

# THE LITTLE FLOWER



## “Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

***April 2024***

**Minister:**

**Margarita Gonzalez, ofs**

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**Lois Guckian, ofs**

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**Mary Basile, ofs**

**Treasurer:**

**George Irving, ofs**

**Formation Director:**

**Florencio Sepulveda, ofs**

**Spiritual Assistant**

**Friar Brandon Berg, ofm cap**



**Blessed Giles of Assisi**

Two companions from Assisi had already joined St Francis when Giles, a well-to-do young man of the town, heard that young men were joining St Francis. Blessed Giles of Assisi repaired to the poor hermitage yard by Assisi, which the three occupied.

Prostrate upon his knees, Blessed Giles begged St Francis to accept him into his company. Francis presented him to the other two, saying: "See here a good brother whom almighty God has sent us." This was on April 23, 1209. On the same day, both went to Assisi, where Giles begged in God's name for a bit of cloth to make a habit. Blessed Giles of Assisi divided his entire fortune among the poor.

**Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, April 21, 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.**

**(A-J) Side Dishes**

**(K-Z) Main Dishes**

**2:00PM**      **Liturgy of the hours for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**3:00PM**      **On-Going Formation Presentation**

**Save the Dates**

1. April 21, 2024, Fraternity Meeting at St. Francis Center, San Jose Mission
2. May 11, 2024, Fraternity Picnic at Fr. Brandon's Friary – More at April Meeting  
12522 Maltsberger Lane, San Antonio, TX 78216
3. May 19, 2024, Fraternity Meeting at St. Francis Center, San Jose Mission
4. June 9, 2024, Fraternity Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday due to Father's Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
5. Regional Chapter, Cedar Brake Retreat Center, June 14-16, 2024 – A Fraternity Council event, others may attend if space available
6. Regional Visitation at our Regular Fraternity Meeting in August 2024

**Events to watch for with no set date**

Baby Shower

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. Fr. Brandon will be returning to Colorado Springs, CO in June 2024.

**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 Hooze, ofs, R. Michael Cook, ofs, Mary Zanyi, ofs, and her son who has cancer, Petra & Gino Macias, ofs, Raquel Gomez, ofs, (in Hospice) 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, and George Irving who will have hip surgery on April 23rd.**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY: *Feliz Cumpleaños!!***

**Maggie Padilla      April 17th**

**Gino Macias, ofs      April 20th**

**George Irving, ofs      April 25<sup>th</sup>**

## APRIL PROFESSION:

Ana Gaus, ofs  
Lois Guckian, ofs

April 11, 1999 - 25 years  
April 26, 1978 - 46 years

## ***CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for April* - – Month of the Holy Face and the Redemption**

1. Bl. Elisabeth Vendramini, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1860
2. St. Francois de Paule, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d/ 1507
3. [St. Benedict the Moor, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1589](#)
4. Bl. Guillaume de Sicli, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1404
5. [St. Crescentia Hoess, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1744](#)
6. Bl. Angele Salawa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
7. [Bl. Mary Assunta, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1925](#)
8. Bl. Julian of St. Augustine, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1606
9. [Bl. Thomas of Tolentino and Companions, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, mar 1321](#)
11. [Bl. Angelo of Chiavasso, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1495](#)
12. Bl. Boniface Zukowski, Priest, Conventual Religious, martyr 1942
13. Bl. Isabelle Rovira, Virgin, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1937
14. Bl. Lidwyne de Schiedam, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1433
15. [Bl. Gandolph of Binasco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1260](#)
16. [St. Benedict-Joseph Labre, Confessor, Cordbearer, d. 1783 Plenary Indulgence for Cordbearers. Anniversary of the profession of St. Francis \(1209\)](#)
17. Bl. Paul de St. Madeleine, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1643
18. [Bl. Andre Hibernon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734](#)
19. [Bl. Conrad of Ascoli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289](#)
20. Bl. Anastase Pankewicz, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1942
21. [Bl. Francis of Fabriano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1322](#)
22. [St. Conrad de Parzham, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1894](#)
23. [Bl. Gilles of Assisi, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1262](#)
24. [St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1622](#)
25. St. Marc, Grandes Rogations
26. Bl. Pierre De Pethancourt, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1667
27. [St. Zita of Lucca, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1278](#)
28. St. Paul of the Cross, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1775; [Bl. Luchesius, 1st Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1260 Plenary Indulgence for Franciscan Third Order Seculars \(renewal of Tertiary Engagements\)](#)
29. [Bl. Benedict of Urbino, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1625](#)
30. [St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1842](#)

**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

**117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus?** The passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews that were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.

*Further reading: CCC 595-598*

**118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan?** To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially at the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about "in accordance with the Scriptures".

*Further reading: CCC 599-605, 619*

**119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father?** The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave "his life as a ransom for many" (*Mark* 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all of humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people. *Further reading: CCC 606-609, 620*

**120. How is Jesus' offering expressed at the Last Supper?** At the Last Supper with his apostles on the eve of his passion Jesus anticipated, that is, both symbolized his free self-offering and made it really present: "This is my Body which *is given* for you" (*Luke* 22:19), "This is my Blood which *is poured out...*" (*Matthew* 26:28) Thus he both instituted the Eucharist as the "memorial" (*1 Corinthians* 11:25) of his sacrifice and instituted his apostles as priests of the new covenant. *Further reading: CCC 610-611, 621*

**121. What happened in the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane?** Despite the horror which death represented for the sacred humanity of Jesus "who is the Author of Life" (*Acts* 3:15), the human will of the Son of God remained faithful to the will of the Father for our salvation. Jesus accepted the duty to carry our sins in his Body "becoming obedient unto death" (*Philippians* 2:8). *Further reading: CCC 612*

### 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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