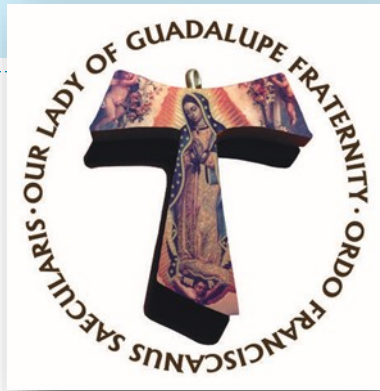


July 2018



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Month of July!

Our Fraternity Day of Recollection Sunday June 24 was a special day with sorrow expressed that there were so few in attendance. We missed all those not in attendance and prayers are sent to all OFS. It reminded me of my Dad's 93rd celebration when all he recognized were those not present. So Lord do we look at the 1/2 empty glass or the 1/2 full cup? "Many are called but few are chosen." Matt 22:14 "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2

We began with a beautiful prayer always my favorite part of all retreats. Never enough time for song and praise our whole attitude needs to be a song of praise to Our Lord needing to balance prayer, studying and service. No time for contemplation- our entire demeanor of being gospel people needs to be dedicated to Christian life and consecrated to Mary, Our Mother of God, as well as being open to the grace of St Clare's charisma of contemplation.

We are fraternity, a spiritual family moving towards improvement on our healthy relationships with ourselves and each other. We are in constant formation towards conversion becoming truly who God created us to be. I have always chosen to be a "wounded healer" ever so sensitive towards not hurting anyone who suffers already. We all seem to be carrying heavy crosses some we don't even dare to open up to share with our fraternity. We respect this choice through our privacy and silence. We are all in great need of prayer and healing spiritually, emotionally, physically, psychologically, socially, and intuitively. It's tough enough standing naked before God who I trust in His Mercy, forgiveness, compassion, tenderness and gentleness. He knows me better than I know myself but being vulnerable to other human beings is gut wrenching agony. I sense we need to continue our dialogue with all council members and fraternity members active and non-active. We need to practice being the Presence of Christ to each other and be healing in our encounters. Come Holy Spirit enkindle in the hearts of your people your love, your gifts to be in God's perfect, holy and pleasing will. (next page...)

Fraternity Council Members

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Councilor: Ron Wakefield

JPIC: VACANT

This Sunday July 8th:

10:00am Council Meeting

***12 to 1 pm Fraternity Potluck
lunch and Social Hour***

***1pm Fraternity Meeting with
Greg LoVetere leading For-
mation on the Beatitudes***

Council and Fraternity Meetings

**Monthly on the second Sunday
of the month. Exceptions will be
noted.**

Location

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

1345 Turnbull Canyon Road

Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

**AT DOLAN HALL BEHIND THE
O'CALLAGHAN CENTER**

[2018 Council and Fraternity meetings](#)

July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9,

Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 16

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(Minister's message continued...)

Father Steve presented reflections from Pope Frances', "Rejoice and Be Glad" . Father Steve asked us to recognize our mission of responding to the call of Sainthood. He also asked how do we follow God's will? Have we truly fallen in love with God and have we allowed God's love and revelation transvalue all areas of our lives? Penance draws us into an intimate relationship with God and penance brings us into a radical nature of fully authentic conversion. "Oh how blessed are those who do penance". What is your penance? What conversion has been brought about? Robert Stewart, OFM, gives five examples of penance:

1. To responsibly face our own disordered affectivity and strive to cultivate a healthy emotional life.
2. Commit ourselves to examine critically our values and beliefs in dialogue with others.
3. Commit ourselves to living ethical norms and ideals that make an ultimate claim upon them.
4. Accept God's Self-revelation of love in Jesus and consequences of following Jesus' teaching.
5. Commit ourselves to collaboration with others in reforming unjust social institutions.

We have great Saints in the month of July. St Thomas, St Anthony Zaccaria, St Elizabeth of Portugal, St Maria Goretti, Blessed Virgin Mary, St Augustine Zhao Rang and Companion, St Benedict, St Henry, St Kateri Tekakwitha, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Camillus de Lellis, St Apollinaris, St Lawrence of Brindisi, St Bridget, St Sharbel MakhluF, St James, St Joachim and St Anne, St Peter Chrysologus, St Ignatius of Loyola pray for us.

The Pope's intention for July: Evangelization- Priests and their pastoral ministry: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

May God's peace abound upon,

May Christ's love overflow,

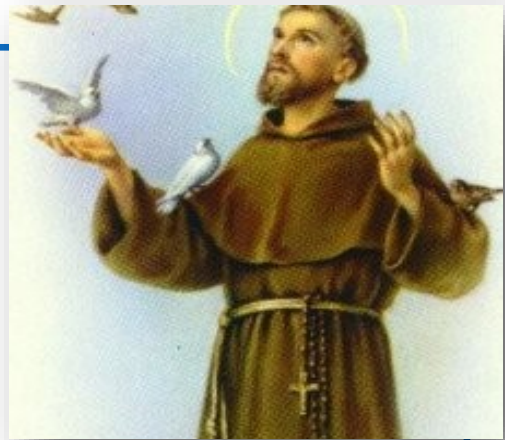
May the Holy Spirit enliven all His gifts and fruits fully expressed through you,

in great love, humility and service,

Veronica, OFS

GOSPEL LIVING by Veronica Kortz, OFS

Adapted from The Admonitions of St Frances , # 27.



O Lord heal us!

Please Grant us and we beg for the grace of charity and wisdom.

Remove all fears, ignorance, prejudice and guilt.

Please Grant us and we beg for the grace of patience and humility.

Remove all anger, disturbance, judgment, and criticism.

Please Grant us and we beg for the grace of poverty with joy.

Remove all greed, avarice, self pity and depression.

Please Grant us and we beg for the grace of rest and meditation.

Remove all anxiety, restlessness, busyness, workaholism.

Please Grant us and we beg for the grace of fear of the Lord to guard an entrance.

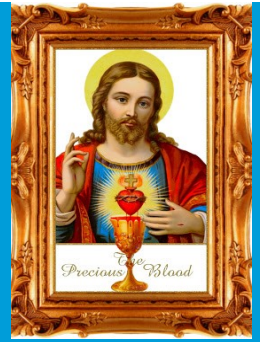
Remove all darkness, distractions, obstacles of following the gospel way of life.

Please Grant us and we beg for the grace of a heart full of mercy and discernment.

Remove all excess, hardness of heart, blocks and procrastination.

Amen.

July 2018 *is dedicated to:*



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10am OLG council meeting 12pm potluck social hour 1pm fraternity meeting	9	10	11	12	13 St. Francis Regional Leadership Training Retreat	14 St. Francis Regional Leadership Training Retreat
15 St. Francis Regional Leadership Training Retreat	16	17	18	19	20	21 10am OFS Orange District Picnic at Craig Park in Fullerton Hosted by Our Lady of Gua- dalupe Fraternity
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



The Feast Day of Saint Clare:
Mini Retreat and Day of Reflection
with Potluck after Mass!

Speakers and discussion about the life
of Saint Clare

Mass in the Historic Serra Chapel
with celebrant
Fr. Steve Gross, OFM, Conv
assisted by Deacon Joe Holka and
Deacon David Sire.

We are blessed to have a
Relic of Saint Clare

Date: August 11, 2018

Time: 9am-2pm

Address: 31520 Camino Capistrano, San
Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

Mass: 12pm

by San Juan Capistrano and
Maximilian Kolbe fraternities