Master, to whom shall we go?

*The Crucifixion*, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
Sorrows, miseries and contrarieties are so many occasions to earn for ourselves so many degrees of glory in Paradise, so we must thank God and men, if they are the cause.

If you are interested in joining our choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays, please email Kim at kim.araida@gmail.com. Rehearsals are at 4:45 PM every Saturday.

With a Papal cross and wood beads; also available with genuine cultured pearl Our Father beads. The center is an image of the Immaculate Heart and Sacred Heart detail from the painting hanging in the chapel of The Two Hearts, Ven. Lanteri and St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?
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CHAPEL SCHEDULE
Sunday Masses:
Sat. Vigil 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:
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM;
Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM
Confessions:
Mon. - Fri. 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, 5:30 p.m. Vespers;
Thursday after Mass:
St. Jude;
Monday -Friday after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Mon. - Fri. 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., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Tuesday - closed;
Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM* (*Closed during Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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Prayer to St. Monica for Serenity in Adversity
O glorious St. Monica, after a lifetime of tearful prayers, fasting, and sacrifice, you were at last granted the happiness of witnessing both your husband's and son's conversion. After your son Augustine returned to the faith, you said: "God has granted this to me in more than abundance. What am I still doing here?" A few days later, you died happily at peace with God and His world. Grant us that same peace, faith, and acceptance of God's Will, that we may live all our years in serenity and go joyfully to our heavenly home, secure in the knowledge of eternal salvation. Amen.
**Mass Intentions This Week**

**Sunday, August 26**
- 8:00 AM   + Marcela Doyle
- 9:15 AM   + Edward Picardi
- 10:30 AM  Widows and Widowers
- 11:45 AM  Hendricks Delva — birthday
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Adreena Cuevas
- 4:00 PM   Jack West — birthday
- 5:30 PM   + Felipe Ramos

**Monday, August 27**
- 8:00 AM   Walsh & Levante Families
- 12:05 PM  James & Amy Ooi and Family
- 4:45 PM   + Paolo Gohh

**Tuesday, August 28**
- 8:00 AM   Jeanne, James & Amy and Family
- 12:05 PM  + Richard Cerretani
- 4:45 PM   + Maxine Morgan

**Wednesday, August 29**
- 8:00 AM   Sheila Dunne Feitelberg
- 12:05 PM  + Colin Thomas McGrath
- 4:45 PM   + John & Virginia Feeny

**Thursday, August 30**
- 8:00 AM   Adam & Jennifer Krueckeberg — anniversary
- 12:05 PM  Peter McGann — birthday
- 4:45 PM   + Ercilia Nuñez

**Friday, August 31**
- 8:00 AM   + James Heile
- 12:05 PM  + Colin McGrath
- 4:45 PM   Special Intention

**Saturday, September 1**
- 9:00 AM   Cecilia & + Antonio Ozaeta
- 12:00 PM  Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 4:00 PM   Thanksgiving to the Holy Angels
- 5:30 PM   Jane Fischetti
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Berta Hernandez

**Feast Days This Week**

**August 27**
- St. Monica of Hippo
  Patron of Abuse Victims and Wives

**August 28**
- St. Augustine of Hippo
  Patron of Brewers (because of his conversion from a life of loose living)

**August 29**
- The Passion of John the Baptist
  Honoring the Martyrdom by Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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**Prayer to Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted**

Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most compassionate Mother, we present ourselves in your sight in all humility, and with full confidence we implore you for your maternal patronage.

You have been proclaimed by Holy Church the Comforter of the Afflicted, and to you constant recourse is had by the sorrowful in their afflictions, the sick in their maladies, the dying in their agony, the poor in their straitened circumstances, those who stand in all manner of need in both public and private calamities; and from you they all receive consolation and strength.

Our dearest Mother, turn upon us also, sinners that we are, your merciful eyes, and graciously accept our humble and confident prayers. Aid us in all our spiritual and temporal necessities, deliver us from all evil and especially from sin, which is the greatest evil, and from all danger of falling into it; obtain for us from your Son Jesus every blessing of which you see we stand in need both in soul and body, and especially the greatest blessing of all, which is Divine grace. Comfort our spirits, troubled and afflicted in the midst of the many dangers that threaten us, and the countless miseries and misfortunes that beset us on every side. This we ask through that immense joy which filled your pure soul in the glorious Resurrection of your Divine Son. Amen.

Training to turn to Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted

1. Learn to recognize and accept when you are in an afflicted or anxious state
   - This is not as easy as it seems
   - It means recognizing and accepting that you are vulnerable and fragile. It is because of this vulnerability that we turn to things like addictive substances, reactive rage or we may submit to someone else’s abusive behavior out of fear of losing them, all to protect us from this feeling of vulnerability

2. Once you have accepted your vulnerable state, begin to recognize how you typically respond to feeling afflicted or anxious and see what has been the result of those reaction behaviors
   - Over our lifetime we develop reactionary habits to deal with moments when we feel affliction. Ideally our parents or some mentor has taught us how to handle our stresses in a healthy and holy manner; but if not, we just keep piling one wound on top of another and become bound by our afflictions -- unable to break the cycle
   - Becoming free from this cycle means we have to first recognize those patterns and bring them to our Lady for healing

3. Now turn to our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted with our troubles.
   Learn how to picture her open arms and how she warms your heart and protects you from the forces around you. Think of her, know her presence and feel it in your heart, speak to her honestly about all your concerns and know that she hears everything and is ready to respond with her motherly love.

4. Makes acts of gratitude to our Lady and our Lord for being here for us always and make acts of forgiveness to anyone who is hurting you or has hurt you and caused you affliction. Recognize how you have caused affliction to others due to your reactionary habits in the past and ask our Lady and our Lord for mercy and know that this pleases them very much.

Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray for Us!
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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.