

THE LITTLE FLOWER



“Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

October 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

Friar Dennis Schafer, ofm



Pope Francis uses a reliquary containing some of the blood from the stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi to bless Italian Franciscan friars from La Verna and from Tuscany at the end of an audience at the Vatican April 5, 2024. The Franciscans are celebrating the 800th anniversary of St. Francis receiving the stigmata while praying in La Verna. (CNS photo/Vatican Media). San Jose Fraternity celebrated the 800 Centenary of the Stigmata at the September 15, 2024 Fraternity Gathering.

Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 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.

Please bring pot luck food items.

(A-J) Side Dishes

(K-Z) Main Dishes

2:00PM Liturgy of the hours for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time

3:00PM On-Going Formation Presentation

4:00PM Adjourn

Save the Dates

1. October 3, 2024, The Transitus of St. Francis; at San Jose Mission Church at 7:00PM Reception to follow in the St. Francis Parish Hall
2. October 14, 2024, Fiesta Franciscana Program, St. Francis Hall, San Jose Mission
3. October 20. 2024. Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
4. November 17, 2024, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
5. December 15, 2024, Christmas Celebration and Fraternity meeting, St. Francis Center

Spiritual Assistant: Friar Dennis Schafer, ofm, has been appointed our Spiritual Assistant in a letter dated 13 September 2024 from Jerome Wolbert, ofm.

Charitable Donations for the end of 2024: During our November and December meetings we will be discussing what organizations to which we may wish to make donations. In 2023 our membership voted to send \$300 each to the following:

The Seton Home

Haven for Hope

Catholic Charities

Assumption Seminary to the delayed

St. Clare Parish for building upkeep

vocations program

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, and Maria's niece, Frances Rosales, ofs, Lydia Ramon, ofs, Alice McRae, ofs, and Mary Solomon, ofs.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY: *Feliz Cumpleaños!!*

Frances Rosales. October 5th

Lois Guckian, October 12th

Petra Macias, October 19th

OCTOBER PROFESSION:

Gino & Petra Macias 10/26/1995

Mary Zanyi, 10/4/1983

CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for October – Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels

- [1. Bl. Nicolas of Forca, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular \[living in community, under a Rule\], d. 1449](#)
2. Bl. Antoine Chevrier, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1879
3. St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France; St. Marie-Joseph Tossello, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1880
- [4. Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers](#)
5. Commemoration of the establishment of the 3 Orders/ [Blessed Felicia Meda, Order of Poor Clares, d. 1444](#)
- [6. St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular](#)
7. Feast of the Holy Rosary
- [8. St. Bridget of Sweden, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373](#)
9. Bl. Marie-Angele Truszkowska, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1899
10. St. Francois Borgia, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1572; and [St. Daniel and Companions, Religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyrs, d. 1227](#)
11. Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady
- [12. St. Seraphin of Montegranaro, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1604](#)
13. Bl. Pacifique de Valence, lay brother, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
- [14. St John of Dukla, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1936](#)
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941
- [17. Bl. Balthassar of Chiavari, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1490](#)
- [18. Bl. James of Strepar, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1409](#)
- [19. St. Peter of Alcantara, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1512](#)
- [20. Bl. Contardo Ferrini, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1902](#)
21. Bl. Martyrs of Polonais, d. 1941-42
- [22. Bl. John Baptist Bullaker, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1642](#)
23. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1870
- [24. Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, martyr 1794](#)
25. Bl. Maria Veronica Masia Ferragut, Bl. Maria Felicidad Masia Ferragut, and Bl. Jesus Masia Ferragut, Virgins, Capuchin religious, Martyrs 1936
26. Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain, 1936-37
- [27. Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1711](#)
28. Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1921
- [29. Bl. Thomas of Florence, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1447](#)
- [30. Bl. Angelo of Acre, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1739](#)
31. Bl. Christophe de Cahors, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1272

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.

Apostolate for Homeless: Please bring items to pass to the homeless at the breakfast at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. Needed are: SOCKS, Hats, Gloves, Scarfs.

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 with sales of chances for \$100 at our Christmas gathering and at the Election in early 2025.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

146. How do Christ and his Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful? Christ communicates his Spirit and the grace of God through the *sacraments* to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the *new life* of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of *prayer*.

Further reading: CCC 738-741

147. What does the word *Church* mean? The word *Church* refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. *Further reading: CCC 751-752, 777, 804*

148. Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church?

In Sacred Scripture we find many images which bring out various complementary aspects of the mystery of the Church. The Old Testament favors those images that are bound to the *people of God*. The New Testament offers images that are linked to Christ as the Head of this people which is his Body. Other images are drawn from pastoral life (sheepfold, flock, sheep), from agriculture (field, olive grove, vineyard), from construction (dwelling place, stone, temple), and from family life (spouse, mother, family). *Further reading: CCC 753-757*

149. What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church? The Church finds her origin and fulfillment in the eternal plan of God. She was prepared for in the Old Covenant with the election of Israel, the sign of the future gathering of all the nations. Founded by the words and actions of Jesus Christ, fulfilled by his redeeming death and Resurrection, the Church has been manifested as the mystery of salvation by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. She will be perfected in the glory of heaven as the assembly of all the redeemed of the earth.

Further reading: CCC 758-766, 778

150. What is the mission of the Church? The mission of the Church is to proclaim and establish the Kingdom of God begun by Jesus Christ among all peoples. The Church constitutes on earth the seed and beginning of this salvific Kingdom. *Further reading: CCC 767-769*

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

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