

# THE LITTLE FLOWER



## “Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

### August 2024

**Minister:**

**Margarita Gonzalez, ofs**

**Vice Minister:**

**Lois Guckian, ofs**

**Secretary:**

**Mary Basile, ofs**

**Treasurer:**

**George Irving, ofs**

**Formation Director:**

**Florencio Sepulveda, ofs**

**Spiritual Assistant**

**Position OPEN**



The Little Portion of St. Francis. The Portiuncula chapel located within the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi, Italy. See the paragraph below on the Portiuncula Indulgence for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August

**Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, August 18, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
San Jose Mission's St. Francis Parish Center  
Profession for Suzanne Salinas-Valdillez and Regional Visitation**

**12:00 Noon   Profession Mass and Ceremony in the Juan Diego Chapel**

**The Parish Hall will be open prior to the Profession Ceremony for Food and other item drop-off.**

**(A-J) Side Dishes**

**(K-Z) Main Dishes**

**1:00PM      Regional Visitation of San Jose Fraternity followed by Social Time**

**4:00PM      Adjourn**

**Save the Dates**

1. Noon on August 18, 2024 – Profession Ceremony in the Chapel near Parish Office
2. Regional Visitation at our Regular Fraternity Meeting in August 18, 2024
3. September 15, 2024, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
4. September 17, 2024, Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi
5. October 3, 2024, The Transitus of St. Francis; at San Jose Mission Church
6. October 14, 2024, Fiesta Franciscana Program, St. Francis Hall, San Jose Mission
7. October 20. 2024. Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center

**Our Spiritual Assistant**, Fr. Brandon Berg, ofm cap, has been reassigned to Colorado Springs, CO in June 2024. The search for a new spiritual Assistant has begun.

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

**The Repose of the soul of Rita Funk, ofs, San Jose Fraternity, on 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2024, from a long battle with cancer. Services will be in Falls Church, Virginia at a time to be announced. Rita was professed in 2020; and Lyn Henderson, ofs, San Jose Fraternity, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June; 2 days after her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Lyn was professed in 2020.**

**Maggie Padilla, ofs, Lois Guckian, ofs, Judy Hooge, ofs, R. Michael Cook, ofs, Mary Zanyi, ofs, Petra & Gino Macias, ofs, Raquel Gomez, ofs, and husband Gilbert, Ana Gaus, ofs, Maria de Jesus Rios, ofs, Frances Rosales, ofs, Lydia Ramon, ofs, Alice McRae, ofs, and Mary Solomon, ofs.**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAY: *Feliz Cumpleaños!!***

Judith Hooge, ofs    August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rosie Munoz, ofs    August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Your Newsletter missed listing the Birthday for Yolanda Montoya, ofs, on July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**AUGUST PROFESSION:**

David Basile, ofs    August 11<sup>th</sup>

**The Portiuncula Indulgence – August 2 – This is a Grace not to be missed—not only for yourself but for the many suffering souls in Purgatory.**

**Please make plans on Thursday, August 2, to attend Holy Mass and receive Communion. The conditions to obtain the Plenary Indulgence of the Forgiveness of Assisi is (for oneself or for a departed soul) is as follows:**

**Sacramental Confession to be in God's grace (during eight days before or after)  
Participation in the Holy Mass and Eucharist  
Recitation of The Apostles Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the Pope's  
Intentions**

***CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary***

- [St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1787](#)
- [2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order](#)
- 3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1868
- [4. St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221](#)
- 5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1904
- [6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ](#)
- 7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1638
- [8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1859](#)
- 9. Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
- [10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1492](#)
- 11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689
- [12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries \(Renewal of Engagements\)](#)
- [13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1280](#)
- 14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest, Conventional religious, martyr 1941
- [15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady](#)
- [16. Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350](#)
- [17. St. Roch of Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1327](#)
- 18. Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort, d. 1794
- 19. St. Jean Eudes, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1680
- [20. St. Louis of Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1297](#)
- 21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1610
- [22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#)
- [23. Bl. Bernard of Offida, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1694](#)
- 24. St. Emilie de Vialar, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1856
- [25. St. Louis IX, King of France, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers](#)
- 26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
- 27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648
- [28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1784](#)
- 29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
- 30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1604
- 31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936.

**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.

**Another Apostolate:** At Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Br. Joseph's Franciscan Outreach Ministry is at work every week usually in the mornings around 8:00am. We can try to help in the kitchen during the week to help Br. Joseph. They serve M- F around 9:30- 12. They start cooking around 8:30 on Monday and Friday. The Minister of St. Francis Fraternity has been working there. She indicates that the same folks seem to eat there most days. She visits with the people as they eat their meal and recommends this as a good outreach to the homeless of San Antonio.

**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

**140. What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"?** The term "prophets" mean those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament. *Further reading: CCC 687-688, 702-716, 743*

**141. What did the Holy Spirit accomplish in John the Baptist?** The Spirit filled John the Baptist, who was the last prophet of the Old Testament. Under his inspiration John was sent to "prepare for the Lord a people well disposed" (*Luke 1:17*). He was to proclaim the coming of Christ, the Son of God, upon whom he saw the Spirit descend and remain, the one who "baptized with the Spirit" (*John 1:33*). *Further reading: CCC 717-720*

**140. What is the work of the Spirit in Mary?** The Holy Spirit brought fulfillment in Mary all the waiting and the preparation of the Old Testament for the coming of Christ. In a singular way he filled her with grace and made her virginity fruitful so that she could give birth to the Son of God made flesh. He made her the Mother of the "whole Christ", that is, of Jesus the Head and of the Church his body. Mary was present with the twelve on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit inaugurated the "last days" with the manifestation of the Church.  
*Further reading: CCC 721-726, 744*

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

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