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# The Canticle

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity, Saint Hedwig Church, Los Alamitos, California

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## Fraternity Information

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS Sun. March 11**

### **MARCH MEETINGS:**

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, March 11 - St. Hedwig's, in the Parish Lounge - Formation at 2pm, snacks at 3pm and Meeting at 3:15pm

Monthly Prayer and Social: Saturday, Mar. 17 - 9am Mass at St. Anne's followed by breakfast



Fraternity Council Meeting: Mar 18 - 2 pm at Tina's



**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mass: Deacon Henry, Fr Joe, Deacon John, and Diane, lector**

### **Your Council**

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Please feel free to contact any of us for information or concerns.

### **Franciscan websites of interest**

St. Francis Regional website:

[www.stfrancisregion.org](http://www.stfrancisregion.org)

National Fraternity of USA

[www.nafra-sfo.org/](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/)

Tau USA, newsletter

[http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html)

International Fraternity

[www.ciofs.org/](http://www.ciofs.org/)

YouFra, International Youth

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

Franciscans International

[www.franciscansinternational.org/](http://www.franciscansinternational.org/)

Franciscan Action Network (FAN)

[www.franciscanaction.org](http://www.franciscanaction.org)

Liturgy of the Hours

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

National JPIC Website

<https://sites.google.com/site/jpic4ofs/home>

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](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

## **Minister's Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you Pope Francis for giving us a new memorial to honor and celebrate our Blessed Mother! On March 3, Pope Francis announced that he added the Monday after Pentecost to the liturgical calendar as a new memorial to honor Mary in her role as Mother of the Church.

Pope Francis hopes that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under this particular title will encourage growth in "the maternal sense of the Church" and in "genuine Marian piety".

This year, we will celebrate the new memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church on May 21.

Pentecost is considered the "Birthday of the Church" and we know from the Acts of the Apostles 1:13-15 that Mary was in the midst of the disciples in the Upper Room after Jesus ascension. She stayed with His followers; His Church. She prayed with them, consoled them, and strengthened them with her presence. She was being a Mother to them as the Church was being "birthed" with the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit that she was conceived with. How beautiful to honor Mary with the title Mother of the Church!

Considering how our Seraphic Father, St Francis of Assisi, had such a great devotion to Our Blessed Mother it seems appropriate for a Pope named Francis to establish a new memorial in her honor.

Let us each plan to do something special to honor Mary on this day; perhaps Mass, a Rosary or special prayer or an act of kindness.

It is my hope and prayer that this new memorial will be a moment of grace for the whole Church as we honor Mary in her role as Mother of the Church.

Pace e Bene,  
Tina Gath, ofs

PS I would like to add a "Special Thank You" to Bill Terrio and Clarence Lloyd for the wonderful job they did in spearheading our 20th Anniversary Celebration. Everything turned out beautifully. It was an inspirational day filled with many blessings. May God reward you both as only He can.



Bill



and

Clarence

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



## **Upcoming Fraternity Events**

*All are invited to attend any of these events*

Sun. Mar. 11th - Council Meeting, Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3:15pm

Fri. Mar. 16 - 7:00pm Pro Life Holy Hour at St Hedwig

Sat Mar. 17 - 9am Mass at St. Anne's followed by breakfast

Council Meeting: Mar. 18 - 2pm at Tina's home

## **Looking ahead:**

**Franciscan Virtues for Today's Families - Maureen Day**

Tues March 13, 7:00 pm - 4050 Mission Ave. Oceanside

Dr. Maureen Day will bring a Franciscan lens to the virtues as well as Pope Francis' *The Joy of Love*. In integrating these with contemporary research on families, listeners will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of families as "domestic church," that is, as sources of joy, love and hope in today's world.

## **Sat April 7 - Franciscan Garage Sale**

7AM to Noon

Diane's House: 11741 Cherry St. Los Alamitos

### **How you can help:**

1. Donate Items to sell

Bring items to 3/11/18 Meeting

Bring items to Diane's house before sale

Call Diane for instructions 562-596-3162, 562-252-5496

2. Help with pricing Friday April 6

3. Help with set up - Saturday April 7 come as early as you can

4. Help with sales - Sat. anytime between 7am-noon

5. Help with clean up - Saturday afternoon

**This is our big fundraiser! All proceeds go to the poor!**



Carol donated a tableful of books to share - thank you!

## **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

## March Birthdays

March 13 Gwen

## March Profession Anniversaries

March 19 Anne, Tom and Shirley 2006

## March Franciscan Calendar of Saints

### Month of St. Joseph

1. Bl. Jean Kearney, Priest, I Order, martyr 1653
2. St. Agnes de Prague, Virgin, II Order, d. 1282
3. Bl. Innocent of Berzo, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1890
4. Bl. Martyrs of the I Order of Gondar (Ethiopia), d. 1716
5. St. John-Joseph of the Cross, Priest, I Order, d. 1734
6. St. Colette de Corbie, Virgin, II Order, d. 1447
7. The Servant of God Margaret Lekeux, Virgin, III Order, d. 1916
7. Bl. Christopher of Milan, Priest, I Order, d. 1485
8. St. Jean de Dieu, Priest, d. 1550
9. St. Frances of Rome, Virgin, d. 1440
10. St. Catherine of Bologna, Virgin., II Order, d. 1463
11. Bl. John Baptist Righi of Fabriano, Priest, I Order, d. 1539
12. Bl. Louis Orione, Priest, III Order, d. 1940
13. Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, Priest, I Order, d. 1236
14. St. Catherine of Genoa, Virgin, III Order, d. 1510
15. Bl. Louis of Casoria, Priest, I Order, d. 1885
16. Bl. Torello of Poppi, Confessor, III Order, d. 1282
17. Bl. Mark of Montegalio, Priest, I Order, d. 1496
18. St. Salvator of Horta, lay brother, I Order, d. 1567
19. **Saint Joseph, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church**
20. Bl. Hippolyte Galentini, Confessor, III Order, d. 1620
21. Bl. Amedee IX de Savoie, Confessor, III Order, d. 1472
22. St. Benvenute of Osimo, Bishop, I Order, d. 1282
23. Bl. Jeremy Lambertenghi, Priest, III Order, d. 1513
24. Bl. Catherine de Suede, Virgin, d. 1381
25. Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church
26. Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1801
27. Bl. Joseph-Sebastien Pelczar, Bishop, III Order, d. 1924..
28. St. John of Capistrano, Priest, I Order, d. 1456
29. Bl. Jane Mary of Maille, Virgin, III Order, d. 1414
30. St. Peter Regalado, Priest, I Order, d. 1486
31. St. Leonard Murialdo, Priest, III Order, d. 1900

Holy Thursday – Plenary Indulgence: Chant in Public Tantum ergo

Good Friday – Plenary Indulgence: Solemn adoration of the Holy Cross

Easter – Plenary Indulgence: Renewal in public of Baptismal Promises

### *Prayer Intentions, Health and Healing*

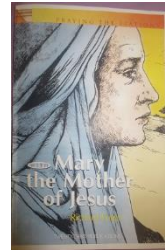
We pray dear Lord that we may open our hearts to the message of Lent. That we may, with your grace, draw closer to You by our Lenten sacrifices.

We pray for our infirm and ill, especially Gloria, Skip, Rita and all our fraternity members who have faced health challenges. May our Lord bring them comfort and thorough healing. We pray for those who struggle, that God may heal family relationships, provide for the unemployed and underemployed, ease us in our afflictions, bring resolution to trials and comfort to every one of us. We pray for the upcoming annual Serra retreat, and for our speaker, Sr. Margaret Carney. May all that attend be renewed and refreshed in spirit.

We pray for our country, all our leaders especially President Trump and all who govern.

## **A Prayer for Lent**

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever.



Stations of the Cross booklet

## *Serra Retreat*

### **Secular Franciscan Order Retreat**

#### **A Lover's Quarrel with the World: The Mission of the First Franciscans —and Ours**

What was the “worldly” spirituality that characterized the early Franciscan movement. What aspects of the witness of Francis and his companions spoke so dramatically to the citizens of Italy — and beyond—as the friars pursued their evangelizing mission? What relationship to emerging political, economic and technological changes characterized the way in which the Franciscans communicated their convictions about Christian life? In other words, what was the principal means of attracting large segments of a society to a profound conversion of life that inspired both the messengers and those hearing their message? What does this history allow us to discern about our own times and tasks as messengers of the Good News?

**Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF** has been in leadership roles in various Franciscan and Catholic settings for five decades. She frequently contributed to the growth of the Third Order tradition as a teacher and resource expert.

<https://serraretreat.com/retreats>

#### **Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For March** **EVANGELIZATION: Formation in Spiritual**

**Discernment:** *The times in which we live demand that we develop a profound capacity of discernment... To discern, from among all the voices we hear, which is the Lord's voice, which is the voice of Him who guides us to the Resurrection, to Life, and the voice that frees us from falling into the “culture of death”.*

*Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to “read within” his or her life, and to understand where and to what he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission.*

*Let us pray together that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.*



## 20<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary-Celebration!

It was with joy and thanksgiving that we gathered together to celebrate the anniversary of our fraternity's founding 20 years ago. Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, began with mass and all professed members came forward to renew their vows of profession.



Afterwards we had breakfast in the hall, followed by Tina and Diane sharing their Franciscan journey.



Fr. George Reynolds' talk was on "Mary at the Foot of the Cross" followed by Clarence and Gwen reading the Stations of the Cross from the booklet **Mary the Mother of Jesus**. The retreat ended with discussions and a potluck lunch.



Pictures submitted by Clarence, Imee, Theresa Morris and Jeanette's friend, Linda.