SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — Nov. 24, 2019
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:  
Monday — Friday 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;  
Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;  
Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*  
(*Closed during Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses)  
800 Boylston St., Boston MA 02199  
617-437-7117  
stfranciscapel.org  
  
ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL  
50th Anniversary Appeal  
Please take a packet from the vestibule to learn how to help us continue to make the love of Jesus present in this most contemporary of places.  

God loves us with all the attributes of His nature, since He uses His omnipotence to create us, to conserve us and to sustain us.  

brunolanteri.org  

2020 National March for Life  
Friday, January 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM  
Washington DC, National Mall in DC  

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE is sponsoring 2 buses leaving from Riverside Station in Newton. Please visit masscitizensforlife.org for more info.  

The Chapel Gift Shop  
Item of the Week…  
Books for Advent  
Get ready for Christmas with books for the Advent Season for children and adults!  

The Lanterian  
Beginning in Advent, we will include a Prayer Intentions List in our new bulletin, The Lanterian.  
Send the names of your loved ones to stfrancis@omvusa.org or by mail to St. Francis Chapel, 800 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02199  

Sign up to receive our online bulletin at stfranciscapel.org  

Thanksgiving Day November 28  
Masses:  
9 AM and 12 PM  
The Chapel closes after the noon Mass  

Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?  
Contact our Vocation Director Fr. John Luong, OMV at frjohnomv@gmail.com or visit omvusa.org  

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.araiiz@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.  

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To have an offertory envelope sent to you on a regular basis, please fill out one of the cards in the chapel entrance and drop it off at the Gift Shop.  
Thank you for your continued support!
Viva Cristo Rey! In 1917, the Masonic Mexican government weakened the Catholic Church in Mexico by outlawing parochial education and closing all seminaries and convents. They also prohibited worship outside the physical borders of the church.

Religious groups were no longer allowed to own real estate, thus nationalizing all Church property.

It became illegal for priests and nuns to wear religious garb and the priests lost their rights to vote and to free speech. They were not allowed to criticize the government or even comment on public affairs in religious publications.

The closing of seminaries began during the Mexican Revolution, leaving nuns and priests with no place to live or work. The government also ruled that only Mexican-born clergy would be allowed to remain and participate in religious activities in Mexico. By 1917, hundreds of religious had been expelled from Mexico or had fled the country.

The Catholic Church did not want to retaliate violently against the government, so from 1919 to 1926, they obeyed the laws. Then, in 1926, President Calles introduced legislation which fined priests $250 ($3700 in today’s money) for wearing religious vestments and imprisoned them for five years for criticizing the government. Archbishop of Mexico, José María Mora y del Río, declared that the Catholic Church could not accept the government's restraints. On July 31, 1926, the archbishop suspended all public worship by ordering Mexican clergy to refrain from administering any of the Church's sacraments.

Some Catholics, called the Cristeros followers, felt that the only way to fight the government was to take up arms. They were willing to become martyrs for their freedom of religion.

Experts on this revolution describe the Cristeros attending field Masses, dressed in sandals and white garments and armed with machetes. They knew that soldiers could attack them with machine guns at any time.

Many priests were martyred while celebrating Mass by being shot or beheaded. In a last affirmation of their faith, the Cristeros would shout, "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long Live Christ the King!) as the firing squads took aim and shot them down. Many times, they forgave their assassins as they died.

On November 11, 2005 in Guadalajara, 13 men were beatified, that is the Church officially recognizing them as blessed examples of virtue: three priests and ten laymen, including a 14-year-old boy.

From the Synod on Youth: José Sanchez del Rio was born in 1913 in Sahuayo, Michoacán, México. He was the third of four children. José loved his faith and grew up with a strong devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. When José was twelve years old, the Cristero Wars began in Mexico. Even though he was too young to join the rebellion, José desperately wanted to be a Cristero and stand up for his faith. He begged his mother saying, “Mama, do not let me lose the opportunity to gain Heaven so easily and so soon.” He was eventually allowed to join the effort as a flag bearer.

During a battle José was captured and was asked to deny his faith and the Cristero cause. José refused and was tortured terribly. Refusing to renounce his faith angered the government soldiers so much that they cut off the bottom of his feet. As José was forced to walk through town, he recited the rosary, prayed for his enemies, sang songs to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and proclaimed, “I will never give in. Vivo Cristo Rey y Santa Maria de Guadalupe!”

**Mass Intentions This Week**

**Sunday, November 24**
- 8:00 AM John Valleli — health
- 9:15 AM + Russell Eidell
- 10:30 AM Joshua Salvaggio — Baptism anniversary
- 11:45 AM + Tom White
- 1:15 PM (esp.) + Consuelo Torres de Bustamante
- 4:00 PM Poor Souls of Purgatory
- 5:30 PM Poor Souls of Purgatory

**Monday, November 25**
- 8:00 AM + Fr. Fernando Gomez Mejia
- 12:05 PM Regan Family
- 4:45 PM + Virgilio Jose Aguiar

**Tuesday, November 26**
- 8:00 AM + Ann Marie McDonald
- 12:05 PM + Marilyn Birnie
- 4:45 PM + Gary Bowen — 4th anniversary

**Wednesday, November 27**
- 8:00 AM Poor Souls of Purgatory
- 12:05 PM + Mary A. Maciora — 2nd anniversary
- 4:45 PM + Thomas McDonough

**Thursday, November 28 — Thanksgiving Day**
- 9:00 AM Sr. Confida
- 12:00 PM + Mary Hlatky
- The Chapel Closes After the Noon Mass

**Friday, November 29**
- 8:00 AM + George Hlatky
- 12:05 PM Mary Lee & Family
- 4:45 PM Francess Cunniffe

**Saturday, November 30**
- 9:00 AM + Margaret Terry O’Donnell
- 12:00 PM Andrew Riely
- 4:00 PM + Frank & + Genevieve Palermo
- 5:30 PM Special Intention
- 7:00 PM (esp.) + Margarita Arboleda

**Feast Days This Week**
- **November 24:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- **November 25:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- **November 28:** St. Andrew, Apostle
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.

Fr. Bruno Lanteri
(1759-1830)

The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” - the first step to Sainthood.

The OMV motto, “MARIAM COGITA, MARIAM INVOCA” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.