The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — August 12, 2018

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary, Guido Reni

St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Holocaust

A talk by Roy Schoeman, Jewish covert and author of Salvation is From the Jews

Monday, August 13
6-7 PM
at St. Francis Chapel

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation — Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, August 14 Vigil Masses — 5:10 PM
Wednesday, August 15 — 7:15 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 5:10 PM, 6:15 PM (in Spanish)
Enthronement of Mary Immaculate Queen in Your Home and Consecration of Your Family to Her

A statue or picture may be blessed; If convenient, ask a priest to perform the ceremony, otherwise the head of the family can do it. Prepare her altar with flowers and candles, giving her an honored place in your home where all will see her and often pray to her. Recite together kneeling: Act of Contrition; 3 Hail Marys; 3 Glorias; and 3 times the invocation: Mary Immaculate Queen: Triumph and Reign.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

O Mary Immaculate Queen, glorious Queen of the Universe, most powerful Virgin, merciful Mother of a merciful God and refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thy Royal and Immaculate Heart.

It is through thee that Jesus Christ our King has come into the world to save it. It is also through thee that He is to reign over the world.

In order to obtain this great benefit for ourselves and all mankind, we come to thy feet to consecrate to thee our persons, our lives, all that we are, all that we have, all that we love. Keep us, enlighten us, dispose of us, reign over us.

May all hearts and all homes willingly proclaim thee as their Immaculate Queen.

PRAYER

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. Thou knowest our misery and our weakness. O Thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial. Jesus has confided to thee the treasure of His Grace, and through Thee He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, thy children come to Thee as their hope.

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FATHER’S CONFESSIONS

The Chapel Gift Shop

Item of the Week...

Salvation is From the Jews

by Roy Schoeman

This and other titles by Roy Schoeman are available at the Gift Shop.
A Reflection on the Eucharist
by Br. Paul Kallal, OMV

What is the greatest gift that you have ever received? Can you reflect on your life, the many Christmases and birthdays, and think of a gift you received that really touched your heart; perhaps it was even life changing? What did you experience? What did you feel? Were you appreciative not just of the gift, but also of the giver?

This weekend, on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue to read the bread of life discourse from the Gospel of John. Listening to Jesus’ own words, in which He repeatedly calls Himself, “the Bread of Life,” is an opportunity to recall the gift that the Eucharist is to our Catholic faith, both universally and individually. Jesus’ teaching in today’s Gospel is that Jesus’ words remind us of the three truths about the gift of the Eucharist. First, the Eucharist is an opportunity to give thanksgiving and praise to the Father. Jesus says that, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him.” As Catholics, the Eucharist allows us to say “thank you” to the Father. In fact, Eucharist means “thanksgiving,” and the Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father for all of creation, as well as the death and Resurrection of Christ. Second, the Eucharist is a sacrificial memorial of Christ and His body. The Eucharist is a memorial because it proclaims God’s mighty works for men made possible by Jesus’ self-sacrifice on the cross. Therefore the Eucharist is not merely a recollection of past events; rather, through the ministerial priesthood, one, single sacrifice continues to be offered at each Mass. The words of the priest truly are the words of Christ when he says, “This is my body which is given for you” and “this cup is poured out for you is the New Covenant of my blood.” Accordingly, the third truth is that through the power of Jesus’ word and Spirit, the Eucharist is the true presence of Christ. Christ is present to us in numerous ways. Our Christian faith teaches us that Christ is present to us in the prayer of the Church, wherever two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus; in the poor, sick, and imprisoned. Yet it is our Catholic faith that teaches us that Christ is present to us also in the sacraments, most especially and above all in the Eucharist.

I think sometimes we can approach the Mass with the attitude that we are here as a requirement to fulfill an obligation. Each Sunday we can exit the doors of the chapel and judge the quality of the Mass by the music or the homily. But why do we truly go to church? Yes, we are obligated to attend Mass every Sunday. Yes, the music is meant to deepen our experience and participation in the Mass. A well-spoken, inspirational homily by the priest or deacon is also a gift. However, let us always remember that the Mass is an opportunity to receive the greatest gift all, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This gift, in which the true presence of Christ resides in the Eucharist, is a gift only found in the Catholic Church.

My prayer therefore is that each of you grows in appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist. Let us pray for the desire to grow deeper in love with Jesus, asking Christ to reveal Himself in a greater way through the Eucharist. This weekend is also an opportunity for us to reflect on how we receive Jesus in Eucharist. What is my attitude as I stand in the communion line? What are my thoughts? What comes to mind as I gnaw on the Eucharist? Do I pray when I return to my pew or do I watch others as they return to their pews? St. Therese of Lisieux says that the first minutes after receiving the Eucharist, when Christphysically envelops our bodies, are the most important minutes of our lives. Thus, as we come together once again this weekend and approach the one altar, the one sacrifice of the Mass, let us renew our belief in Jesus’ words that the Eucharist is “the bread of life…and whoever believes has eternal life.”

If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

Mass Intentions This Week

**Sunday, August 12**
8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:15 AM Paul & Patricia West — special intentions
10:30 AM St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena
11:45 AM + Donald Anthony
1:15 PM (esp) P. Bernardo y P. Guillermo — salud
4:00 PM John Valleli — health
5:30 PM Horsley Family — living & deceased

**Monday, August 13**
8:00 AM Augustin & Samuel Lim & Family
12:05 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena
4:45 PM James Paul Murphy

**Tuesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe**
8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
12:05 PM Michael & Carmel Farrell
5:10 PM St. Maximilian Kolbe

**Wednesday, August 15, Assumption**
7:15 AM Carmel McGovern
8:00 AM + Martin Gately
12:05 PM Donald Trump
5:10 PM Silvia Ooi & Family
6:15 PM (esp) John Valleli — salud

**Thursday, August 16**
8:00 AM Special Intention
12:05 PM + Candice Demar
4:45 PM + Brian George Tausend Smith

**Friday, August 17**
8:00 AM + James Heile
12:05 PM + Celia & + Philip McDevitt
4:45 PM Mari Sol Ossandon

**Saturday, August 18**
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Holy Guardian Angel
12:00 PM + Frederick Verdieu
4:00 PM Cunniffe Family
5:30 PM Gail & Gerard Newell
7:00 PM (esp) Los Almas del Purgatorio
Fr. Bruno Lanteri (1759-1830)

The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” - the first step to Sainthood.

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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 INVOC” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.