



OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

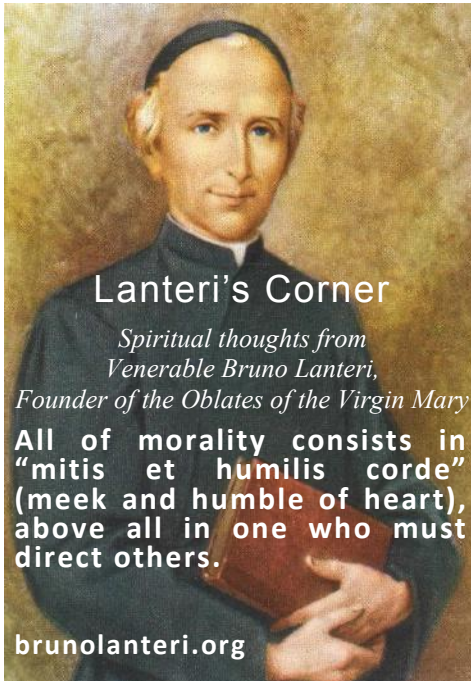
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 12, 2017

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Jesus Tempted in the Desert. We face Satan and our own temptations in our desert time, just as Jesus did. And just as Jesus was not alone in his desert battle, we are not alone either. (From *Desert Time*, ignatianspirituality.com)





Lanteri's Corner

*Spiritual thoughts from
Venerable Bruno Lanteri,
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

All of morality consists in
"mitis et humilis corde"
(meek and humble of heart),
above all in one who must
direct others.

brunolanteri.org

Is God calling you to join
the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?



Contact our Vocation Director
Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV
at jd paulinomv@gmail.com
or visit omvusa.org

Light a candle online by going to our
website, stfrancis chapel.org,
and clicking on the candles.



For every donation, we will light
a candle at the chapel and
pray for your intention.

*All business professionals
are invited to the chapel
for:*

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First group meeting —
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Justin Salisbury

Cleaning of Chapel
Environment: Nubia Viasus

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM en español
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM,
1:15 PM en español, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 Noon

Confessions

Monday - Friday 11:15-11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM
Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30 PM

Devotions

Tuesday after Mass: Memorare
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude
Mon-Fri after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM 12:30 - 3:30 PM
Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

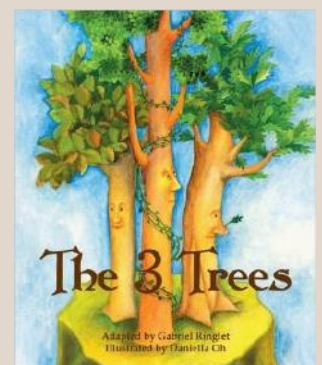
Store Hours

M, W, F - 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; T, Th - 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sunday 8:45 AM - 6:45 PM*
*Closed during Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses

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The Chapel's Store Item of the Week...

The 3 Trees
by Gabriel Ringlet



This is a beautiful
story about having
big dreams and how
God fulfills them
in unexpected ways.
This traditional
Lebanese story is
especially appropriate
during Lent.

Excerpts from *Praying With Scripture* by Douglas J. Leonhardt, SJ

My Seventh Day Adventist paternal grandmother was very faithful to reading the Bible every day until cataracts dimmed her eyes so she could no longer read. My Catholic maternal grandparents faithfully prayed the rosary every evening. Up until Vatican II these prayer forms were often the practices which designated people as Protestants or Catholics. But the Council urged all Catholics to return to Scripture as a way of “learning the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ.” (Phil 3:8)

Over the past forty years some Catholics have hesitated to read Scripture privately because they did not feel they knew enough about the Bible. But this reason for avoiding the reading of Scripture is a temptation because it puts the focus on the individual and not on Christ. The truth is that we have a teacher in the Holy Spirit whom Christ promised and we received at Baptism. “I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.” (John 14:25-26)

There are two easy ways to pray with Scripture. One is called in Latin, *Lectio Divina*, (Holy Reading) and the other is Gospel Contemplation.

Lectio Divina

This method of prayer goes back to the early monastic tradition. There were not bibles for everyone and not everyone knew how to read. So the monks gathered in chapel to hear a member of the community reading from the scripture. In this exercise they were taught and encouraged to listen with their hearts because it was the Word of God that they were hearing.

First one goes to a quiet place and recalls that one is about to listen to the Word of God. Then one reads the scripture passage aloud to let oneself hear with his or her own ears the words. When one finishes reading, pause and recall if some word or phrase stood out or something touched one’s heart. If so, pause and savor the insight, feeling, or understanding. Then go back and read the passage again because it will have a fuller meaning. Pause again and note what happened. If one wants to dialogue with God or Jesus in response to the word, one should follow the prompting of one’s heart. This kind of reflective listening allows the Holy Spirit to deepen awareness of God’s taking the initiative to speak with us.

Gospel Contemplation

The early Christians did not waste a lot of energy looking back and wishing they had been born a hundred years earlier so they could have walked with Jesus. Instead they focused on coming to know Christ in three powerful ways: through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist; the stories and emerging writings about Jesus; and his powerful presence when they gathered in his name.

Saint Ignatius Loyola invited a person when an individual made a retreat in the pattern of his Spiritual Exercises to pray to come to know Christ so that one may love him in a more real way and following from this knowledge and love become a more faithful disciple.

In order to grow in this faith knowledge, Ignatius invited the retreatant to engage in a prayer method called contemplation. This is not some kind of mystical prayer but a prayer form in which one uses his or her senses in an imaginative way to reflect on a Gospel passage. One uses the senses, seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling to make the Gospel scene real and alive.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12

- 8:00 AM + Maureen O’Rourke
- 9:15 AM OMV Vocations
- 10:30 AM Grace Chan — health
- 11:45 AM Jeffrey Kreger — special intentions
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Margarita Arboleda
- 4:00 PM Holy Trinity through the Virgin Mary
- 5:30 PM + Antonio H. Ozaeta - birthday

Monday, February 13

- 8:00 AM + Maureen O’Rourke
- 12:05 PM + Robert McLaughlin
- 4:45 PM + Maria Barreneche

Tuesday, February 14

- 8:00 AM + Vasimir Wtszynski — for beatification
- 12:05 PM Fr. Greg Staab, OMV — health
- 4:45 PM + Albert Palanca

Wednesday, February 15

- 8:00 AM + Mary Alice Keating
- 12:05 PM Prudential Workers
- 4:45 PM + Albert Palanca

Thursday, February 16

- 8:00 AM For Work
- 12:05 PM + Albert Palanca
- 4:45 PM + Mrs. O’Toole

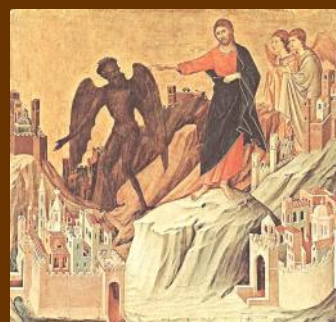
Friday, February 17

- 8:00 AM + Albert Palanca
- 12:05 PM In Thanksgiving
- 4:45 PM Special Intention

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 AM Ann McDevitt
- 12:00 Noon + James F. Keating, Jr.
- 4:00 PM + Tom Cunniffe
- 5:30 PM + John Melvin
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Albert Palanca

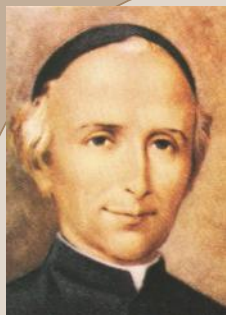
Lenten Spiritual Exercises at the Chapel:



Learning to Pray with Scripture and Spiritual Direction

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Oblates of the Virgin Mary – USA



Fr. Bruno Lanteri (1759-1830)

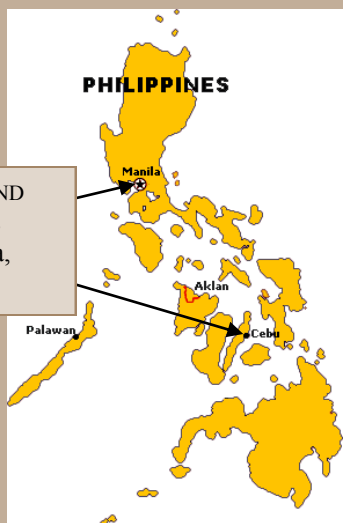
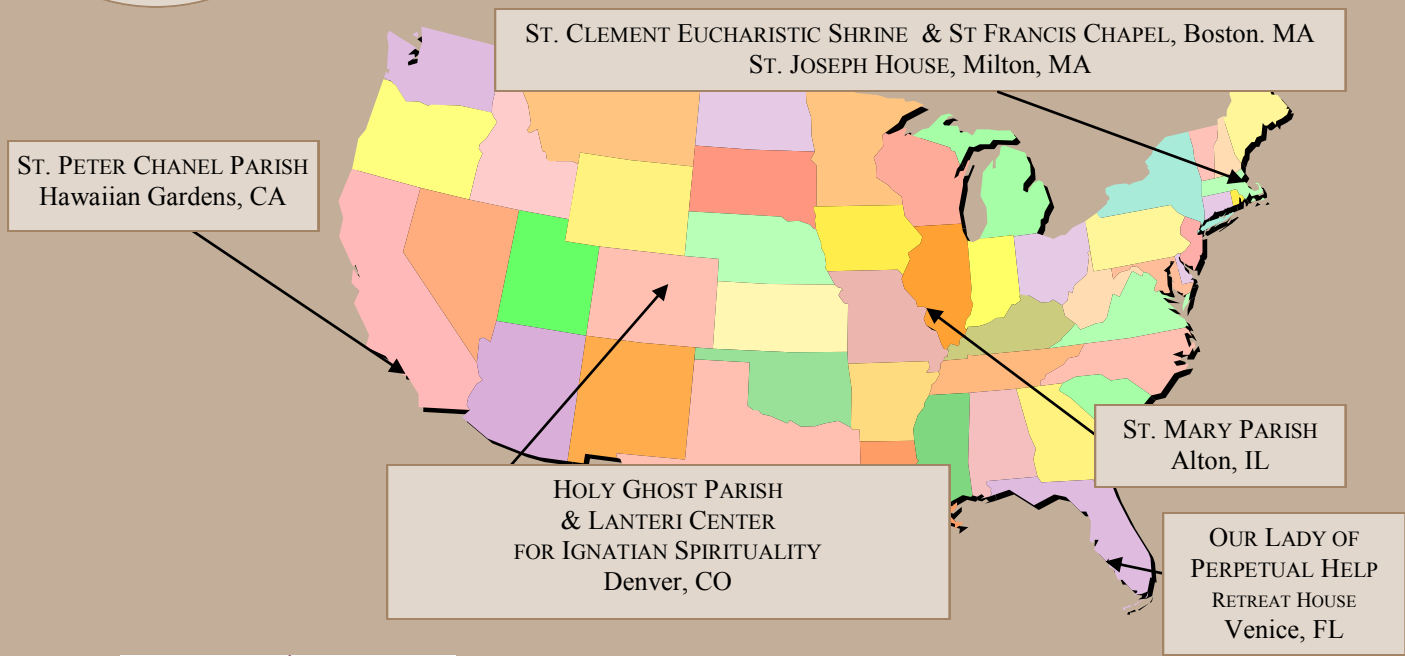
The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” - the first step to Sainthood.

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary is an international religious community of priests and brothers serving in Italy, France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, the United States and the Philippines. The Oblates are involved in retreat and parish missions, spiritual direction, parish work, the mass media, clergy formation, and the foreign missions.

The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.



The OMV motto, “*MARIAM COGITA, MARIAM INVOCA*” “*THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY*” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.