

THE LITTLE FLOWER



“Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

September 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



San Jose Fraternity is pleased to announce the Profession for Suzanne Salinas-Valdillez at a Mass of Profession in the San Juan Diego Chapel, Mission San Jose, San Antonio, Texas on Sunday the 18th of August 2024. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dennis Schafer, OFM.

Margarita Gonzalez, Minister, OFS, conducted the Profession Ceremony assisted by Florencio Sepulveda, OFS, Formation Director. We were pleased to welcome members of Suzanne's family and the Los Tres Compañeros/The Three Companions Regional Visitation Team to the ceremony.

Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, September 15, 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 Inquirer with Florencio Sepulveda, ofs

12:30PM Professed Member Arrival & Social Time – bring your food items. We will eat first 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. [There is NO ICE MACHINE]
Please bring pot luck food items.
(A-J) Main Dishes
(K-Z) Side Dishes

2:00PM Prayer for the Remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the Stigmata of St. Francis on the 17th of September 1224: followed by brief business meeting

3:00PM On-Going Formation Presentation

3:30PM Optional Rosary. All are encouraged to stay.

4:00PM Adjourn

Save the Dates

1. September 15, 2024, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
2. September 17, 2024, Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi
3. October 3, 2024, The Transitus of St. Francis; at San Jose Mission Church
4. October 14, 2024, Fiesta Franciscana Program, St. Francis Hall, San Jose Mission
5. October 20, 2024, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
6. November 17, 2024, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center

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

Regional Visitation: San Jose Fraternity was pleased to host a Visitation by a team from Los Tres Compañeros /The Three Companions Region. The team included: Bro Tim Unser, Elba DeLaune, ofs, and Shirley Atwood, ofs.

Fraternity Election: San Jose Fraternity will be having an election of officers in the early months of 2025.

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

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; and for our Franciscan Family in Uganda in their battle with the Gov't to build a training facility for women.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY: *Feliz Cumpleaños!!* None

SEPTEMBER PROFESSION:

Maria de Jesus Rios ofs, Sept 16, 2007

Frances Rosales ofs, Sept 16, 2007

CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for September – Month of the Holy Cross

1. Bl Joachim de Albocacer, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
- [2. Bl. Martyrs de Carmes, d. 1792](#)
- [3. St. Pius X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1914](#)
- [4. St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers](#)
- [5. Bl. Gentil de Matelica, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1340](#)
- [6. Bl. Liberatus of Lauro, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1258](#)
7. Bl. Eugenie Picco, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1921
8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- [9. Bl. Seraphina Sforza, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1478](#)
10. Bl. Martyrs of Japan, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Seculars, d. 1622-1632
- [11. Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1684](#)
12. Feast of the Name of Holy Mary
- [13. Bl. Apollinaire Franco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1622](#)
14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15. Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
16. Bl. Roland de Medicis, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1386
- [17. Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi](#)
- [18. St. Joseph de Cupertino, Priest, Conventual, d. 1664](#)
19. Bl. Louis Alleman, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1450
- [20. St. Francis Mary of Camporosso, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1866](#)
- [21. Bl. Elizabeth Amodei, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1498](#)
- [22. St. Ignatius of Santhia, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1773](#)
23. St. Pio of Peitrelcina, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1968
- [24. St. Pacific of San Severino, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1721](#)
25. St. Nicholas de Flue, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1487
- [26. Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular \[living in community, under a Rule\], d. 1400](#)
- [27. St. Elzear of Sabran, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1323](#)
- [28. Bl Bernadin of Feltre, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1494](#)
29. Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel
- [30. Bl. Charles of Blois, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1364](#)

Apostolate for Food Banks: 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 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

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*

142. 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*

143. What is the relationship between the Spirit and Christ Jesus in his earthly mission? Beginning with his Incarnation, the Son of God was consecrated in his humanity as the Messiah by means of the anointing of the Spirit. He revealed the Spirit in his teaching, fulfilled the promises made to the Fathers, and bestowed him upon the Church at its birth when he breathed on the apostles after the Resurrection. *Further reading: CCC 727-730, 745-746*

144. What happened at Pentecost? Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity. *"We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us."* (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost) *Further reading: CCC 731-732, 738*

145. What does the Spirit do in the Church? The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear "the fruit of the Spirit" (*Galatians 5:22*). *Further reading: CCC 733-741, 747*

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

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