**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: Our Lady
Tuesday Evening Prayer 5:30pm
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude;
Monday -Friday 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

***Gift Shop Hours***
Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. - 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Thursday - closed;
Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
Sunday 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*
(*Closed during Sunday Masses
and Saturday Vigil Masses)
As part of our continuing mission to be a spiritual oasis in the midst of the modern marketplace where the faithful may encounter the Heart of Christ, the Chapel is proposing changes to its interior which include: a permanent shrine to the first class relics of Saints John Paul II, Maximilian Kolbe and Faustina Kowalska; moving the tabernacle to the center behind the altar; a new statue of Our Lady of Mercy and a painting of Fr. Pio Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, with St. Ignatius of Loyola and Madonna and Child; a new piano; plus a new visitors’ welcome kiosk. We make this appeal to you to participate in the Chapel’s transformation through funding, prayer and suggestions. Please use the special envelopes found in the chapel entrance for this purpose. You may also use the giving kiosk in the entrance or visit stfrancischapel.org, click on the Donate button and enter “renovation” in the Special Instructions box.

Thank you and God bless you for all you do in helping the mission.

The Chapel Gift Shop
Item of the Week…

Give mom a daily spiritual lift with this calendar containing one-minute prayers for every day, that can be used year after year.

We also have jewelry, books and cards to celebrate mom on Mother’s Day, May 13.

SAVE THE DATE!
Join us on September 12
35th Anniversary Mass at 5:10 PM
Reception to follow

Help us tell our story by sharing your pictures and stories with us on social media:

or by emailing us at:
stfrancis@omvusa.org
Homily of St. Augustine on The Ascension of our Lord

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? and when he said: I was hungry and you gave me food.

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and while we on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ. He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.
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.