St. Francis Chapel, Boston - Oblates of the Virgin Mary

The Lanterian



November 8, 2026—Thirty-second Sunday

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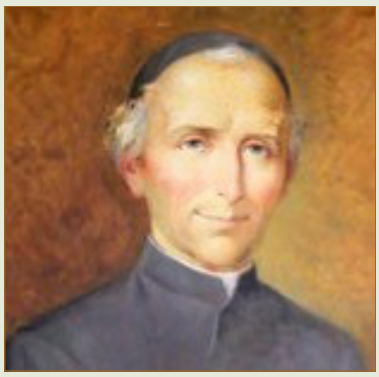

Venerable Bruno Lanteri
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Counsels of Trust

"Love knows how to suffer, not finding it hard to put up with the failings of others without showing signs of resentment or annoyance, and easily forgetting vexations."

"El amor sabe cómo sufrir, no le resulta difícil tolerar las fallas de los demás sin mostrar señales de resentimiento o molestia, y olvida fácilmente las molestias."

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.

St Clement Young Adult Group

ST. CLEMENT EUCHARISTIC SHRINE
1105 Boylston St., Boston

The ***Amicizia Cristiana*** is a Catholic Young Adult ministry (ages 20-29) staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Mondays at 7 PM In the Upper Room

Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday, November 8
8:00 AM - Deceased Family Members
9:15 AM - Mia Guevara Fisher - health
10:30 AM- +Brian Patrick Judge
11:45AM - Manuel Correira & Family - birthday
1:15 PM Derly Espinosa y Kimberly Portillo - cumpleaños
4:00 PM - +Jose Manuel Cerra Carnero
5:30 PM – Special Intention

Monday, November 9
8:00 AM - Aristole & Henny - wedding anniversary
12:05 PM -+Philip LaMarca
4:45 PM - +Catherine Mary Sullivan

Tuesday, November 10
8:00 AM -+Julie Williams
12:05 PM -+Rev. Thaddeus Stachura
4:45 PM - +Jorge Luis Soto

Wednesday, November 11
8:00 AM - +Douglas Hayman
12:05 PM -+Marie Malone
4:45 PM - +Lourdes Guerrero

Thursday, November 12
8:00 AM – Jane Brockman & Family
12:05 PM - Mary Devine - birthday
4:45 PM - Glenis Jaquer - health

Friday, November 13
8:00 AM -+Mcharles & Brenda DiGiovanni
12:05 PM -+Angelina Angeles Silverio
4:45 PM - Felix Jude Laventure - in thanks

Saturday, November 14
9:00 AM - Julie Fitzgerald & Family
12:05 PM -+Musset Volmé - anniversary

4:00 PM - +Barbara Miller
5:30 PM - +Anthony Colozzo

Candle Donor Intentions

Altar Candles
Raquel Silva - thanksgiving

Adoration Candles
Lily Ko

Sanctuary Lamp
+Susan Bogorad

Reflection by Fr. Craig MacMahon, OMV

Brothers and Sisters: Visitors and Friends of St. Francis Chapel,

A blessed Sunday and week to each and all of you! Last Sunday we celebrated All Saints Day, rejoicing in the glory of all of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us and are now citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom. Great saints are among their number, such as St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, who lived 8 centuries ago; and lesser known Saints, such as St. Emeric of Hungary, son of St. Stephen of Hungary, who lived one millennium ago; and Blesseds such as Bl. Michael McGivney, the Founder of the Knights of Columbus in the 20th century; Venerables, such as the Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary 200 years ago: Ven. Bruno Lanteri; and Servants of God, such as Luigi Brutti, a young Italian who passed away suddenly from a brain hemorrhage in 2011 at the age of 26, 3 months before his wedding to Roberta was scheduled to take place: Luigi left 18 spiritual diaries, revealing the great depth of his faith. There are a few thousand Saints recognized by the Church, and thousands of others going through the various stages leading to canonization. But All Saints Day also celebrated an uncountable multitude of other saints who will never have a process of canonization, such as a great number of our ancestors who lived the faith, repented of their sins, and were pleasing to God when they left this world. We can call them "little saints"--although there may be some surprisingly great saints among them whose lives "flew under the radar," so to speak, escaping the notice of the Church and the world.

On Monday, November 2, we celebrated All Souls Day, remembering all the souls whose lives, at the end, were oriented to God and to neighbor in charity, but who need to be purified before entering the beautiful presence of God in Heaven. "Nothing unclean will enter [the heavenly Jerusalem]," we are told in Revelation 21:27. This would exclude most people who ever lived, who died in the friendship of God, for few souls are entirely clean when they depart this life. Venial sin may still be on their souls; damage from sins, mortal and venial, may still be present in their souls. They would not be able to enter Heaven, unless God had provided a remedy to be applied after death. Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI said in 2019, "I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God." Purgatory is a great mercy of God, who gives us imperfect people a means to become perfect after death, and so enter the Kingdom of Heaven. There is a precise justice in purgatory, an exact amount of expiation for our sins, repairing the damage they caused to our souls, and to the people around us who were affected by our sins. Only God can calculate the precise duration of the pains suffered by a soul in purgatory; there is nothing the soul can do to shorten it, nor can the saints in Heaven aid him or her. But once again we see the mercy of God: He allows the faithful on earth to assist the souls in purgatory by offering prayers and sacrifices; according to the value of our offerings, the Lord shortens the duration for that soul accordingly. And God's Church offers a great opportunity to help the poor souls even more powerfully: indulgences, either partial or plenary. Certain prayers and works are indicated by the Church to gain an indulgence, either for oneself or for a soul that one wants to help. If we say that prayer or accomplish that work, and apply it to the soul we wish to help, it experiences an immediate advancement on its journey of purification. In this case, it is not just our prayer that helps the soul, but a gift from the treasury of merits that the Church applies to that soul. The treasury is composed of all the merits of Christ, his Mother and all the saints: like a large, unlimited, spiritual bank account, capable of paying any debt. If we gain a plenary indulgence, it should free the soul immediately, even if he or she had much more expiation to do. I say "should" because I may not say the indulgenced prayer or do the indulgenced work as well as I should, or I may not fulfill the conditions satisfactorily. Nevertheless, my attempt to gain the plenary indulgence will be quite helpful to the soul and decrease the duration of their expiation significantly.

In November the Church urges us to remember and to help the souls in purgatory. From November 2-8 when we visited the cemetery we gained a plenary indulgence for a soul we wish to help, even if his or her body is buried elsewhere. In St. Francis Chapel we have the opportunity to gain the plenary indulgence for the Jubilee Year of St. Francis in the 8th centenary of his transitus to Heaven. The method for gaining this plenary indulgence is explained on the St. Francis prayer cards we have in the vestibule. Remember that there is this mercy in God's justice: if you are generous in helping the souls who are going through their purification, God will be generous in shortening your own eventual time of purification after death. Let us frequently pray: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace.

FROM *MIRACOLI EUCHARISTICI:*
AN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION
DESIGNED AND CREATED BY
ST. CARLO ACUTIS

Eucharistic Miracle of

LANCIANO

ITALY, 750 A.D

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

An inscription in marble from the 17th century describes this Eucharistic miracle which occurred at Lanciano in 750 at the Church of St. Francis.
"A monastic priest doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host.
He celebrated Mass and when he said the words of consecration, he saw the Host turn into Flesh and the Wine turn into Blood.
Everything was visible to those in attendance.
The Flesh is still intact and the Blood is divided into five unequal parts which together have the exact same weight *as each* one does separately.



Monstrance containing the Holy Relics
Custodia con las Sagradas Reliquias



Stone tablet from 1631 which describes the miracle
Mármol de 1631 con la descripción del Milagro



Relic of the wine which was transformed into Blood
Reliquia del vino transformado en Sangre

En la iglesia de San Francisco, un grabado en mármol del siglo XVII describe este Milagro Eucarístico ocurrido en Lanciano en el año 750.
"Un monje sacerdote dudaba de la presencia real del Cuerpo del Señor en la Hostia consagrada. Mientras celebraba la Misa y decía las palabras de la consagración, vio que la Hostia se convertía en Carne y el vino en Sangre. Todo fue mostrado a los presentes.
La Carne está aún entera y la Sangre se presenta dividida en cinco partes desiguales que pesadas singularmente, obtienen el mismo peso que pesadas todas juntas".





Reflexión del P. Craig MacMahon, OMV

Hermanos y hermanas: visitantes y amigos de la Capilla de San Francisco,

¡Un bendecido domingo y semana para cada uno de ustedes! El domingo pasado celebramos el Día de Todos los Santos, regocijándonos en la gloria de todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que nos han precedido y que ahora son ciudadanos del Reino Celestial. Entre ellos hay grandes santos, como San Francisco y Santa Clara de Asís, que vivieron hace 8 siglos; y santos menos conocidos, como San Emerico de Hungría, hijo de San Esteban de Hungría, que vivió hace un milenio; y bienaventurados como Beato Michael McGivney, Fundador de los Caballeros de Colón en el siglo XX; venerables, como el Fundador de los Oblatos de la Virgen María hace 200 años: Ven. Bruno Lanteri; y Siervos de Dios, como Luigi Brutti, un joven italiano que falleció repentinamente por una hemorragia cerebral en 2011 a los 26 años, 3 meses antes de que se celebrara su boda con Roberta: Luigi dejó 18 diarios espirituales, mostrando la gran profundidad de su fe. Hay unos pocos miles de Santos reconocidos por la Iglesia, y miles de otros que pasan por las distintas etapas hacia la canonización. Pero el Día de Todos los Santos también celebra a una multitud incontable de otros santos que nunca tendrán un proceso de canonización, como muchos de nuestros antepasados que vivieron la fe, se arrepintieron de sus pecados y agradaron a Dios cuando dejaron este mundo. Podemos llamarlos “pequeños santos”, aunque puede que haya algunos santos sorprendentemente grandes entre ellos cuyas vidas pasaron desapercibidas, escapando de la atención de la Iglesia y del mundo.

El lunes 2 de noviembre celebramos el Día de los Fieles Difuntos, recordando a todas las almas cuyas vidas, al final, estuvieron orientadas hacia Dios y hacia el prójimo con caridad, pero que necesitan ser purificadas antes de entrar en la hermosa presencia de Dios en el Cielo. “Nada impuro entrará [en la Jerusalén celestial],” se nos dice en Apocalipsis 21:27. Esto excluiría a la mayoría de las personas que han vivido alguna vez, que murieron en amistad con Dios, porque pocas almas están completamente limpias al abandonar esta vida. El pecado venial aún puede estar en sus almas; el daño de los pecados, mortales y veniales, aún puede estar presente en sus almas. No podrían entrar al Cielo, a menos que Dios haya provisto un remedio que se aplique después de la muerte. El Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI dijo en 2019: “Llegaría incluso a decir que si no existiera el purgatorio, entonces tendríamos que inventarlo, porque ¿quién se atrevería a decir de sí mismo que puede estar directamente frente a Dios?” El purgatorio es una gran misericordia de Dios, que nos da a nosotros, los seres humanos imperfectos, un medio para llegar a ser perfectos después de la muerte y así entrar en el Reino de los Cielos. Hay una justicia precisa en el purgatorio, una cantidad exacta de expiación por nuestros pecados, reparando el daño que causaron a nuestras almas y a las personas a nuestro alrededor que fueron afectadas por ellos. Solo Dios puede calcular la duración exacta de los sufrimientos de un alma en el purgatorio; no hay nada que el alma pueda hacer para acortarlo, ni los santos en el Cielo pueden ayudarle. Pero una vez más vemos la misericordia de Dios: Él permite que los fieles en la tierra ayuden a las almas en el purgatorio ofreciendo oraciones y sacrificios; según el valor de nuestras ofrendas, el Señor acorta la duración para esa alma en consecuencia. Y la Iglesia de Dios ofrece una gran oportunidad para ayudar a las almas en pena de manera aún más poderosa: las indulgencias, que pueden ser parciales o plenarias. La Iglesia indica ciertas oraciones y obras para obtener una indulgencia, ya sea para uno mismo o para un alma que uno quiere ayudar. Si decimos esa oración o realizamos esa obra, y la aplicamos al alma que deseamos ayudar, esta experimenta un avance inmediato en su camino de purificación. En este caso, no es solo nuestra oración la que ayuda al alma, sino un regalo del tesoro de méritos que la Iglesia aplica a esa alma. El tesoro está compuesto por todos los méritos de Cristo, su Madre y todos los santos: como una gran cuenta bancaria espiritual e ilimitada, capaz de pagar cualquier deuda. Si obtenemos una indulgencia plenaria, debería liberar al alma de inmediato, incluso si tenía mucha más expiación que hacer. Digo "debería" porque puede que no recite la oración con indulgencia o realice la obra con indulgencia tan bien como debería, o puede que no cumpla las condiciones de manera satisfactoria. Sin embargo, mi intento de obtener la indulgencia plenaria será bastante útil para el alma y reducirá significativamente la duración de su expiación.

En noviembre, la Iglesia nos anima a recordar y ayudar a las almas en el purgatorio. Del 2 al 8 de noviembre, cuando visitamos el cementerio, obtenemos una indulgencia plenaria por un alma que deseamos ayudar, aunque su cuerpo esté enterrado en otro lugar. En la Capilla de San Francisco tenemos la oportunidad de obtener la indulgencia plenaria por el Año Jubilar de San Francisco, en el 8º centenario de su tránsito al Cielo. El método para obtener esta indulgencia plenaria se explica en las tarjetas de oración de San Francisco que tenemos en el vestíbulo. Recuerda que hay esta misericordia en la justicia de Dios: si eres generoso ayudando a las almas que están pasando por su purificación, Dios será generoso acortando tu propio tiempo eventual de purificación después de la muerte. Oremos con frecuencia: Dales, Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua; descansen en paz.

Dear Chapel Family, As you know well, God's Son and our Savior, Jesus, gave His life so that we would be able to live FOREVER in His Love. That is the essence of God's message as we celebrate the Feast of ALL SAINTS this weekend However, we still have many brothers and sisters around the world who have not yet heard this "Good News", which is why we need MISSIONARIES. For this very reason, we have the "Mission Co-op Appeal" each year. In it, we are invited to support the Mission work of the Church. To assist us in knowing specific needs and how we can help, our Archdiocesan Mission Office invites Missionaries from around the world to come to each parish once a year to share their mission stories. Next weekend, Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC, of the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be here with us at St. Francis Chapel to share about the love-filled service given by her Sisters, as well as to speak about her own life as a Missionary. Sister Lisa is very happy for the chance to speak about the Missions and to meet you -- our parishioners! Let's take advantage of this opportunity to do what God asks of us – by being generous in next weekend's 2nd collection. God bless you!

Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART FOUR: CHRISTIAN PRAYER
SECTION ONE: PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

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

Article 1: IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

IN BRIEF

2596 The Psalms constitute the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament. They present two inseparable qualities: the personal, and the communal. They extend to all dimensions of history, recalling God's promises already fulfilled and looking for the coming of the Messiah.

2597 Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time.

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

Articulo 1: EN EL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO:

RESUMEN

2596 Los Salmos constituyen la obra maestra de la oración en el Antiguo Testamento. Presentan dos componentes inseparables: personal y comunitario. Y cuando conmemoran las promesas de Dios ya cumplidas y esperan la venida del Mesías, abarcan todas las dimensiones de la historia.

2597 Rezándolos en referencia a Cristo y viendo su cumplimiento en Él, los Salmos son elemento esencial y permanente de la oración de su Iglesia. Se adaptan a los hombres de toda condición y de todo tiempo.

The St. Joseph and the St. Jude One Year Candles

We now offer the St. Joseph and the St. Jude One Year Candles for $600 each.

We will provide and light 52 red seven-day candles continuously for your intention, providing an entrustment of your intention to the prayer of St. Joseph or St. Jude for a whole year and at a significant savings.

St. Joseph is the patron of fathers, families, workers, immigrants, travelers, and a happy death.

St. Jude is the Patron of desperate causes.





Tabernacle and Altar Candles

Each week, for a twenty dollar donation, you may dedicate to an intention the two candles beside the Altar, or the two Adoration candles on the Altar, or the Sanctuary Lamps by the Tabernacle.

Your intention will be printed in the bulletin for that week.



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*

