Labor Day
Monday, September 3
Masses: 9 am & 12pm
Confessions and Adoration: 9:45–11:30 am
The Chapel closes after the noon Mass
Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?
Contact our Vocation Director Fr. John Luong, OMV at frjohnomv@gmail.com or visit omvusa.org

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 12!
The Oblates of the Virgin Mary will celebrate 35 years of service at St. Francis Chapel
5:30 PM Mass followed by a reception at the Sheraton Hotel
Visit stfrancischapel.org for more details

THE ANGELUS

[The picture above is] a famous painting about a famous prayer: the Angelus! In this 19th century work by the French painter Jean-François Millet, a farming couple prays the Angelus at dusk.

This prayer is well suited to the artist’s subject matter: two humble people paying homage to our Lord and His Blessed Mother in the Hail Mary, as well as in Gospel verses recalling His Incarnation as the Word entered the World. Its name comes from its opening words in Latin, “Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae.”

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with Thee;  
Blessed art thou among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.  
Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.  
R. And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

This wonderful prayer evolved from a recitation of three Hail Mary’s following an evening bell around the 12th century to its present form (with morning and midday recitations) in the 16th century. When prayed in a group setting a leader recites the verses and everyone recites both the responses and the Hail Mary’s in between each verse, as shown above.

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Although the Angelus has been traditionally said three times daily, at 6 am, noon and 6 pm, you can pray it at anytime! It is still accompanied by the ringing of a bell (the Angelus bell) in some places such as Vatican City and parts of Germany and Ireland. The Regina Coeli prayer (which may also be sung as a hymn) replaces the Angelus during the Easter season.

The Angelus reminds us of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with great, (if somewhat startling), news! As we read in Chapter One of Luke’s Gospel, (Luke 1:26-38) God wished Mary, truly a model of humility, to be the mother of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! His desire for her brings to mind the line from Matthew’s gospel: “Whoever humbles himself shall be exalted” (Matt 23:12).

Mary was the perfect choice. She had been born without the stain of original sin, as defined by the Church’s dogma of the Immaculate Conception. (Note that the Immaculate Conception relates to Mary’s conception, not our Lord’s.)

When Mary calls herself the handmaid, the servant, of the Lord, in the Angelus (from Luke 1:38) it is with inspiring humility and sincerity. Jesus loved us enough to die for us so that we might live with Him eternally! When we pray the Angelus with humility and love, we are emulating Mary’s faith in His goodness. We are blessed in that we can ask both God and His Blessed Mother for their assistance on our journey towards Eternal Life!

— From ourcatholicprayers.com

Excerpted from The Furrow by St. Josemaría Escrivá

Do you want to be daring in a holy way, so that God may act through you? Have recourse to Mary, and she will accompany you along the path of humility, so that, when faced by what to the human mind is impossible, you may be able to answer with a fiat! — be it done!, which unites the earth to Heaven.

Place on your desk, in your room, in your wallet... a picture of Our Lady, and look at it when you begin your work, while you are doing it, and when you finish it. She will obtain, I assure you!, the strength for you to turn your task into a loving dialogue with God.

Feast Days This Week

September 3: St. Gregory the Great
Patron of musicians, singers, students & teachers

September 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta
Patron of World Youth Day, the Archdiocese of Calcutta and the Missionaries of Charity

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Chapel Gift Shop
Item of the Week...

Mary My Mother
by Rev. Joseph Schryvers, C.Ss.R.
A little book for those who are or wish to be a child of Mary.
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 INVOCAT" "THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY" is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.