The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Nativity, Benedetto Buglioni

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 23, 2018
Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas
Christmas eve—Monday, Dec. 24
4 pm, 5:30 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)
12 AM Midnight Mass
Christmas day—Tuesday, Dec. 25
8 am, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45
1:15 pm (Spanish)
The Chapel will close after the 1:15 Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
New Year’s eve—Monday, Dec. 31
4 pm, 5:30 pm, 7 pm (Spanish)
New Year’s day—Tuesday, Jan. 1
8 am, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45
1:15 pm (Spanish)
4 pm, 5:30 pm

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas
and a peace-filled new year.

The priests and staff of the St. Francis Chapel

Thank you
to everyone who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree
gift drive this year! Through Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen
and Friends of the Unborn, your generous donations have helped
bring hope to people in need this Christmas Season.

God bless you!

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 and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?
Contact our Vocation Director Fr. John Luong, OMV
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CHAPEL STAFF
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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 kim.araza@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 michaelinenwright@me.com.
Pope St. John Paul II offered this prayer at end of his Christmas Day Message, 1995

Wipe away, Baby Jesus, the tears of children!
Embrace the sick and the elderly!
Move men to lay down their arms
and to draw close in a universal embrace of peace!
Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus,
to tear down the walls created
by poverty and unemployment, by ignorance and indifference,
by discrimination and intolerance.
It is you, O Divine Child of Bethlehem,
who save us, freeing us from sin.
It is you who are the true and only Savior,
whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty.
God of peace, gift of peace for all of humanity,
come to live in the heart of every individual and of every family.
Be our peace and our joy!
Amen!

From The Lanterian Mass Supplement
now available at the Chapel entrance:

Christmas is more than a day! We celebrate a season that lasts till the
feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13. You will notice that
the Christmas decorations remain up till then. The mystery of Christ’s
life is not a one-day affair. God becoming a man is an event
unparalleled in history. The world is a much different place since the
birth of Jesus Christ. These events require an entire liturgical season
to celebrate and remember. Christmas Day itself is actually extended
for 8 days, called the Octave of Christmas, encompassing two
Sundays. The first 8 days of the Christmas season are considered as if
one day in the liturgy. Throughout this octave and indeed throughout the whole
season we hear in the readings at Mass
how the birth of Christ has already
started to change the world and the lives of those who surround Jesus, for both
good and bad. Continue to send your
Christmas cards and extend Christmas
greetings to everyone. The secular world
starts Christmas after Halloween and
ends it on December 25. The truth is,
we are just beginning!
Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA

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.