



THE
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SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
STAFFED BY
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 20, 2021

CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
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Garcia, Christina Roberts

Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for June:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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Reflection

With the return of the Sunday Mass obligation this Sunday comes the inevitable question as to why we have an obligation to begin with. The short answer is that it is the fulfillment of the Third Commandment to “keep holy the sabbath day.” But there is a reason why that commandment exists in the first place. It is not simply a rule God has imposed.

When God first provides the Commandments to Moses he introduces them by saying “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Ex 20:2). The commandments are about God leading his people out of slavery and into freedom. We observe the commandments, including the third, not because we are rule-keepers but because it is the way to authentic freedom.

The human person is made for communion. The root of the word for “person” is Greek, “*prosopon*.” This ancient word means to have one’s self turned towards or manifested to others through one’s face. To be a person is to be one who is turned towards others in self-gift. When we are truly free then we are turned towards others in love, not running away in fear. Since the true persons in the fullest sense are the Divine Persons of the One God, undivided Holy Trinity, to be a person in the best sense for us is to have our faces turned toward God. This is what the worship of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass accomplishes. Celebration of and reception of the holy Eucharist is the premier way to have our faces turned toward God.

Gazing upon the Lord does not mean turning away from other persons. To be a Eucharistic people means that we are, like the Lord, turned towards others in love and service and grateful reception of their love and service. But it does mean turning away from idols. An idol, which is anything besides God that would demand our full, sacrificial attention, has no life and therefore it cannot bring about communion. In the Eucharist God feeds us with himself. In idolatry the idol feeds upon us. For those of us who cannot imagine life without the Eucharist this is a time for missionary work to have our faces turned towards our brothers and sisters who hesitate to return to Mass without a proper reason. May the Eucharistic Lord grace us to be part of this grand mission for everyone to know the freedom of true worship.

Life at the Chapel

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR TRAINING

From October 2021 to October 2023, the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Joseph Retreat House, will direct an intensive formation program to train men and women interested in becoming spiritual directors and guides of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius.

The program entails three two-week sessions of in-person instruction and practical training. In between each session, students will engage in the ministry of direction, accompanied by an approved supervisor. There are prerequisites to the program.

For more information or inquiries see the St. Joseph House Ministry page at omvusa.org, or 617-698-6785, retreats@omvusa.org

A NIGHT 4 LIFE

Join Us for a Night of Celebration of Life

Thursday, June 17, 2021 5:30 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Stadium 850 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02170

The program will include: A keynote speaker's personal witness, praise music and a time for prayer in Adoration with the offering of the Holy Rosary for LIFE!

www.Night4Life.com

Speakers:

Benjamin Watson—Former Patriots Tight End
Abbey Johnson—Author of Unplanned
Cardinal Seán O'Malley

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 20

8:00 AM Elizabeth A. Hope
9:15 AM +Fr. Joseph Rasky
10:30 AM +Kit Quinlan
11:45 AM +Ali Monsouri
1:15 PM (esp.) Grazias Matrimonio Corona
4:00 PM +Biago Desesa
5:30 PM +Roman Ozaeta, Jr.

Monday, June 21

8:00 AM Joseph G.V. Maciora—birthday
12:05 PM +Maria Herredia
4:45 PM Ria Fitoria—birthday

Tuesday, June 22

8:00 AM +Anne Murphy & +Tim Callahan
12:05 PM Barbara Haley—birthday
4:45 PM +Joseph Timilty

Wednesday, June 23

8:00 AM Maria Roy—health
12:05 PM Joseph Nolan
4:45 PM +Millie Deul

Thursday, June 24

8:00 AM +Judith Caponi
12:05 PM David Tighe—health
4:45 PM Wilin J. Zachavias—birthday

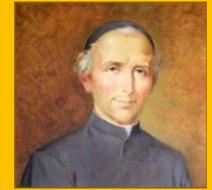
Friday, June 25

8:00 AM +Alfonso Rodriguez
12:05 PM +John Gallagher
4:45 PM +Guillermo Lorenzana & Myra

Saturday, June 26

9:00 AM Carlota Gasparello—health
12:00 PM +Natividad Nestor
4:00 PM +William Butler
5:30 PM (esp.) Accion de gracias a la Virgen Santisima por la salud de Joaquin Ocampo

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

Amoris Laetitia Year—March 19, 2021—June 26, 2022

Pope Francis proclaimed a special year to concentrate on the beauty and joy of family love. The Family is truly the “cell of society.” Just as every body is composed of living cells, so any society requires families. Individuals are born into families, educated in families and raised to become adults in the society in which they live. This tells us how important every family is. Without good families, no society can be healthy.

Pope Francis wrote his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* [*The Joy of Love*] after the Synod of Bishops in 2014-2015. The focus of the Church on the family and on right-love is an initiative at the service of individual families striving to live in fidelity to the Gospel in contemporary times. The struggles of families are numerous in any time but as with all points in history, our own times have unique challenges for families. The supports once available for families have in many cases evaporated. The Holy Father has particular concern about the need to provide strong support for marriages, for young people struggling to understand love and for parents seeking to raise children. We should all see some role in the mission the Church has to support families.

Prayer to the Holy Family by Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability
of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen

From the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* by Pope Francis

Paragraph 10.

The majestic early chapters of Genesis present the human couple in its deepest reality. Those first pages of the Bible make a number of very clear statements. The first, which Jesus paraphrases, says that “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (1:27). It is striking that the “image of God” here refers to the couple, “male and female”. Does this mean that sex is a property of God himself, or that God has a divine female companion, as some ancient religions held? Naturally, the answer is no. We know how clearly the Bible rejects as idolatrous such beliefs, found among the Canaanites of the Holy Land. God’s transcendence is preserved, yet inasmuch as he is also the Creator, the fruitfulness of the human couple is a living and effective “image”, a visible sign of his creative act.

Paragraph 11.

The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon – not an idol like those of stone or gold prohibited by the Decalogue – capable of revealing God the Creator and Saviour. For this reason, fruitful love becomes a symbol of God’s inner life (cf. Gen 1:28; 9:7; 17:2-5, 16; 28:3; 35:11; 48:3-4). This is why the Genesis account, following the “priestly tradition”, is interwoven with various genealogical accounts (cf. 4:17-22, 25-26; 5; 10; 11:10-32; 25:1-4, 12-17, 19-26; 36). The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple’s fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. Saint John Paul II shed light on this when he said, “Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit”. The family is thus not unrelated to God’s very being. This Trinitarian dimension finds expression in the theology of Saint Paul, who relates the couple to the “mystery” of the union of Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:21-33).