

Our Lady Help of Christians

CHAPEL CHIMES

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Dear friends,

I am happy to be in touch with you through this 'Chapel Chimes' as I begin a new phase in my Oblate life. As of now, I am an Associate Pastor to Father Brown in the Our Lady Help of Christian Parish. It will take some time until I get used to the English in the sacramental celebrations. I have been away from English for ages; it is quite different from celebrations in Portuguese in the places I have been assigned in my Oblate life. You will certainly notice my lack of familiarity with the English, but it will get better in time.

By the time this 'Chapel Chimes' reaches you, Father Brown will be in the Arctic with his brother and sister-in-law. As you know, Bernard, his brother, much contributed to guide a few Eskimos communities in Christian paths. Besides, his brother has a few talents in painting. The sunny atmosphere of the Arctic landscape will certainly help Fr. Brown's visit to his brother. He will be writing these lines for the October Chapel Chimes.

September is an Oblate month. Quite a few of the Oblates of our Province took their religious vows in this month. I myself pronounced my first vows in September of 1961. The Oblates used to own a lovely property in the Upper State New York.



The Oblate students spent their summer vacation in what used to be the Our Lady of Hope Shrine. September 8th marked the end of vacation and we all headed back to Washington, D. C, to start another school year. The lovely landscape of Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks Mountains (I am not certain that I am writing it right) would stay for a long while in our memory while going back to classroom.

September has also a few saints of some importance in the Church's calendar. São Mateus Evangelista, for example, played a vital role in the first communities of the nascent Church. The angels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael- are remembered at the end of the month. Saint Robert Belarmine is a Doctor of the Church who was very much influent in the Council of Trent and throughout the Reformation period. Saint Gregory the Great is remembered at the beginning of the month. A very popular saint is Januário, a bishop and quite popular in Italy. September is also the month of Cosme and Damião, needless to say, of huge devotion in popular catholicism. These and others make September a unique month, as spring begins to flow in the Brazilian landscape. *Let the flowers blossom also in our hearts.*

By Father Miguel Pipolo

Key Events:

- Monday, September 7 is a holiday and there will be no 7:15 a.m. Mass
- Tuesday, September 8 – Share Council Meeting at the Campus Ministry Center at 7:45 p.m.
- Sunday, September 13 – Parish Council Meeting at the Campus Ministry Center at 9 a.m.
- Sunday, September 13 – SHARE Walk-a-Thon followed by Paella (lunchtime) at Chapel School – please contact Elizabeth Mahlow at bmahlow@columbia.com.br or Juliana Andrade at jan-drade@columbia.com.br
- Sunday, September 27 – OBLATES Youth Meeting = *Dia da Juventude Oblata (in Portuguese)*, please speak to Brother Patrick. OMI - tel.: 5073-6962; Chapel students please speak to Daniel Forbes or Howard Murphy.
- Sunday, September 27 – Rite of Presentation during the 10:30 a.m. Mass – c/o Mrs. Katrina Ting – tel.: 9936-1067

Mass Schedules

- Monday & Wednesday at 7:15 am
 - Friday at 8:15am 'Mothers and Others'
 - Saturdays at 6:30pm
 - Sundays at 10:30am
 - Last Sunday of month 10:30am and 6:30pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Half-hour prior to each and every Mass; and by appointment.

Innocence is priceless:

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.' 'Good morning' he replied, still focused on the plaque. Pastor, what is this? The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service. Soberly they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear, asked 'Which service... the 8:30 or the 10:30?'

By Father Brown!

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