado por su devoción a Cristo, amadísimo Cordero. Cuando estaba por partir se lo confió a una mujer de la nobleza, Jacoba dei Sette Soli para que ella lo cuidara en su casa. El cordero, como si hubiese sido domesticado por el Santo para las cosas espirituales, no se separaba nunca de la compañía de la señora. Cuando ella iba a la iglesia, él permanecía a su lado y regresaban juntos. Por la mañana, si la señora tardaba en alzarse, el cordero le saltaba y la golpeaba con sus pequeños cuernos. La despertaba con sus balidos, exhortándola por medio de gestos a apurarse para ir a la iglesia. Por esto, la señora admiraba y amaba a este corderito, discípulo de Francisco y ya casi un maestro de devoción. [...] Un día, encontrándose San Francisco camino a Siena, encontró una numerosa grey que pastaba. Según su costumbre, saludó con benevolencia y éstas, parando de rumiar, corrieron hacia él, elevando el hocico y fijándolo. Le hicieron tanta fiesta que los frailes y pastores quedaron estupefactos, mientras que los corderos y hasta los carneros le saltaban alrededor en modo tan maravilloso. [...]

En otra circunstancia, estando en Santa María de la Porciúncula, llevaron como ofrenda a este hombre de Dios una oveja. Él la aceptó con gratitud porque amaba la inocencia y sencillez que de modo natural este animal demuestra. El hombre de Dios exhortaba a la ovejita a alabar a Dios y a no fastidiar absoluta mente a los frailes. La oveja, como si sintiera la piedad del hombre de Dios, ponía en práctica con gran cuidado sus enseñanzas. Cuando escuchaba que los frailes cantaban en el coro, también entraba en la iglesia y sin necesidad del maestro, plegaba las rodillas emitiendo tiernos balidos delante del altar de la Virgen, Madre del Cordero, como si estuviera impaciente por saludarla. Durante la celebración de la Misa, en el momento de la elevación, cual animal muy devoto, se curvaba con las rodillas plegadas, casi como si quisiese amonestar a los hombres poco devotos por su irreverencia y para animar a los devotos a la reverencia hacia el Sacramento”.



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CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PART FOUR: CHRISTIAN PRAYER

SECTION ONE: PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

CHAPTER ONE: THE REVELATION OF PRAYER- THEI UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER

Article 1

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Psalms, the prayer of the assembly

2587 The Psalter is the book in which the Word of God becomes man's prayer. In other books of the Old Testament, "the words proclaim [God's] works and bring to light the mystery they contain."39 The words of the Psalmist, sung for God, both express and acclaim the Lord's saving works; the same Spirit inspires both God's work and man's response. Christ will unite the two. In him, the psalms continue to teach us how to pray.

CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA

CUARTA PARTE: LA ORACIÓN CRISTIANA

PRIMERA SECCIÓN: LA ORACIÓN EN LA VIDA CRISTIANA

CAPÍTULO PRIMERO: LA REVELACIÓN DE LA ORACIÓN - VOCACIÓN UNIVERSAL A LA ORACIÓN

Artículo 1

EN EL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO

Los Salmos, oración de la asamblea

2587 El Salterio es el libro en el que la Palabra de Dios se convierte en oración del hombre. En los demás libros del Antiguo Testamento "las palabras [...] proclaman las obras" [de Dios por los hombres] "y explican su misterio" (DV 2). En el Salterio, las palabras del salmista expresan, proclamándolas ante Dios, las obras de salvación. El mismo Espíritu inspira la obra de Dios y la respuesta del hombre. Cristo unirá ambas. En Él, los salmos no cesan de enseñarnos a orar.

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JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has announced a Jubilee Year of Saint Francis in celebration of the 800th anniversary of his passage to heaven. All the Christian faithful are invited to follow the example of the Saint of Assisi, becoming models of holiness of life and witnesses of peace. The Church grants a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions* to those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary jubilee which will end on January 10, 2027.

*To obtain the plenary indulgence during the Year of St. Francis, certain specific conditions indicated by the Church must be fulfilled:

- Eucharistic Communion (preferably during Mass at the Chapel)
- Confession within eight days before or after the Chapel visit
- Pray the Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Pope
- Interior detachment from sin

