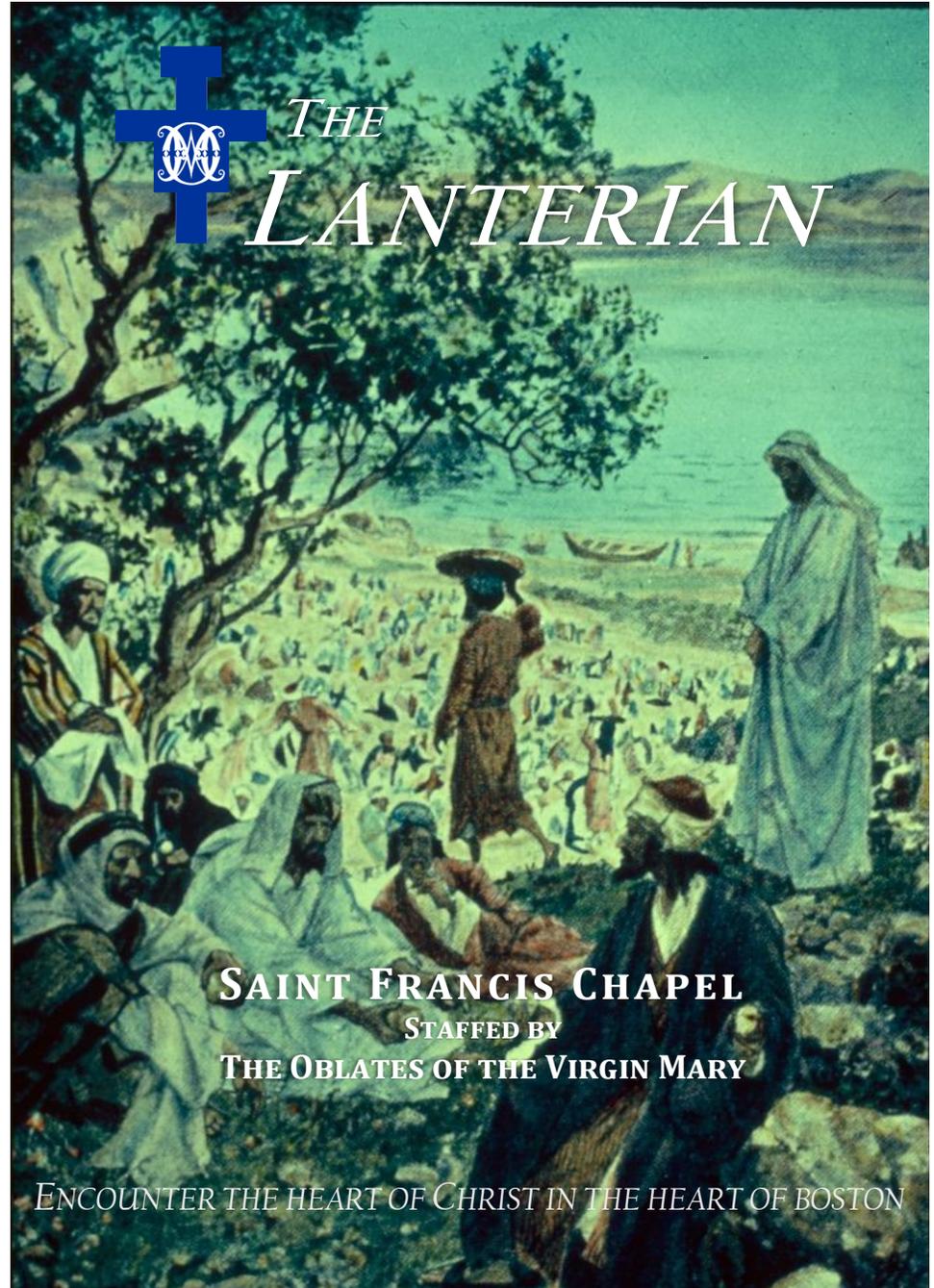




THE
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SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
STAFFED BY
THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 18, 2021

CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
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Sundays:

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Enwright

Music: Saul Garcia, Cesar
Garcia, Christina Roberts

Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July:

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



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Jesus Seeing the Multitude.
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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 by Fr. James Doran, OMV

One day a woman named Melissa was walking in a park and came across a man on a bench who was reading the Bible and writing in a notebook. She asked him what he was doing. He said he was making a day of prayer and recollection. He had recently lost his job as a pharmacist because he would not fulfill a prescription for contraceptives on account of his Catholic Faith. She told him that she had read about his predicament in the paper and asked him why he refused to fill it. He began to discuss with her the biblical understanding of love and marriage and the complementarity of men and women.

Melissa was so intrigued by the man's story that she started going to Mass, then RCIA. She entered the Church and even her Catholic mother came back to the Sacraments. Melissa eventually married a Catholic and gave birth to five children plus they adopted one from China a few years ago.

This month marks the 53th anniversary of St. Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. **Paragraph #12:** "This particular doctrine, often expounded by the magisterium of the Church, is based on the inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act. The reason is that the fundamental nature of the marriage act, while uniting husband and wife in the closest intimacy, also renders them capable of generating new life—and this as a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman. And if each of these essential qualities, the unitive and the procreative, is preserved, the use of marriage fully retains its sense of true mutual love and its ordination to the supreme responsibility of parenthood to which man is called. We believe that our contemporaries are particularly capable of seeing that this teaching is in harmony with human reason."

In #17 Pope St. Paul predicted that use of contraception "could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. And men could forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection."

The Holy Father also expressed concern that some would hand over to public authorities the power to intervene in the most personal and intimate responsibility of husband and wife. He was a prophet rejected, like Jeremiah and Amos, who we have heard from these past Sundays. The 3rd Luminous Mystery: Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion. Repent and believe in the Good News. I cannot receive as much grace as God wants to give me if I cling to sin. The good news is that God will give the grace.

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



Volunteers

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

Please let us know if you are interested in assisting the Chapel in its mission with your time and talent.

Please respond to sfc.pru@gmail.com or let us know personally.

God bless you!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 18

8:00 AM +Carl J. Camelo—20th anniv.

9:15 AM +George & +Alice Carr

10:30 AM +Joyce Geiman

11:45 AM Deceased family of Joseph Maciora

1:15 PM +Agustina Sargero

4:00 PM Angela Leahy—birthday

5:30 PM +Patrick Walsh

Monday, July 19

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving

12:05 PM +Ann Feitelberg

4:45 PM +Meghan Ford

Tuesday, July 20

8:00 AM +Peter & +Bertha McIntyre-Wheatley

12:05 PM +Gilbert & +Irene McIntyre-Wheatley

4:45 PM +Mark Wilki

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM +Patrick O'Byrne

12:05 PM Domingo Acero

4:45 PM +Dr. Carlos Fernandez del Castillo, Sr.

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM Enrique Galiz—health

12:05 PM +Bernard & +Dorothy Smith

4:45 PM +Joseph Timility

Friday, July 23

8:00 AM +Louis Signorine

12:05 PM For the victims of the Miami building collapse

4:45 PM +Mother Rose Irma Lynch, RSCJ

Saturday, July 24

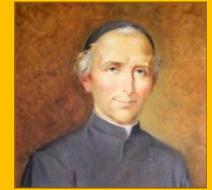
9:00 AM +Timothy Paguette

12:00 PM +Tim & +Anne Murphy Callahan

4:00 PM +Olga Lopez

5:30 PM Acion de Gracias, S. JudasTadeo

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.

From The US Catholic Bishops:
A faithful love yields enduring happiness

Married love is also faithful and exclusive of all other, and this until death. This is how husband and wife understood it on the day on which, fully aware of what they were doing, they freely vowed themselves to one another in marriage. Though this fidelity of husband and wife sometimes presents difficulties, no one has the right to assert that it is impossible; it is, on the contrary, always honorable and meritorious. The example of countless married couples proves not only that fidelity is in accord with the nature of marriage, but also that it is the source of profound and enduring happiness. (Humanae vitae no. 9)

Reflection

There tends to be a common view in the culture that freedom means doing anything one wants, anytime, with no restraints. Such a view makes it difficult to understand the vowed commitment to lifelong, faithful marriage.

Bl. Pope Paul VI in *Humanae vitae* reminds the world that the Church offers a different view of freedom, a view that authentic freedom can only be found when it is ordered towards the truth. When we live our lives according to the truth, as with the example of a husband and wife living a life of faithfulness and fidelity to each other in marriage, we experience the “profound and enduring happiness” and authentic freedom our hearts are truly longing for.

How have you experienced the fruits of living faithful love in your life? Are there areas God may be inviting you to grow in trust and faithfulness in your relationship with Him?

Intercessory Prayer to Paul VI

God our Father,
Empower married couples to live the beautiful call to free, total, faithful, fruitful love in the vow they exchanged in holy matrimony.

Help them live faithful, exclusive love amid the challenges and temptations of the world;

Strengthen them with the grace of their sacrament of matrimony to remember that you who gave yourself freely to your bride on the Cross show us the path to true freedom and a joy that endures forever.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Blessed Paul VI, pray for us! Amen.

Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 25-31) is a national educational campaign. The Natural Family Planning Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops develops a poster each year with basic supportive materials. It is the individual dioceses, however, that offer a variety of educational formats in the local church to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings that support their use in marriage.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis has designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week! For further information, contact nfp@uscgb.org.

