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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024—TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

## *Prayer Before Mass* by **Venerable Bruno Lanteri**, Founder of the OMV

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.

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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. 8:40 -11:40AM, 12:40-4:25PM; After 4:45PM Mass by request **Saturday** 9:40 - 11:40 AM, 12:40-3:30PM **Sunday** By request in-between Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM Saturday 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM

### Gift Shop Hours:

Monday-Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM\* Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM\* Sunday 8:30AM - 6:30PM\* (\*Closed during Masses)

St Francis Chapel here in the Prudential Center has been staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV) since 1983. It is truly a place of mercy and peace. People attend and visit from all over Boston, the USA and the world. They attend Holy Mass, Adore the Lord Jesus, light a candle and oftentimes take advantage of our OMV Charism of Mercy, "beginning again" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Miracles occur in the confessional. In addition to this Chapel, the OMV serve at St Clement Eucharistic Shrine a few blocks from here, which is also our US Seminary, in Milton MA at our St. Joseph Retreat House as well as in Los Angeles, CA, Denver, CO, Alton, IL and Venice, FL. Additionally OMV priests and brothers minister in Italy, where we were founded in 1826, Austria, France, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, The Philippines and England. Learn more at OMVUSA.org.

Welcome to the Chapel! Whether you are one of our daily or weekly faithful or visiting from the other side of the globe, or anywhere in between, thank you for joining us in prayer! We are blessed by you all! Many comment on the blessing of Christ's Sacramental presence and the love, mercy and peace they encounter in "The Chapel in the Mall." The Chapel has remained open here since 1969, entirely due to God's Providence working through your prayers, goodness, gratitude and generosity. The payment of our monthly rent, utilities and all expenses depends on Mass collections, (including the box by the door), online donations (including the QR codes), major gifts, candles, the kiosks in the vestibule, the gift shop (check it out!) and the Benefactors Memorial Tree in the vestibule. Thank you for your support of our ministry here. We are not able to serve here without you! Pray for us! God bless you!

Join the *Amicizia Cristiana* (young adults ages 20-29) at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine for Fall programming!

# MONDAYS AT 7-8:30PM

Sept. 9th: Christian Chant & the Litury of the Hours

Sept. 16th: Social Night

Sept. 23: Praise and Worship

Sept. 30: "The Little Way" with Br. Andrew

Oct. 7: Respect Life Month Talk

Oct. 14: Social Night

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 AM - +Freddie Fariole

9:15 AM - the Staff of Stonewall College

10:30 AM - +Alice Dowd

**11:45 AM** - Dennis & Joy Acop—first wedding anniversary

1:15 PM - +Padre Pedro Estrada

**4:00 PM** - +Fr. Bob Masciocchi

5:30 PM - +Rudy Holzapfel

### Monday, September 16

**8:00 AM** - Souls in Purgatory **12:05 PM** - Jenny Swope—health

4:45 PM - +Ramon Coblentz

### Tuesday, September 17

8:00 AM - + Norena Family

12:05 PM - +Sheila, +Cecilia & +Tony

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4:45 PM - Rose Caterino

### Wednesday, September 18

8:00 AM - Jenny Swope—health

**12:05 PM** - Fr. Ed Broom, OMV **4:45 PM** - +Sr. Mary Truc & +Sisters of

the Holy Cross it.

### Thursday, September 19

8:00 AM - Nicholas LaCava—birthday 12:05 PM - +Gregory Austin Mendis

4:45 PM - +Kathleen Mary Gerard

### Friday, September 20

8:00 AM - + Michael Aird

**12:05 PM** - +Noémia Lázaro **4:45 PM** - +Rita Marion

### Saturday, September 21

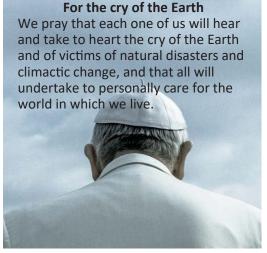
**9:00 AM - +Frank Mead** 

12:00 PM - + Maria Luísa Barreiro

4:00 PM - Fabiola Posada—salud

5:30 PM - Luis Enrique Munar

# The Pope's Prayer Intention for September:



## Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few weeks ago the Church concluded 6 successive Sundays of hearing Chapter 6 of John's Gospel wherein we heard Jesus speaking deeply and fully about the necessity of our consuming His Body and Blood in order to have Eternal Life. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave? Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:51, 67 - 69) In today's Gospel, Peter proclaims in faith to Jesus: "You are the Christ."

In recent surveys of Catholics with various degrees of practice, results indicate that many Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, that when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, that we are receiving Him in his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. That it is really Him - He who made us, redeemed us, and loves us. If you're reading this you have probably noticed the decline in attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass around you and especially since the pandemic. There is only One God and one Savior, Jesus Christ, and we and all the world need to return to Him everywhere and always. If Catholics are losing faith in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus in the world, it's no wonder that the world is experiencing a cooling in humility, hope and charity all around us, and perhaps even in ourselves. Jesus is Beauty. Life without him is eternal emptiness. To help you in your understanding of the Eucharist, we bought a little book for you: "Twenty Answers - The Eucharist" Please take one copy per family from the Chapel vestibule. Read it, share it, discuss it.

St Cajetan shares a bit of his love for Jesus in today's Bulletin. I hope you're inspired by his beautiful response to the question "Who do you say that I am?" In your own response to this question of Jesus, beg Mary to give light, strength and courage to your answer! Amen.



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hace unas semanas la Iglesia concluyó 6 domingos sucesivos de audiencia Capítulo 6 del Evangelio de Juan, en el que escuchamos a Jesús hablar profunda y plenamente sobre la necesidad de que consumamos Su Cuerpo y Sangre para tener Vida Eterna. "Yo soy el pan vivo que bajó del cielo; El que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre; y el pan que yo daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo". Entonces Jesús dijo a los Doce: «¿También vosotros queréis iros? Simón Pedro le respondió: "Maestro, ¿a quién iremos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Hemos llegado a creer y estamos convencidos de que tú eres el Santo de Dios". (Juan 6:51, 67-69.) En el Evangelio de hoy, Pedro proclama con fe a Jesús: "Tú eres el Cristo".

En encuestas recientes de católicos con diversos grados de práctica, los resultados indican que muchos católicos ya no creen en la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía, que cuando recibimos a Jesús en la Sagrada Comunión, lo estamos recibiendo en su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad. Que es realmente Él, Él quien nos hizo, nos redimió y nos ama. Si estás leyendo esto, probablemente hayas notado la disminución de la asistencia al Santo Sacrificio de la Misa a tu alrededor y especialmente desde la pandemia. Solo hay un Dios y un Salvador, Jesucristo, y nosotros y todo el mundo necesitamos volver a Él en todas partes y siempre. Si los católicos están perdiendo la fe en la Eucaristía Presencia de Jesús en el mundo, no es de extrañar que el mundo esté experimentando un enfriamiento en la humildad, la esperanza y la caridad a nuestro alrededor, y tal vez incluso en nosotros mismos. Jesús es la Belleza. La vida sin él es un vacío eterno. Para ayudarlo en su comprensión de la Eucaristía, compramos un pequeño libro para usted: "Veinte Respuestas - La Eucaristía" Por favor, tome una copia por familia del vestíbulo de la Capilla. Léelo, compártelo, discútelo.

San Cayetano comparte un poco de su amor por Jesús en el Boletín de hoy. Espero que te sientas inspirado por su hermosa respuesta a la pregunta "¿Quién dices que soy yo?" En vuestra respuesta a esta pregunta de Jesús, rogad a María que dé luz, fuerza y coraje a vuestra respuesta. Amén.

### From a Letter by Saint Cajetan, Priest (1480 - 1547)

"I am a sinner and do not think much of myself; I have recourse to the greatest servants of the Lord, that they may pray for you to the blessed Christ and his Mother. But do not forget that all the saints can not endear you to Christ as much as you can yourself. It is entirely up to you. If you want Christ to love you and help you, you must love him and always make an effort to please him. Do not waver in your purpose, because even if all the saints and every single creature should abandon you, he will always be near you, whatever your needs.

You know, of course, that we are pilgrims in this world, on a journey to our true home in heaven. The man who becomes proud loses his way and rushes to death. While living here we should strive to gain eternal life. Yet of ourselves we cannot achieve this since we have lost it through sin; but Jesus Christ has recovered it for us. For this reason we must always be grateful to him and love him. We must always obey him, and as far as possible remain united with him.

He has offered himself to be our food. How wretched is the man who knows nothing of such a gift! To us has been given the opportunity to receive Christ, son of the Virgin Mary, and we refuse him. Woe to the man who does not care enough to receive him. My daughter, I want what is good for myself; I beg the same for you. Now there is no other way to bring this about than to ask the Virgin Mary constantly to come to you with her glorious Son. Be bold! Ask her to give you her Son, who in the blessed sacrament of the altar is truly the food of your soul. Readily will she give him to you, still more readily will he come to you, giving you the strength to make your way fearlessly through this dark wood. In it large numbers of our enemies lie in wait, but they cannot reach us if they see us relying on such powerful help.

Nor, my child, must you receive Jesus Christ simply as a means to further your own plans; I want you to surrender to him, that he may welcome you and, as your divine Savior, do to you and in you whatever he wills. This is what I want, this is what I beg of you, this, as far as I can, is what I compel you to do."



Saint Cajetan's Vision of the Holy Family
by Giambattista Tiepolo
Gallerie Accademia, Venice Italy



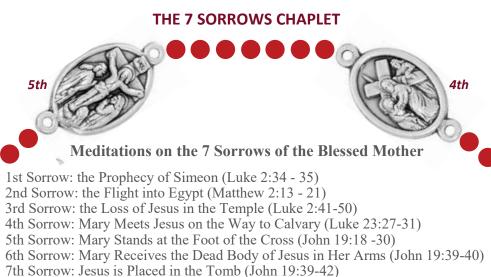
### De Una Carta de San Cayetano, Sacerdote (1480 - 1547)

"Soy un pecador y no pienso mucho de mí mismo; Recurro a los más grandes servidores del Señor, para que oren por vosotros al Cristo bendito y a su Madre. Pero no olvides que todos los santos no pueden hacerte querer por Cristo tanto como tú mismo. Depende totalmente de usted. Si queréis que Cristo os ame y os ayude, debéis amarle y esforzaros siempre en agradarle. No vaciléis en vuestro propósito, porque aunque todos los santos y cada criatura os abandonen, él siempre estará cerca de vosotros, cualesquiera que sean vuestras necesidades.

Sabéis, por supuesto, que somos peregrinos en este mundo, en un viaje hacia nuestro verdadero hogar en el cielo. El hombre que se vuelve orgulloso se extravía y corre hacia la muerte. Mientras vivamos aquí debemos esforzarnos por obtener la vida eterna. Sin embargo, por nosotros mismos no podemos lograr esto ya que lo hemos perdido por el pecado; pero Jesucristo nos lo ha recuperado. Por eso siempre debemos estarle agradecidos y amarlo. Debemos obedecerle siempre y, en la medida de lo posible, permanecer unidos a él.

Él se ha ofrecido para ser nuestro alimento. ¡Que miserable es el hombre que no sabe nada de semejante don! A nosotros se nos ha dado la oportunidad de recibir a Cristo, hijo de la Virgen María, y la rechazamos. ¡Ay del hombre que no se preocupa lo suficiente como para recibirlo! Hija mía, quiero lo que es bueno para mí; Te ruego lo mismo. Ahora bien, no hay otro modo de lograrlo que pedir constantemente a la Virgen María que venga a vosotros con su glorioso Hijo. ¡Sea atrevido! Pídele que te entregue a su Hijo, que en el santísimo sacramento del altar es verdaderamente el alimento de tu alma. Fácilmente ella te lo entregará, y más fácilmente él vendrá a ti, dándote la fuerza para avanzar sin miedo a través de este oscuro bosque. En él nos acechan numerosos enemigos, pero no pueden alcanzarnos si ven que contamos con una ayuda tan poderosa."

# The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week



### The 7 Graces Promised to Those Who Meditate on These Mysteries

In the original revelation of this devotion to St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th century, the Blessed Virgin Mary granted 7 graces to those who would commit to daily meditation on her 7 sorrows.

1. "I will grant peace to their families"

2. "They will be enlightened about the Divine Mysteries"

3. " I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work."

4. "I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls."

5. "I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives."

6. "I will visibly help them at the moment of their death. They will see the face of their mother."

7. "I have obtained the grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors, will be taken directly from this Earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy."

Prayer: Queen of Martyrs, your heart suffered so much. I beg you, by the merits of the tears you shed in these terrible and sorrowful times, to obtain for me and all the sinners of the world the grace of complete sincerity and repentance. Amen.

Closing

(3x) Mary, who was conceived without sin and who suffered for us, pray for us.

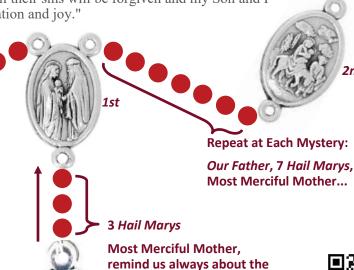
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## **BEGIN:**

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### **Introductory Prayer:**

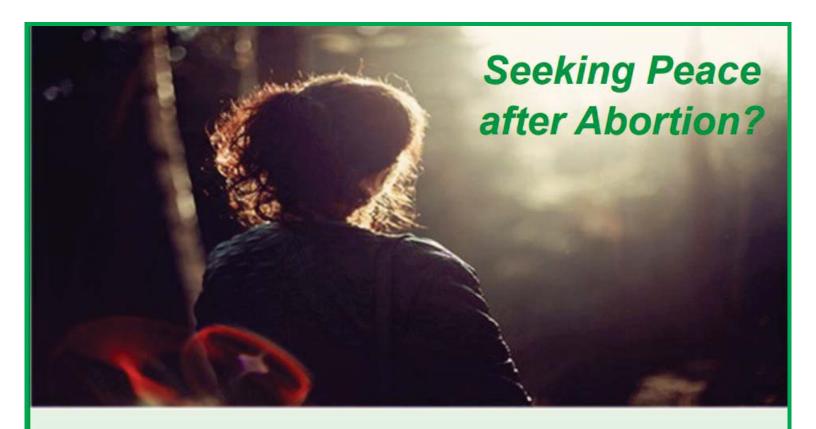
My God, I offer You this Rosary for Your glory, so I can honor your Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin, so I can share and meditate upon her suffering. I humbly beg you to give me true repentance for all my sins. Give me wisdom and humility, so that I may receive all the indulgences contained in this prayer.



Sorrows of your Son, Jesus.

Our Lady of Sorrows

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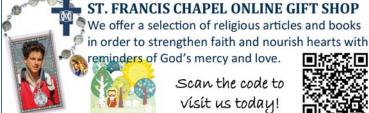
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