The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
Second Sunday of Advent — December 9, 2018

From a painting of the miracle of Guadalupe in the Chapel of the Well at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City
Healing the Wounds that Hold Us Back From a More Abundant Life
Join us Monday, December 17 at 6:00 pm for this inspiring talk by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” — John 10:10

The Chapel Gift Shop
Item of the Week…
Handmade votive candles featuring the image of the “Two Hearts” — the Immaculate Heart and Sacred Heart Madonna and Child from the Painting in the Chapel. $6.99 each or two for $11

To help us better manage our offertory collection and for the convenience of our regulars, we are making weekly offertory envelopes available. If you would like an offertory envelope sent to you on a regular basis, please fill out one of the blue cards in the chapel entrance and drop it off at the Gift Shop.

Thank you for your continued support!
If you are now considering your end-of-the-year charitable giving, we humbly ask you to consider St. Francis Chapel.

It costs us over $50,000 a month to stay open. We gratefully appreciate your prayerful consideration.

**The Miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On December 9, 1531, St. Juan Diego, a native of Mexico, was in a hurry to make it to Mass and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. However, he was stopped by the beautiful sight of a radiant woman who introduced herself, in his native tongue, as the "ever-perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God."

[Mary asked Juan Diego] to make a request to the local bishop. She wanted them to build a chapel in her honor there on Tepeyac Hill, which was the site of a former pagan temple.

[After the bishop asked for proof of the apparition.] Juan Diego went straight to Tepeyac and, once again, encountered the Virgin Mary. After explaining to her what the Bishop asked, she agreed and told him she'd provide him with proof on the next day, December 11.

However, on the next day, Juan Diego's uncle became very sick and he was obligated to stay and care for him. Juan Diego set out the next to find a priest for his uncle. He was determined to get there quickly and didn't want to face the Virgin Mary with shame for missing the previous day's meeting.

But the Virgin Mary intercepted him and asked what was wrong. He explained his situation and promised to return after he found his uncle a priest. She looked at him and asked "No estoy yo aqui que soy tu madre?" (Am I not here, I who am your mother?) She promised him his uncle would be cured and asked him to climb to the hill and collect the flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He filled his tilma (cloak) with flowers and returned to Mary.

The Virgin Mary arranged the flowers within his cloak and told him this would be the sign he is to present to the bishop. Once Juan Diego found the bishop, he opened his cloak and the bishop was presented with a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the flower-filled cloak.

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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.