

# THE LITTLE FLOWER



## “Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis”

San Jose Fraternity

San Antonio, Texas

Secular Franciscan Order

## November 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**



### **Blessed John Duns Scotus - Feast Day – Nov. 8**

In 1306 Blessed John Duns Scotus, OFM, came to be known as the Doctor of Mary, after he had championed her Immaculate Conception and refuted all the objections of the learned men of the time against this prerogative of Our Lady. In 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly declared the doctrine of Father John, which had always been accepted by the ordinary faithful, to be an article of faith; at the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved free from the stain of original sin.

**Next Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, November 17, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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) Main Dishes**

**(K-Z) Side Dishes**

**2:00PM Liturgy of the hours for our deceased members and families.**

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

**4:00PM Adjourn**

**Save the Dates**

1. November 17, 2024, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
2. November 23, 2024. **St. Francis Fraternity invited us to join them for their Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration on Saturday, November 23 at 2:00PM. This will be in the Hall of OLG Shrine Church – 1321 El Paso St., SA, 78207.**
3. December 15, 2024, Christmas Celebration and Fraternity meeting, St. Francis Center
4. January 19, 2025, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center
5. February 16, 2025, Fraternity Chapter of Elections, St. Francis Parish Center
6. March 16, 2025, Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Parish Center

**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. San Jose Fraternity will be able to donate up to \$15,00.00 this year. In 2023 our membership voted to send \$300 each to the following:

The Seton Home  
Catholic Charities  
St. Clare Parish for building upkeep

Haven for Hope  
Assumption Seminary to the delayed  
vocations program

**Fraternity Election:** San Jose Fraternity will be having an election of officers in Feb. 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.**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY: *Feliz Cumpleaños!!***

Florencio Sepulveda, ofs  
R. Michael Cook, ofs

**NOVEMBER PROFESSION: None**

**CALENDAR OF FRANCISCAN SAINTS for November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
- [3. Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231](#)
- [4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584](#)
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
- [6. Bl. Margaret of Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521](#)
- [7. Bl. Raynier of Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304](#)
- [8. Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308](#)
- [9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456](#)
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
- [11. Bl. Mary Crucifix, Virgin, the Franciscan 3rd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1826](#)
- [12. Bl. John of Peace, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular \[living in community, under a Rule\], d. 1340](#)
- [13. St. Didacus of Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463](#)
- [14. St. Nicholas Tavelich and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391](#)
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
- [16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253](#)
- [17. Bl. Jane of Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307](#)
- [18. Bl. Salome of Cracow, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268](#)
- [19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Virgin Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular, Plenary Indulgence \(renewal of Tertiary engagement\), d. 1231](#)
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
- [25. Bl. Humilis of Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637](#)
- [26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751](#)
- [27. St. Francis Anthony Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742](#)
- [28. St. James of the March, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476](#)
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
- [30. Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482](#)

**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

**151. In what way is the Church a mystery?** The Church is a mystery in as much as in her visible reality there is present and active a divine spiritual reality which can only be seen with the eyes of faith. *Further reading: CCC 770-773, 779*

**152. What does it mean to say that the Church is the universal sacrament of salvation?** This means that she is the sign and instrument both of the reconciliation of communion of all humanity with God and of the unity of the entire human race. *Further reading: CCC 774-776, 780*

**153. Why is the Church the 'people of God'?** The Church is the 'people of God' because it pleased God to sanctify and save men not in isolation but by making them into one people gathered together by the unity of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

*Further reading: CCC 781, 802-804*

**154. What are the characteristics of the people of God?** One becomes a member of this people through faith in Christ and Baptism. This people has for its *origin* God the Father; for its *head* Jesus Christ; for its *hallmark* the dignity and freedom of the sons of God; for its *law* the new commandment of love; for its *mission* to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; and for its *destiny* the Kingdom of God, already begun on earth. *Further reading: CCC 782, 804*

**157. Who is the Head of this body?** Christ "is the Head of the body, the Church" (*Colossians 1:18*). The Church lives from him, in him and for him. Christ and the Church make up the "whole Christ" (Saint Augustine); "Head and members form, as it were, one and the same mystical person" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). *Further reading: CCC 792-795, 807*

**158. Why is the Church called the "Bride of Christ"?** She is called the "Bride of Christ" because the Lord himself called himself her "Spouse" (*Mark 2:19*). The Lord has loved the Church and has joined her to himself in an everlasting covenant. He has given himself up for her in order to purify her with his blood and "sanctify her" (*Ephesians 5:26*), making her the fruitful mother of all the children of God. While the term "body" expresses the unity of the "head" with the members, the term "bride" emphasized the distinction of the two in their personal relationship. *Further reading: CCC 796, 808*

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

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