



St. Padre Pio Press

May, 2025

Meeting Date First Sunday-May 4th

We will meet on the first Sunday, May 4th at St. Christopher Catholic Church, Room 6 at 11:30 AM. The change is due to Mother's Day being on the second Sunday. We traditionally have May Crowning on this day. Jim will speak on The Seven Last Words of Christ. We will cover Chapter 15 in the Franciscan's Climb to Christ. Jim has asked us to come prepared to share how we use our words to bring peace and joy to others. We will have the May crowning to celebrate our Blessed Mother. Please bring flowers for Blessed Mother.

Upcoming Events

- May 4th Meeting at St. Christopher
- May 16th Clare's Class
- May 23-23 Retreat at Serra Retreat Center
- June 8th Regional Visitation-It is important for all of us to be present for the meeting.
- June 23rd Funeral for our Sister Barbara. Rosary at 10:30 AM. Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Moreno Valley.

Letters to My Brothers and Sisters



Hello My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Mother's Day! Remember, your mother is a gift from God to you, even if we do not recognize it. Also, remember God does not make mistakes. Your mother gave you birth by God giving you life.

Now let us ask the question: Is it ever hard for you to focus and pray? I believe everyone has

times in their lives when we get distracted, tired, or just cannot focus to pray. I want everyone to know that they are not alone. Remember that prayer is the essence of our love for our God. Please read St. John Vianney's advice to us at these difficult times.

"If you find it impossible to pray, hide behind your good Angel and charge him to pray in your stead."

When We Cannot Pray

Reflection: There are times when we feel that we cannot pray. It might be because we are angry or depressed because we are experiencing a difficulty. It might be because we feel distracted. It might even be because we simply feel dry, as if we have nothing left to give.

Whatever the cause, we can call upon the Saints and Angels to pray with and for us. **Prayer:** I thank and praise You, O Lord for Your Saints and Angels.

How many of you have a mother, father, grandparent, nun, or priest that told you that if you are tired, and praying the rosary to ask your Guardian Angel to finish it for you? St. John Vianney has given us some practical advice that does not make us feel bad about delegating our prayers to our Guardian Angels periodically. After all, these wonderful beings love us.

Peace to all of you!

Denise



Gone Home to the Lord



Pope Francis-April 21, 2025

Rest in Peace Pope Francis

“Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.” Pope Francis

“Jesus on the cross feels the whole weight of the evil, and with the force of God’s love, he conquers it; he defeats it with his resurrection. This is the good that Jesus does for us on the throne of the cross. Christ’s cross embraced with love, never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and of doing a little of what he did on the day of his death.”

Jesus said, “And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.” Pope Francis



Gone Home to the Lord



Barbara Turkowski on the day of her profession.

Our dear sister in Christ and Francis has gone home to the Lord. Barbara was a retired nurse and it showed in her caring and giving nature. After Mass each Sunday, she was surrounded by loving family and friends. When any relative in her family was very ill, Barbara would go to the ill person to care for them.

Anyone who was blessed to teach a formation class to her, learned quickly what a quick mind she had. Many of us read the assignment, but Barbara was always curious to know what was contained in the books that were given as references. She was a pleasure to work with.

As a military wife, Barbara was capable. One memory is of some of us piling into her big truck so she could drive us down to San Luis Rey.

After the Lord, her family was most important. A child or grandchild who needed her came first. Her husband, Tom, was the love of her life in this world. Love was unconditional.

Our sister was a good example of a Franciscan. We will miss her.

Words of St. Francis: “The deeds you do may be the only sermon some people will hear today.”



Rest in peace dear sister.



Ongoing Formation
Day Away With Br. Kip Ledger, OFM, Cap.



On April 5th, Holy Spirit Fraternity and St. Padre Pio Fraternity joined Immaculata Fraternity for a Day Away with Br. Kip Ledger. This year is the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures. Under the guidance of Br. Kip, we reflected on the Canticle of the Creatures.

Br. Kip pointed out that the canticle is divided into two parts. It does, of course, begin with praise to God, but then the first part goes on to praise all of creation. We don't worship creation, we give all credit to God. God is present in all of creation. Francis saw all of creation to be his brothers and sisters. He saw God in all of creation and saw it as a way to praise God for His creations.

Morning Session

Part One

*Most High, all-powerful good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all
blessing.*

*To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
Praised be you my Lord, with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun.
Who is the day, and through whom You give us light.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;
and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.*

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through You give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful, and humble, and chaste.

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night,
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.*

*Praised be You through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us
and who produces fruit with various flowers and herbs.*

We were then asked to take each segment, one at a time, and to meditate on each part and to think about what it means. We did this in silence. We begin with writing down praise, and then followed by writing down our thoughts on each segment.

Give Praise to God:

- Brother Sun
- Sister Moon and the Stars
- Brother Wind
- Sister Water
- Brother Fire
- Our Sister Mother Earth

If you were not able to attend the Day Away, please try this meditation in a quiet place. Use the first part of the Canticle of the Creatures as an inspiration, and write your thoughts down.

Afternoon Session

The second part of the Canticle of the Creatures speaks of the human side of creation. Again, St. Francis, sees the way we fulfill the will of God as praise for Him. We are all given gifts by the Lord, but we cannot outgive Him. God provides for us. We need to surrender to God and accept His will and His love. Do not be envious of another's gift because all gifts come

from the Lord. It would be like being envious of God. Instead, be thankful for all the gifts God gives which make our world more wonderful. We are nothing without God.

Part Two

Praised be You my Lord through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, for by You Most High, shall they be crowned.

Praised be You my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.

Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and serve Him with great humility.

Again, meditate on each segment silently, and write down your thoughts. After you are done, write a prayer of praise and humility. This is a long exercise, so feel free to take it in small parts.

- Those who give Pardon:
- Those who endure in Peace
- Our Sister Bodily Death

Conclusion

Praise God with great humility.

Hopefully this will be an inspiration to those who could not be with us on the day. Thanks to Brother Kip for his time and his teaching.

1 Peter 8-11: Above everything, love one another earnestly, because love covers over many sins. Open your homes to each other without complaining. Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for others the gift he has received from God. Those who preach must preach God's messages; those who serve must serve with the strength that God gives them, so that in all things praise may be given to God through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and power forever and ever. Amen



Saints' Corner

St, Camilla Batista Varano



St. Camilla Battista was born into a noble family on April 9, 1458. Her father was Duke Giulio Cesare da Varano. She grew up in the court and was well educated.

At about 9 years, she listened to a Good Friday sermon preached by a Franciscan friar named Domenico of Leonessa. He later became one of her confessors. At the end of his sermon, he encouraged listeners to shed one teardrop for the Passion of Christ. Camilla resolved to show her love of Jesus by shedding one tear each Friday. She kept her promise and would squeeze out one tear before running out to play. She found a booklet with a meditation on the Passion of Christ which was divided into 15 parts. It was to be prayed like a rosary. Each Friday, she would kneel before a crucifix and pray this devotion. Though she continued with court life, she began to be attracted to fasting and night vigils.

In 1479, she heard a sermon during Lent that touched her deeply and inspired her to take a private vow of chastity. Her father wanted her to marry, and opposed her desire to enter religious life. Camilla decided to enter the Poor Clare monastery in Urbino. For the two and a half years before she entered the monastery, her spiritual life deepened. During this time, she wrote Lauda (Praises) which expresses the joy she felt that Jesus loved her.

She entered the Poor Clare Monastery in Urbino, and made her profession in 1483. In 1484, she transferred to the new Monastery of Santa Maria Nuova at Camerino which was

close to her father's castle. This was due to an arrangement that her father had made with the pope. She went under obedience.

While she was in Urbino, she experienced visions and composed other spiritual works. She was elected abbess in 1500. Her father and brothers were killed the following year due to a political disagreement. Camilla was forced to flee the Abruzzo region until 1503 when it was safe to return. She founded a monastery in Fermo and trained a monastery of nuns in San Severino March who adopted the Rule of St. Clare. She died at the age of 66 on May 31, 1517.

St. Camilla Battista was canonized on October 17, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

May Calendar of Saints

- 9 St. Catherine of Bologna
- 11 St. Ignatius of Laconi
- 16 St. Margaret of Cortona
- 17 St. Paschal Baylon
- 18 St. Felix of Cantalice
- 20 St. Bernadine of Siena
- 24 Dedication of Basilica of St. Francis
- 28 St. Mariana of Jesus of Paredes
- 30 St. Camilla Battista Varano
- 30 St. Ferdinand

May Birthdays



None

May Anniversaries of Profession



- 5/4/03 Janet Serros, OFS
- 5/4/03 James Harr, OFS
- 5/19/18 Steve McBee, OFS
- 5/20/06 Agatha Borne, OFS

Please Pray



Repose of Soul

Pope Francis

Those Who Mourn

All who loved him

Repose of Soul

Barbara Turkowski, OFS

Those Who Mourn

The Turkowski family and friends
Her Franciscan brothers and sisters

Health and Healing

Julie Bash

Ruby

Don Stanley

Tom Turkowski

Fr. Ray Tintle

Maria Torres

Mary Pluegar

Joe Leslie

Janis Morris

Dora Sheppard-pain

Charlie Hale

Kathryn Grosz

Susan Solomua

Barbara Curry

Kurt and Peter Weisennbach

Caretakers

Barbara Jr. and family

Denise Leslie

Melissa Torres

Vicki Curry

Michelle Weisennbach

Other

Peace of Spirit-Cecily and Jordan
Safety for those who are deployed

End of Abortion

Thanks for Jesus, His sacrifices, and our
salvation