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Fraternity Information

AUGUST MEETINGS:

Monthly Prayer and Social: Saturday, 19 - 8am mass at Christ Cathedral, followed by tour and lunch

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, Aug 13- at St. Hedwig's, in the Parish Lounge - Formation at 2pm, snacks at 3pm and Meeting at 3:15pm

Fraternity Council Meeting: Sunday Sun Aug 27 - 3:15pm at Tina's home



July's Fraternity meeting

Your Council

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Franciscan websites of interest

St. Francis Regional website:

www.stfrancisregion.org

National Fraternity of USA

www.nafra-sfo.org/

Tau USA, newsletter

http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html

International Fraternity

www.ciofs.org/

YouFra, International Youth

<http://www.ciofs.org/youfra/index.php?lang=en>

Franciscans International North America

www.fi-na.org/

Franciscans International

www.franciscansinternational.org/

Franciscan Action Network (FAN)

www.franciscanaction.org

Liturgy of the Hours

<http://www.ebreviary.com> or <http://divineoffice.org/> or <http://www.universalis.com/>

Catechism of the Catholic Church

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm> or http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
During the past week, I came across a quote of St. Clare that really made me think.
Since today is her Feast day I'm sharing it with you.

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing."

Who and what we love makes a huge difference in our lives. If we love things of the world, we become worldly. The secular world is full of temptations and things to lure us away from loving those things that will lead us to our ultimate goal: Heaven.

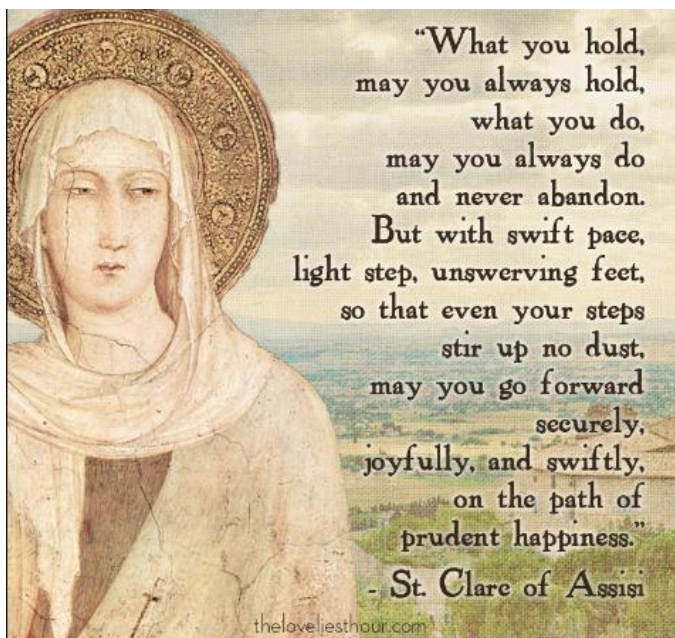
Let us follow our Franciscan patrons; Francis, Clare and Maximilian Kolbe, and imitate them in their love for the things of heaven. Francis had a great love for the Passion of Christ and was given the stigmata. Clare had a deep devotion and love for the Eucharist and with the Blessed Sacrament saved her sisters and San Damiano from the Saracens. Maximilian had a great love for Our Lady, showed courage for his faith and love of his fellow man by laying down his life for a fellow prisoner.

Let us pray for each other that we will love more the things of heaven than of earth.

As we love and focus on the things of heaven, we become heavenly-Saints!

And isn't that why God created us?

Pace e Bene,
Tina Gath



Upcoming Fraternity Events

All are invited to attend any of these events

Saturday, Aug 12 - 11:30am **annual potluck and pool party** at Diane's home

Sun Aug 13 - Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3:15pm

Mon Aug 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe's Feast Day

Wed Aug 16 – 7:30pm Pro Life Holy Hour at St Hedwig

Sat Aug 19 – 8am mass at Christ Cathedral followed by a private tour, followed by lunch

Sat, Aug 26 3pm Votive Mass at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. See details below

Looking ahead:

Sun Sept 10 - Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3:15pm

Sat Sept 23 – 9am Mass at St. Anne's followed by breakfast

Sat. Sept 16 - 7 pm Pro Life Holy Hour at St Hedwig

Sun Sept 24 - 3:15pm Council meeting at Tina's home

Save the Date:

Tues Oct 3rd - feast of the Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Fri Oct 13 - 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Gather for garden Rosary and potluck

Votive mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels at 3pm

presided by Archbishop José H. Gomez.
followed by procession, blessing and Fiesta.



SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 26, 2017

7TH ANNUAL VOTIVE MASS AND GRAND MARIAN PROCESSION FOR THE PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

[View Flyer](#)

See flyer at: <http://www.thequeenofangels.com/>



August Birthdays

- 4 Lina
- 20 Sr Sam's Feast day

August Profession Anniversaries

- 18 Terrie and Tina 2012
- 19 Sr. Miriam Joseph 1960
- 24 Lupe 1958

August Franciscan Calendar of Saints

Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

- 1 St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, d. 1787
- 2 Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence
- 3 Bl. Frederic Janssoone, priest, I Ord.
- 4 St. Jean-Marie Vianney, priest, III Ord, d. 1904 "Cure of Ars"
- 4 St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221
- 5 Ignatius Brady, OFM I Ord.
- 5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, religious III Ord, d. 1904
- 6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1638
- 9 Bl. John of La Verna, priest, I Ord.
- 11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, III Ord, secular, d. 1689
- 12 St. Clare of Assisi**, virgin, II Ord. Foundress of the Poor Clares
- 13 Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, I Ord. Apostle of the Act of Contrition
- 14 St. Maximilian Marie Kolbe**, priest, I Ord. martyr 1941
- 15. **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**
- 17 St. Roch, III Ord.
- 19 St. Jean Eudes, Priest, d. 1680
- 19 St. Louis of Toulouse, bishop, I Ord. d. 1297
- 21 St. Pius X, pope, III Ord.
- 22 **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
- 23 Bl. Bernard of Offida, religious, I Ord.
- 25 **St. Louis IX, King of France**, Patron of the III Ord, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries & cordbearers
- 26 **Feast of the Seven Joys of Mary** (Franciscan Conv.)
- 26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
- 27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648
- 28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, I Ord. d. 1784
- 29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, I Ord. d. 1231
- 30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, III Ord, d. 1604
- 31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1936



**One year anniversary for Clarence, Renée, and Andrea!!
Not shown is Kathy, Sandi and Bill, all professed on July 10.**

Meeting notice: Please remember to bring your cup or mug to our meetings. St. Francis would approve.



Prayer Intentions, Health and Healing

Dear Lord, we pray that You may hear our prayers for Diane and heal her completely. We pray for our infirm and ill, for those who are undergoing health challenges and for healing family relationships and bringing the lost back home.

We pray for the unborn, for our nation and all our leaders, especially for our president, that the Holy Spirit may guide him and all government officials.

. We pray that God may bless and meet the needs of all our families, one another, friends and all those we hold dear in our hearts.

Please pray for all those unemployed in our fraternity who are looking for a job and those who are in great financial problems due to being unemployed or other difficulties. And please continue to keep your Fraternity brothers and sisters in your prayers along with their intentions. AND ... Have you prayed for your Franciscan Prayer Partner from our Epiphany party?

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For August

Universal: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Evangelization: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

And for artists: "That artists of our time, though their creativity, may help us discover the beauty of creation."

And the Pope explains: *The arts give expression to the beauty of the faith and proclaim the Gospel message of the grandeur of God's creation.*

When we admire a work of art or a marvel of nature, we discover how everything speaks to us of Him and of His love.

That artists of our time, though their creativity, may help us discover the beauty of creation.



Area Happenings

Every Wednesday – Centering Prayer at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress at 7:30pm.

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month - food and clothing distribution to the poor by H.O.P.E. at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress, 8:30 to 10:00am.

Local Needs

Catholic Worker, Santa Ana – Good used clothing and blankets, coffee, powdered drink mix, canned meat, and paper goods. Please contact Dwight and Leia Smith at (714) 835-6304



OUR BOOK NOOK

The Rosary: Your Weapon for Spiritual Warfare: Book Review

July 10, 2017 by Monica McConkey

Recently, I was given this book* from Franciscan Media and the timing couldn't have been better. Recently, I have felt called to recommit to saying the daily Rosary and I have discovered **5 Practical Tips for making it a here-to-stay habit** <http://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/2017/07/reluctant-to-regular-rosary-prayer/>

The Rosary: Your Weapon for Spiritual Warfare by Johnnette S. Benkovic and Thomas K. Sullivan is a beautiful book presenting fascinating accounts of battle victories, apparitions and striking historical events and survival stories attributed to this powerful prayer. A substantial summary of the messages of Our Lady of Fatima and the witness and teaching of St. John Paul the Great, combined with the teachings of St. Louis de Montfort and St. Maximilian Kolbe (plus personal stories of current theologians including Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC and Dr. Scott Hahn) will impress upon you the power of this classic devotion.

The book also presents key Saints as our Battle Partners including St. Joseph, St. Michael and St. George...St. Therese, St. Clare and St Joan of Arc along with more the more recently canonized St. Jose Sanchez del Rio and St. Maximilian...just to name a few.

The later chapters offer powerful meditations and prayers focused on the different Mysteries along with the fruits we can glean from them. Key strategies or tips for *praying the Rosary well* are included along with a simple guide with all the key prayers (plus a few of the classics). I think presenting the Rosary as a Weapon for Spiritual Warfare will inspire more people to pray it and to recognize the power of prayer!

Meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary as we pray, St. John Paul II describes “a connection between contemplating the

THE ROSARY



Your Weapon for Spiritual Warfare

JOHNETTE S. BENKOVIC
and
THOMAS K. SULLIVAN

mysteries of the life of Christ and their power being released” and he maintains that “when we pray the Rosary, we are brought into contact with the memories of Mary’s gaze.” p.99

Always a fan of St John Paul II, I’ll happily answer his call:

“Confidently take up the Rosary once again. Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives...May this appeal of mine not go unheard!” p.43

<http://equippingcatholicfamilies.com/2017/07/the-rosary-your-weapon-for-spiritual-warfare-book-review/>

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ROSARY AND THE
SCAPULAR, OUR
LADY WILL SAVE
THE WORLD.
-SAINT DOMINIC

