Rest on the Flight into Egypt, Luc Olivier Merson

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 2019 — Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31 — Vigil Masses:
4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, January 1 — Masses:
8:00 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am, 11:45 am, 1:15 pm (Spanish), 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm
Many thanks from the Chapel Staff for your support, your prayers and your friendship.

God bless you for your charity and for helping us to maintain the mission of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Francis Chapel in the new year of grace, 2019 — the 50th anniversary of the Chapel!

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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, 12:45 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 and Saturday Vigil Masses)
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If you are interested in joining our choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays, please email Kim at vimaraiza@gmail.com. Rehearsals are at 4:45 PM every Saturday.

If you are interested in joining our choir for the 10:30 AM Mass on Sundays, please email Michael at michaelenwright@me.com.

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!
Did you ever notice how problematic the families in the Bible were? The first couple sinned and then Adam blamed Eve. She blamed the serpent. Neither assuming the responsibility of their actions. Their sons can’t get along and Cane kills his own brother. One of Noah’s sons was very disrespectful of his father. Remember how Sara was jealous of her polygamous husband, Abraham. (Polygamy caused a lot of problems). Remember the envy among Jacob’s sons and how they sold Joseph into slavery. Moses was at times despised by his brother and sister, Aaron and Miriam. David disgraced his family committing adultery and homicide. Tobit and Job suffered in their relationships with their wives. Why are all these found in the Holy Book? They certainly show us that family life is not easy and that our actions have consequences. We have heard a lot about the dysfunctional family; the family that does not function. What is the function of the family? What is the family supposed to do? You know that Saint John Paul wrote a letter to families some years ago and he says the mission or function of the family to create an environment in which each member may develop his talents and pursue his vocation. God gave each person a vocation; the family should help each one to discover and realize that vocation. Not only the children and youth but the adults and the aged also should have the opportunity to develop their potential. The family should provide conditions for each member to develop physically, intellectually and spiritually. Not just the children, but also the grownups, need to continue to realize their potential as God wills. The Holy Father has written eloquently on the dignity and the mission of the elderly. They have an important role to play. Their experience of life and their wisdom will help the other members of the family. Let’s look again at reading from Sirach 3:15. In time of tribulation it will be called to your advantage, like warmth upon frost it will melt away your sins. St. Paul shows us how to make the family work by being compassionate, kind, humble, gentle and patient, bearing with one another and forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven each of us. He says put on love which is the bond of perfection. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. Be grateful. Gratitude cures many spiritual emotional ailments. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

It seems to me if the Word of God is to dwell in us richly, we need to read it more than once a week.

Pope Francis says: Today as we gaze on the Holy Family lets us also be drawn into the simplicity of the life they led in Nazareth. It is an example that does our families great good... Let us remember the three key words for living in peace and joy in the family: “may I”, “thank you” and “sorry”. In our family, when we are not intrusive and ask “may I”, in our family when we are not selfish and learn to say “thank you”, and when, in a family, one realizes he has done something wrong and knows how to say “sorry”, in that family there is peace and joy. Let us remember these three words... I would also like to encourage families to become aware of the importance they have in the Church and in society. The proclamation of the Gospel, in fact, first passes through the family to reach the various spheres of daily life. Let us fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and St Joseph her spouse. Let us ask them to enlighten, comfort and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfill with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.

 MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 30
8:00 AM + Ramiro Balladares
9:15 AM The Kingsley Family
10:30 AM Mary Sullivan—health
11:45 AM + Erilda Nuñez
1:15 PM (esp) Oscar Zapata — cumpleaños
4:00 PM John Vallari — health
5:30 PM Beatriz — health

Monday, December 31
8:00 AM + Frances Harwood
12:05 PM Richard & Carol McCulloch—health
4:00 PM Max & Amanda Kingsley
5:30 PM + Vincent & + Clara Arno
7:00 PM (esp) Olga Torres — acción de gracias

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
8:00 AM Edward, Douglas & Scott Kingsley
9:15 AM + Dennis Geoghegan
10:30 AM The Benefactors of the Chapel
11:45 AM Regan Family
1:15 PM (esp) Michael Meads—salud
4:00 PM Vernet Family
5:30 PM + Maria Heredia

Wednesday, January 2
8:00 AM + William Gray
12:05 PM + Barbara Vasconculos
4:45 PM + Walter Morgan

Thursday, January 3
8:00 AM Francis Bryan Kelly
12:05 PM Marianna Novellino—birthday
4:45 PM + Stephen Flynn

Friday, January 4
8:00 AM Susan Grace Tuzzo
12:05 PM + Mary G. Maciora—Jabos
4:45 PM Sophia Feitelberg

Saturday, January 5
9:00 AM John Filipowicz—special intention
12:00 PM + Dorothy Shea
4:00 PM + Joseph Timilty
5:30 PM + Toni Adams
7:00 PM (esp) + Humberto Bustamante Perez

Feast Days This Week

December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 31: St. Sylvester I Pope
January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 2: St. Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianze Bishops and Doctors of the Church
January 3: The Holy Name of Jesus
January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Religious
January 5: St. John Neumann Bishop
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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.