The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21, 2018

The Youth of Jesus, James Jacques Joseph Tissot

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:
M-F 11:15 -11:50 AM,
12:45 - 4:15 PM;
Sat. 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:
M-F 8:30-11:45 AM,
1:00-4:30 PM;
Sat. 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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It’s aim is to accompany the young on the existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of Society.

The Theme of 2018 SYNOD October 3 - 28, 2018

DO NOT BE AFRAID

A Reflection by Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV

Forty years ago, in St. Peter’s Square, Vatican City, in a Solemn liturgy, Pope John Paul II in a courageous and forceful manner told Us: “Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of States, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows "what is in man". He alone knows it.” These precious words of encouragement are still very valid and apt for our world today that is confronted with various challenges and problems.

The society is facing problems in different spheres of life: economic, health, security, social, religious, environmental, and so on. Consequently, many people are afraid of what the future holds. The fear is especially magnified in the lives of the younger ones that some of them are scared of making lifelong commitments.

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There is need for courage in order to confront the challenges facing the world. There is no difficulty in the world that cannot be handled. We must rise to the occasion by first and foremost opening wide the doors of our hearts to Christ. He is already there knocking with expectation, hoping to come in and change our situation. “Anything is possible for anyone who has faith. Let us not be scared of what the future holds but believe in Him who holds the future.” (Rev. 3:20)

One pastor once defined FEAR as “False Expectations Against Reality.” Fear makes the reality confronting us to be exaggerated. According to William Jordan, the worst liars in the world are your fears; worry is the traitor in our camp that dampens our power and weakens our aim.

The audacious words our contemporary Saint, John Paul II “Do not be afraid” happen to be the words that occur frequently in the scriptures. It is occurred as much as 366 times. And a biblical scholar reflecting on this, opined that “God wants us to not be afraid every day of our lives, including the leap years.”

God has provided us with various means of survival. One of these is the rosary. This month of October is dedicated to the recitation of the rosary, popularly known as October Devotion, began by Pope Leo XIII in the in the 16th Century. There is urgent need to continue this practice of piety in our Churches and homes.

The Rosary is a powerful weapon to fight our many battles and obtain wonderful graces. Attesting to the Rosary’s efficacy, Padre Pio called it: “a weapon for these times.” Pope Pius XI said: “The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...if you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” Our Blessed Mother Mary constantly repeated to the three little of Fatima “pray the rosary.” It is important to remind ourselves of what St. John Paul II (then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla) said in his visit to Philadelphia during the Eucharistic Congress in 1976:

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously."

Let us pray in season and out of season. A Prayerful Christian is a powerful Christian. The more we practice the presence of God in our daily activities the more we are able to deal with our problems and fears.

God bless you.
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.

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