Cardinal Sean O’Malley and the Oblates of the Virgin Mary Celebrate the Mass Commemorating St. Francis Chapel’s 50th Anniversary
**St. Francis Chapel**

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**50th Anniversary Celebration**


His successor, Cardinal Sean O’Malley, celebrated a Mass commemorating St. Francis Chapel’s 50th anniversary on the feast of All Saints, November 1, 2019.

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The Oblates of the Virgin Mary have been blessed to serve in this oasis of prayer in the modern marketplace since 1983.

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Photos by Rose Cummings
In his homily at the Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Francis Chapel, Cardinal O’Malley mentioned that he had attended the recent synod on the Amazon, saying that it was “a call to conversion; to being more missionary”. Below is a reflection by Fr. Jim about a man he met during his time as a missionary priest in the Amazon.

A Reflection for the Thirty-second Sunday by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word. 2Thes 2:16

When I was a missionary in the Amazon region of Brazil, I knew a fisherman named Osvaldo Cavalcante. He was a fervent Catholic, had a large family but he spent a great deal of time alone on the river and lakes fishing. He had a small wooden boat, just big enough to hold a large wooden box inlayed with Styrofoam. He had no electrical power besides a battery, so he would fill his box with ice at the town icehouse and add fish to it as he caught them. Since we lived almost on the Equator, the sun came up at six and went down at six o’clock year-round. That makes for long nights.

I was impressed with Osvaldo’s knowledge of the moon. He always knew when it was waxing or waning; he knew what time it would appear and for how long. He had time to study it. He seemed to have no vices. One virtue was to read the Bible and pray the Rosary. He could recite long passages so as to put me to shame. He always read aloud whether he was alone or not.

One time when he was far from town, he tied up his boat at an isolated village and seated in the boat he started to read. And a fellow came down with a pail and he heard him, and he asked, “Is that the Bible you’re reading?” Osvaldo affirmed that it was. The man carried the bucket back up to the house and said, “Hey there’s a fisherman down there reading a Bible”. He and five others went down to the river’s edge and they asked Osvaldo, “May we listen to you read.”

“Certainly”. So, Osvaldo read on and on till he got tired.

Those people had a thirst for God. We all have a thirst for God. Some of us look for Him in the wrong places. Some make pleasure their god, or money. Some make vengeance their god, or drugs. We know we are incomplete.

As a doe longs for running streams,
So, my soul longs for you, my God. Psalm 41

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