

*THE* **GOD**  
*LANTERNIAN*  
*Bless* ★  
**AMERICA**

**SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL**

STAFFED BY

**THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

*ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON*

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JULY 4, 2021**

## CHAPEL STAFF:

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## 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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## 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

How wonderful it is that we are able to gather together with family and friends to play, laugh, eat, sing and pray these days and have not so much as a thought that it should be forbidden. The freedom we should rightly celebrate is not so much the freedom to choose which condiment to put on our hotdogs, but the freedom to become what we are created to be. When God freed Israel from Egypt He first led them through the desert to purify them of the idolatry they learned from their Egyptian masters, then He brought them to the Promised Land. In that land the Israelites were to prepare a proper setting for the eventual coming of the Messiah. From those hills and rifts, the grace of the Holy Spirit was unleashed unto the world out of the pierced side of Jesus Christ. Americans, unlike any other civilization in history, have the freedom to embrace that gift of the Holy Spirit and to pass it on so that we are free to become children of God.

One hundred, seventy-eight years ago, a Frenchmen named Alexis de Tocqueville visited the United States and wrote a book about American culture and politics titled Democracy in America. In the book Tocqueville wrote that "the religious atmosphere of the country was the first thing that struck me on arrival in the United States." Tocqueville rightly observed that American freedom and republican spirit were tied to religion. So much so did Tocqueville believe this that he could write:

*It should therefore be the unceasing object of the legislators of democracies and of all the virtuous and enlightened men who live there to raise the souls of their fellow citizens and keep them lifted up towards heaven. It is necessary that all who feel an interest in the future destinies of democratic society should unite, and that all should make joint and continual efforts to diffuse the love of the infinite, lofty aspirations, and a love of pleasures not of earth. If among the opinions of a democratic people any of those pernicious theories exist which tend to inculcate that all perishes with the body, let men by whom such theories are professed be marked as the natural foes of the whole people.*

Our freedom is not for licentiousness but for communion. We are free to become a Eucharistic people. That is a celebration worth having and a right worthy of struggle.

# 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](http://omvusa.org), or 617-698-6785, [retreats@omvusa.org](mailto:retreats@omvusa.org)

## July 4th Holiday is observed this year on Monday, July 5

The Chapel's hours for Monday, July 5 are the following:

Masses: 9 AM  
12 PM

Confessions:  
9:30 AM till 11:45 AM

The Chapel will close after the Noon Mass.



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## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, July 4

**8:00 AM** The United States  
**9:15 AM** Joe Nolan  
**10:30 AM** +Rico de Luna  
**11:45 AM** +James Kilroy  
**1:15 PM** +Marta Yepes— 5th anniv.  
**4:00 PM** +Maureen Brill Fluellen  
**5:30 PM** +Juan Gomez

### Monday, July 5

**9:00 AM** Sr. Rosamund Ethier  
**12:05 PM** +Carina Medina de Rosillo— 16th anniv.

### Tuesday, July 6

**8:00 AM** Gerald Warren—birthday  
**12:05 PM** +Louisa Gallo  
**4:45 PM** The Falbo Family

### Wednesday, July 7

**8:00 AM** +Dolores Carroll  
**12:05 PM** +Cyril D'Souza—birth anniv.  
**4:45 PM** +Richard Marcil

### Thursday, July 8

**8:00 AM** Harrison Grantchimps— birthday  
**12:05 PM** +Alisa Doyle  
**4:45 PM** In honor of St. Anthony

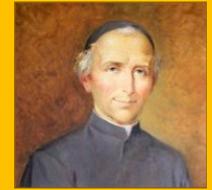
### Friday, July 9

**8:00 AM** Amy Yin & Family  
**12:05 PM** +Henry J. Feitelberg  
**4:45 PM** William Postar

### Saturday, July 10

**9:00 AM** Sr. Johnelle Luciani  
**12:00 PM** +Pasquale Gallo  
**4:00 PM** The deceased of the Callahan and Murphy Families  
**5:30 PM** Milagros Guererro y Familia

## 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.

## The Immaculate Conception—Patroness of the United States

A patron is like a sponsor, someone who takes responsibility for another, who protects another. Catholics rely on our patron saints not only to inspire our lives by their example but also to pray for us and protect us in our life of grace. A patron looks out for us, sometimes in ways we don't always recognize. Mary Immaculate was officially declared the patroness of the United States in 1847. A year earlier, the U.S. bishops had written to the Catholics of this country: *"We take this occasion to communicate to you the determination, unanimously adopted by us, to place ourselves and all entrusted to our charge throughout the United States under the special patronage of the holy Mother of God, whose Immaculate Conception is venerated by the piety of the faithful throughout the Catholic Church. By the aid of her prayers, we entertain the confident hope that we will be strengthened to perform the arduous duties of our ministry, and that you will be enabled to practice the sublime virtues, of which her life presents the most perfect example."*

Even earlier, in 1843, shortly after coming to Chicago as its first Bishop, William Quarter wrote that he placed the new diocese, which was then the entire state of Illinois, under the protection of "the Immaculate Mother of God." Cardinal Bernardin recalled this dedication on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Archdiocese in 1993. In 1849, the U.S. bishops asked the Pope to declare the Catholic belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free of sin from the first moment of her conception to be a dogma of the Church. When the Holy Father did so in 1854, the Bishops of this country decided that December 8 would be observed in every diocese as a holy day of obligation.

This faith had shaped the American continent long before there was a United States of America. In all the lands of North and South and Central America colonized by France and Spain, devotion to Mary marked the lives of the people. In the British colonies, where the public practice of Catholicism was forbidden, any external sign of love for Jesus' mother was impossible. Still, the Catholics of the newly independent United States were instructed in 1792 by their first Bishop, John Carroll: *"I shall only add this my earnest request, that to the exercise of the sublimest virtues, faith, hope and charity, you*

*will join a fervent and well regulated devotion to the Holy Mother of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; that you will place great confidence in her in all your necessities."*

Having chosen her the special patroness of this Diocese [the whole country at that time], you are placed, of course, under her powerful protection; and it becomes your duty to be careful to deserve its continuance by a zealous imitation of her virtues and a reliance on her motherly superintendence. Imitating Mary's virtues is easier than reading Bishop John Carroll's eighteenth-century prose! His instructions about praying to Mary, however, were well received in the eighteenth century and reinforced by the devotional practices of the many Catholic immigrants who began to come to the United States early in the following century.



There is some irony in the choice of Mary Immaculate as our patroness. One of the hallmarks of our society is self-reliance, getting the job done on your own, being independent and doing things your own way. The meaning of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception is that Mary was always totally dependent on God, that her mission in life was given to her, and that she never did anything on her own but always did things God's way. Never touched by sin, nothing in her resisted God's will for her and for the salvation of the world through her Son.

Of the few words attributed to her in the Gospels, the most basic is, "Let it be done to me according to your word." From this free decision on her part flows her instruction to the servants at the wedding feast of Cana, "Do whatever he tells you."

Mary Immaculate is our patroness. She speaks to us of God's initiative in her life and ours; she witnesses to the primacy of grace in her life and ours. She tells us, proud of our own initiatives, to do it God's way.

+Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
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