

# THE LITTLE FLOWER



## “Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

**May 2024**

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**George Irving, ofs**

**Florencio Sepulveda, ofs**

**Friar Brandon Berg, ofm cap**



**Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, May 19, 2024 (3rd Sunday)  
San Jose Mission's St. Francis Parish Center**

**Initial Formation at Noon Followed by Social time and Meeting**

**10:00AM      Drive thru Baby Shower starts (The committee will arrive at 9:30am)**

**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) Main Dishes**

**(K-Z) Side Dishes**

**2:00PM      Liturgy of the hours for the Pentecost Sunday**

**3:00PM      On-Going Formation Presentation and Baby Shower Ends**

### Save the Dates

1. May 19, 2024, Fraternity Meeting & Baby Shower at St. Francis Center, San Jose Mission
2. May 25, 2024, Fraternity Picnic at Fr. Brandon's Friary – see information below  
**12522 Maltsberger Lane, San Antonio, TX 78216**
3. June 9, 2024, Fraternity Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday due to Father's Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
4. Regional Chapter, Cedar Brake Retreat Center, June 14-16, 2024 – A Fraternity Council event, others may attend if space available
5. July 21, 2024, Fraternity Meeting. The Profession of Suzanne Salinas-Valdillez will be in July 2024 – either at a Mass on July 21<sup>st</sup> or a Mass at a week day that is convenient for Suzanne and the Priest that will celebrate the Profession Mass
6. Regional Visitation at our Regular Fraternity Meeting in August 2024 – Our Fraternity Council will prepare for this event during the time we are at the Mission for the Baby Shower during our May meeting.

**Baby Shower – 19 May 2024: 10:00am to 3:00pm** – Our Regular May Fraternity meeting will be held during the Baby Shower. Suggested Gifts:

For Baby:

Diapers (sizes 6,7)  
Baby wipes  
Diaper Bags/Backpacks  
Baby socks  
Pull-ups – 4T, 5T, 6T  
Sippy cups  
Summer cloths – 2T, 3T, 4T  
Outdoor Activities – toddler balls,  
Sidewalk chalk or bubbles

For Mom:

Face Wash – Make-up Remover  
Make-up  
Refillable Water Bottles/tumblers  
Undergarments – sizes Sm-Lg  
Socks  
Pajamas – Sm-Lg  
Shoes, flip flops – sizes 6-8  
Arts & Crafts supplies

**Picnic – 25 May 2024: 11:00am -3:00pm** – at the Capuchin Friary

We will sponsor a picnic for the Franciscan Family of San Antonio on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. It will be at Fr. Brandon's Friary; **12522 Maltsberger Lane, San Antonio, TX 78216**. The main meat will be provided. Please bring side dishes (Cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, salad, etc.) and desserts.

We are blessed to have Fr. Brandon Berg, ofm cap., serving our fraternity as Spiritual Assistant since November 2022. 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, Maggie Padilla, ofs, Lois Guckian, ofs, Judy Hooge, ofs, R. Michael Cook, ofs, Mary Zanyi, ofs, Petra & Gino Macias, ofs, Raquel Gomez, ofs, (in Hospice) and husband Gilbert, Ana Gaus, ofs, Maria de Jesus Rios, ofs, Frances Rosales, ofs, Lydia Ramon, ofs, (more chemo therapy) Alice McRae, ofs, Rita Funk, ofs, Mary Solomon, ofs,**

and G Irving's Brother-in-law Ross Graves (cancer), and George Irving who had hip replacement surgery on April 23rd.

**MAY BIRTHDAY:** *Feliz Cumpleaños!!*

**Lydia Ramon, ofs May 16th**

**MAY PROFESSION:**

**Flo Sepulveda, ofs May 19th**

***CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for May – Month of Holy Virgin Mary***

1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan
2. St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1930
3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903
4. Bl. Ladislas de Gielniow, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505
5. Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
6. Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1897
7. Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1900
8. Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces
9. Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
10. Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
11. St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439
12. St Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1781
13. St. Michael Garicoits, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1863
14. St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1881
15. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1719
16. St. Theophilus of Corte, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740
17. St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592
18. St. Felix de Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin religious, 1587
19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303
20. St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444
21. St. Crispin of Viterbo, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750
22. St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1854
23. Bl. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
24. Bl. John of Prado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1631
25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253
26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1595; memorial of St Mariane of Jesus Parades, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645
27. Bl. Gerard of Lunel, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270
28. St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764
29. Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242
30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431 King Saint Fernando III,

[Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252](#)

31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence – Chant in public the Veni Creator Sacred Heart – Plenary Indulgence - Public recitation of the Act of Reparation

**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](#)

**122. What are the results of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross?** Jesus freely offered his life as an expiatory sacrifice, that is, he made reparation for our sins with the full obedience of his love unto death. This love "to the end" (*John 13:1*) of the Son of God reconciled all of humanity with the Father. The paschal sacrifice of Christ, therefore, redeems humanity in a way that is unique, perfect, and definitive; and it opens up for them communion with God. *Further reading: CCC 613-617, 622-623*

**123. Why does Jesus call upon his disciples to take up their cross?** By calling his disciples to take up their cross and follow him Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who are to be its first beneficiaries. *Further reading: CCC 618*

**124. In what condition was the body of Christ while it lay in the tomb?** Christ underwent a real death and a true burial. However, the power of God preserved his body from corruption. "*Jesus Christ descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead.*" *Further reading: CCC 624-630*

**125. What is the "hell" into which Jesus descended?** This "hell" was different from the *hell* of the damned. It was the state of all those, righteous and evil, who died before Christ. With his soul united to his divine Person Jesus went down to the just in hell who were awaiting their Redeemer so they could enter at last into the vision of God. When he had conquered by his death both death and the devil "who has the power of death" (*Hebrews 2:14*), he freed the just who looked forward to the Redeemer and opened for them the gates of heaven.  
*Further reading: CCC 632-637*

**126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?** The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery. *Further reading: CCC 631, 638*

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

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