

THE LITTLE FLOWER



“Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

March 2024

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Spiritual Assistant

Friar Brandon Berg, ofm cap



Statue of St. Joseph in front of the 1910 Church at St. Joseph Honey Creek, Spring Branch, TX
The Feast of St. Joseph is March 19

Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, March 17, 2024 (3rd Sunday)
San Jose Mission's St. Francis Parish Center
Initial Formation at Noon Followed by Social time and Meeting

12:00 Noon Initial formation for our Candidate with Florencio Sepulveda, ofs

12:30PM Professed Member Arrival & Social Time – bring your food items. We will pray the Rosary and eat before the meeting. Please bring canned goods (the pop-top kind) for our donation to St. Vincent de Paul at one of the San Antonio Parishes.

We remain in the season of Lent – Please bring only soup and bread for our Social.

2:00PM Liturgy of the hours for the 5th Sunday in Lent

3:00PM On-Going Formation Presentation

Save the Dates

1. March 17, 2024, Fraternity Meeting at St. Francis Center, San Jose Mission
2. April 21, 2024, Fraternity Meeting at St. Francis Center, San Jose Mission
3. May 19, 2024, Fraternity Meeting at St. Francis Center, San Jose Mission
4. June 9, 2024, Fraternity Meeting on 2nd Sunday due to Father's Day on 3rd Sunday
5. Regional Chapter, Cedar Brake Retreat Center, June 14-16, 2024 – A Fraternity Council event, others may attend if space available

Events to watch for with no set date

Baby Shower

July Picnic on a Saturday in July

Profession of Candidate

We are blessed to have Fr. Brandon Berg, ofm cap., visit our fraternity since November 2022. He has been Officially appointed as our Spiritual Assistant by Bro Jerome Wolbert, OFM, the present OFS Animator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province.

PRAYER LIST: Continued prayers for health and spiritual blessings for all of our members and their family members, and most especially:

Lyn Henderson, ofs, Lois Guckian, ofs, Judy Hooge, ofs, R. Michael Cook, ofs, Mary Zanyi, ofs, and her son who has cancer, Petra & Gino Macias, ofs, Raquel Gomez, ofs, and husband Gilbert, Ana Gaus, ofs, and Ana's Brother-in-Law who had a stroke, Anna's Son, Jimmy and spouse Sarah, Maria de Jesus Rios, ofs, and Maria's daughter Cathy, Frances Rosales, ofs, Lydia Ramon, ofs, Alice McRae, ofs, Rita Funk, ofs, Mary Solomon, ofs, nephew, Eddie, Mary's sister, Frances, who recently passed away, and G Irving's Brother-in-law Ross Graves who has cancer.

MARCH BIRTHDAY: *Feliz Cumpleaños!!*

Ana Gaus – March 12th

MARCH PROFESSION:

Alice McRae – March 21st

CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for March - Month of the St. Joseph

1. Bl. Jean Kearney, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1653
2. St. Agnes de Prague, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1282
3. Bl. Innocent of Berzo, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1890
4. Bl. Martyrs of the Franciscan 1st Order of Gondar (Ethiopia), d. 1716
5. St. John-Joseph of the Cross, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
6. St. Colette de Corbie, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1447
7. Bl. Christopher of Milan, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1485
8. St. Jean de Dieu, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1550
9. St. Frances of Rome, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1440
10. St. Catherine of Bologne, Virgin of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1463
11. Bl. John Baptist Righi of Fabriano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1539
12. Bl. Louis Orione, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1940
13. Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1236
14. St. Catherine of Genoa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1510
15. Bl. Louis of Casoria, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1885
16. Bl. Torello of Poppi, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1282
17. Bl. Mark of Montegallo, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1496
18. St. Salvator of Horta, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1567
19. Saint Joseph,
20. Bl. Hippolyte Galentini, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1620
21. Bl Amedee IX de Savoie, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1472
22. St. Benvenute of Osimo, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1282
23. Bl. Jeremy Lambertenghi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1513
24. Bl. Catherine de Suede, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1381
25. Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church
26. Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1801
27. Bl. Joseph-Sebastien Pelczar, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924..
28. St. John of Capistrano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
29. Bl. Jane Mary of Maille, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1414
30. St. Peter Regalado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1486
31. St. Leonard Murielado, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900

Apostolate for Food Banks: We started a new apostolate. Please bring can goods (the Pop-Top kind only) to our monthly gatherings. We will collect these and distribute to one of our local parishes who have food distribution to the poor.

Right to Life Rosaries: A friend of one of our members has donated three Right to Life Rosaries. Each is a gorgeous rosary with remembrances of the value of a developing human life in each decade. We will raffle these off over the next few months at our monthly gatherings. Please come to the meeting prepared to buy a ticket.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ. *Further reading: CCC 571-573*

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemned to death? Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

Further reading: CCC 574-576

114. How did Jesus conduct himself in regard to the Law of Israel? Jesus did not abolish the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai but he fulfilled it by giving it its definitive interpretation. He himself was the divine Legislator who fully carried out this Law. Furthermore, as the faithful Servant, he offered by means of his expiatory death the only sacrifice capable of making atonement for all the "transgression committed by men under the first Covenant" (*Hebrews 9:15*). *Further reading: CCC 577-582, 592*

115. What was the attitude of Jesus toward the temple in Jerusalem? Jesus was accused of hostility to the temple. On the contrary, he venerated it as "the house of his Father" (*John 2:16*); and it was there that he imparted an important part of his teaching. However, he also foretold its destruction in connection with his own death and he presented himself as the definitive dwelling place of God among men. *Further reading: CCC 583-586, 593*

116. Did Jesus contradict Israel's faith in the one God and savior? Jesus never contradicted faith in the one God, not even when he performed the stupendous divine work which fulfilled the messianic promises and revealed himself as equal to God, namely the pardoning of sins. However, the call of Jesus to believe in him and to be converted makes it possible to understand the tragic misunderstanding of the Sanhedrin which judged Jesus to be worthy of death as a blasphemer. *Further reading: CCC 587-591, 594*

A friendly note from our fraternity treasurer!

Please send Fraternity donations to George Irving at the following address:
30042 Cibolo Path
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX 78015
Please make checks payable to: "Los Tres Compañeros Region, San Jose Fraternity".

Pax et Bonum! Peace and All Good!! Paz y Bien!

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