

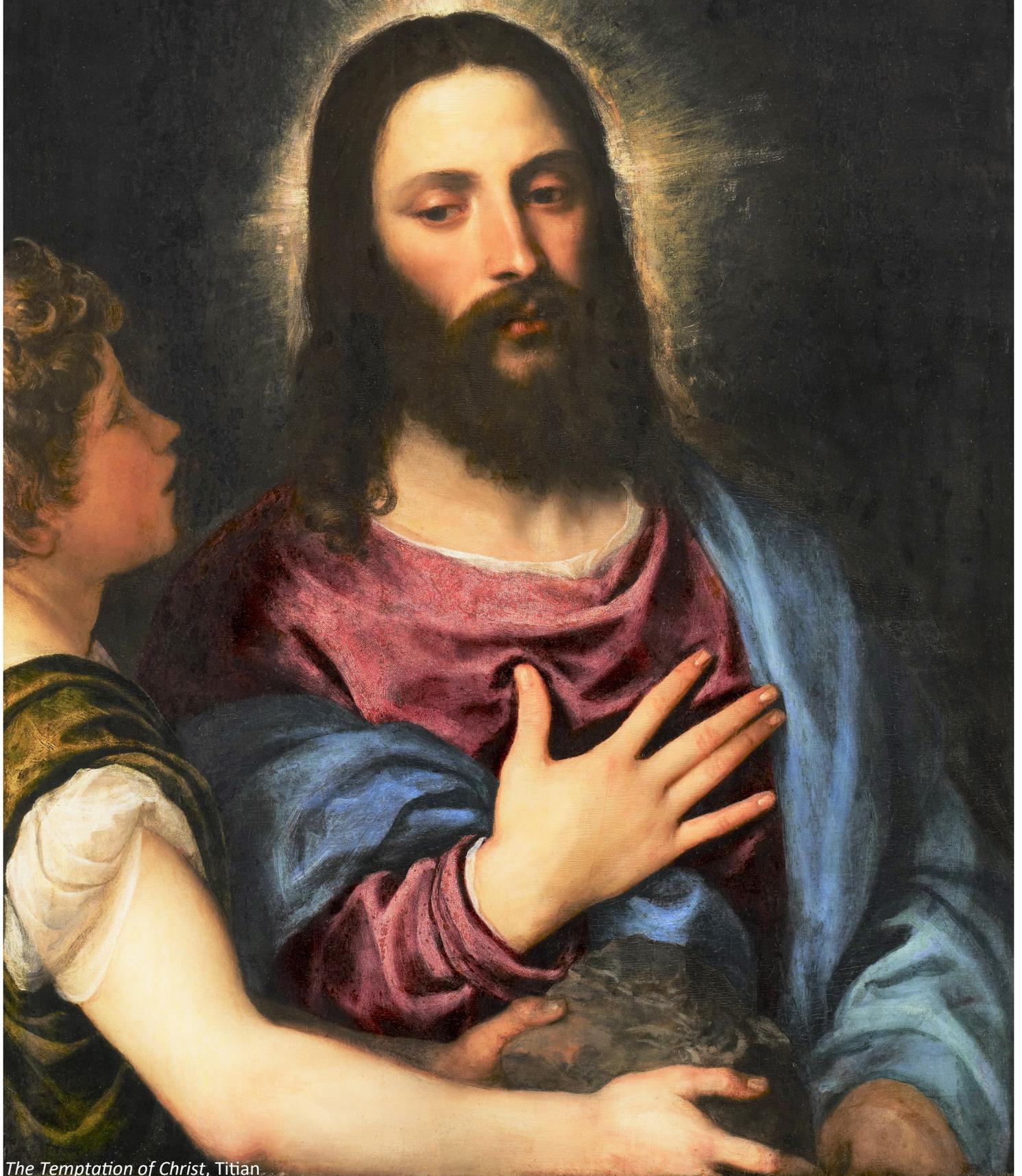


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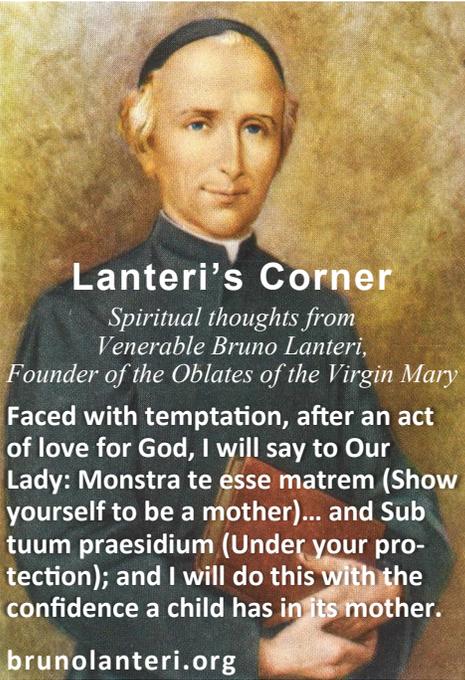
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Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

First Sunday of Lent — March 10, 2019



The Temptation of Christ, Titian



Lanteri's Corner
Spiritual thoughts from Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Faced with temptation, after an act of love for God, I will say to Our Lady: *Monstra te esse matrem* (Show yourself to be a mother)... and *Sub tuum praesidium* (Under your protection); and I will do this with the confidence a child has in its mother.

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Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?

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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.araiza@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.



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

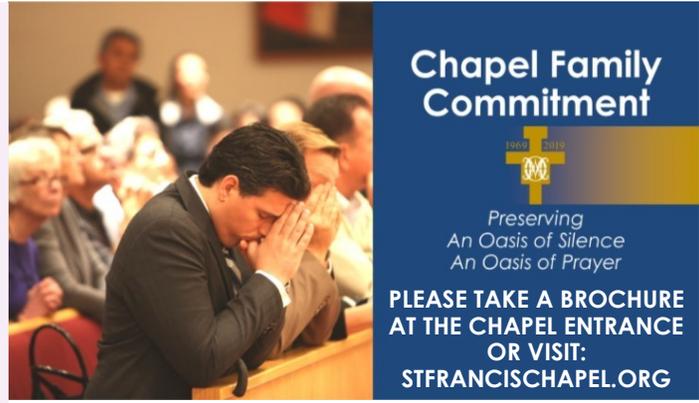
Gift Shop Hours:
 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
 Tuesday - closed;
 Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
 Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*
 (*Closed during Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Additional confession hours every Wednesday in Lent — 6:30 to 8 PM



The Way of the Cross
Fridays in Lent at 5:30 PM

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence from Meat

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

- Fasting:**
- obligatory for Roman Catholics from ages 18 to 59
 - one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that, together, are not equal to a full meal
- Abstinence:**
- binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards



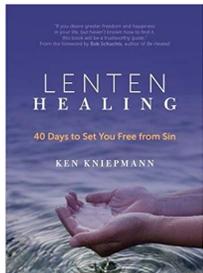
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The Chapel Gift Shop
Item of the Week...

Lenten Healing
40 Days to Set You Free From Sin
 by Ken Kniepmann

A daily Lenten devotional that will help you reexamine the psychological and spiritual roots of sin in your life and share reflections and prayer exercises for overcoming sinful habits and acquiring virtuous ones.



MONDAY, MARCH 11 at 6 PM

LENTEN HEALING
A Talk by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV

Over the past 17 years, working in seminary formation, retreat ministry and parish ministry, Fr. Shawn has developed a deeper understanding of the dynamics of growth and maturity in the Christian life and how to overcome and heal the wounds that hold us back from experiencing Jesus' deepest desire for each of us: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



A Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent
 by Fr. James Doran, OMV

"At the heart of all temptations, is the act of pushing God aside because we perceive Him as secondary, if not actually superfluous and annoying in comparison with all the apparently far more urgent matters that fill our lives." Those are words written by Pope Benedict. When we are tempted, we kind of put God on hold, "I'll get back to You God as soon as I take care of something".

Like the woman in the garden. God said they could eat from the trees of the garden, only the tree in the middle of the garden they were not touch else they would die. But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. So the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and it was a delight to the eyes, and that there was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate and she gave to her husband and he ate."

Isn't that the way the enemy works in our lives? He falsifies what God has said, raises suspicions about God's plans and intentions, and finally, portrays God as man's enemy. Throughout the history there will be a constant pressure on mankind to reject God even to the point of hating Him.

St Augustine called it love of self to the point of contempt for God. Man will tend to see in God as a limitation of himself, instead of seeing God as the source of our freedom and the fullness of good.

Pope Benedict writes, "Moral posturing is part and parcel of temptation. It does not invite us directly to do evil – no, that would be far too blatant. It pretends to show us a better way, where we finally abandon our illusions and throw ourselves into the work of actually making the world a better place". Temptations to contracept or abort or legalize assisted suicide pretend to show us a better plan than God's. Temptation claims to speak for true realism: What's real is what is right there in front of us – power and bread. By comparison, the things of God fade into unreality, into a secondary world that no one really needs. God is the issue: Is He real, reality itself, or isn't He? Is He good, or do we have to invent good ourselves?

A Jesuit named Alfred Delp who was executed by the Nazis, once wrote: "Bread is important, freedom is important, but most important of all is unbroken fidelity and faithful adoration".

CCC 540 Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. This is why Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.

We will be tempted to think we know a better way to do things, but we must remember God's plan is always the best plan.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday March 10

- 8:00 AM + Lea Civil
- 9:15 AM Ann Marie Lee
- 10:30 AM + Francesca Schettino
- 11:45 AM Those Enrolled in the Memorial Tree
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Margarita Arboleda
- 4:00 PM John Valleli — health
- 5:30 PM John Dellisola

Monday, March 11

- 8:00 AM Abbie Revoir
- 12:05 PM + Graciela Chacón—1st anniversary
- 4:45 PM Eva Gianantonio

Tuesday, March 12

- 8:00 AM + Rose Igoe
- 12:05 PM + Morva, + Marvin Joseph and + Merlotte Hilaire
- 4:45 PM Nancy Deconto

Wednesday, March 13

- 8:00 AM + Mrs. Norman C. Mendes
- 12:05 PM + Herebert & Eileen Mastromatteo
- 4:45 PM + Richard Cardinal Cushing

Thursday, March 14

- 8:00 AM John Cunniffe
- 12:05 PM +Jane E. Newman
- 4:45 PM Kelly Clark

Friday, March 15

- 8:00 AM John Cunniffe
- 12:05 PM Richard & Carol McCulloch
- 4:45 PM Anthony Z.

Saturday, March 16

- 9:00 AM Distasio Family
- 12:00 PM +Valentine O'Neill
- 4:00 PM + Vance Boyd
- 5:30 PM Anna Holland
- 7:00 PM Fabiola Posada

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April 27, 2019

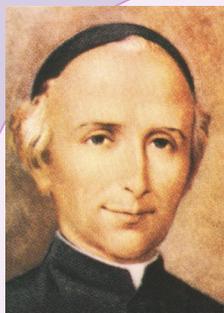
**Boston Seaport Hotel
 Plaza Ballroom**

Guest Speaker:
 Andreas Widmer,
 author of *The
 Pope and the CEO*



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Fr. Bruno Lanteri
(1759-1830)

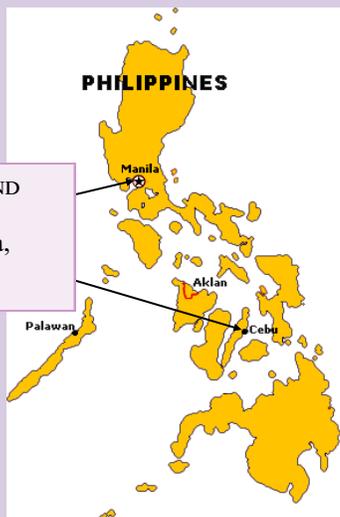
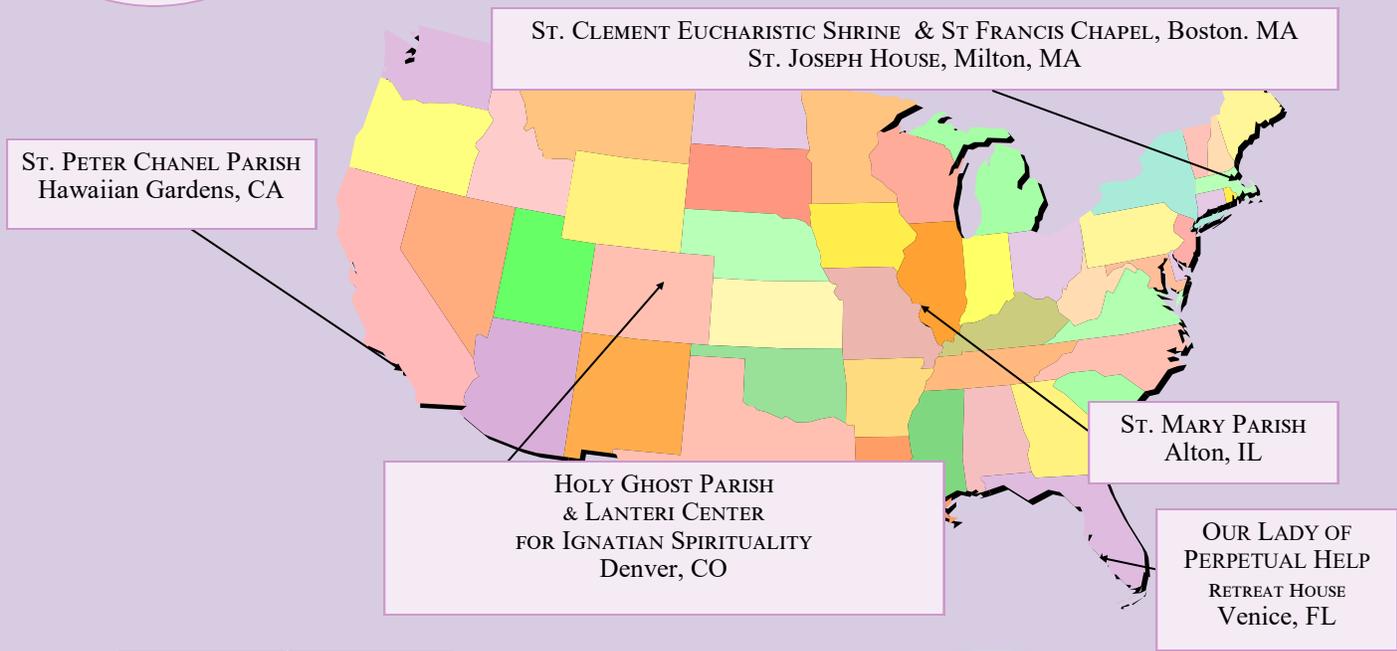
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