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Fraternity Information

FEBRUARY MEETINGS:

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: Saturday Feb 10th - **20th Anniversary of our fraternity!** Starts with 8:30am mass at St. Hedwig, with renewal of our vows. Lenten retreat follows in Quinn Hall. 9:30am - 1pm
NO SUNDAY MEETING IN FEBRUARY! The mass and retreat are the meeting.

Fraternity Council Meeting: Feb 25 - 2 pm at Tina's



Fraternity Epiphany party, with our 3 kings! January 2018

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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

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/>

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-](http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm)

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Lent is just around the corner, it's time to think about what covenant we will make with the Lord to continue our growth and conversion as a Franciscan.

I recently read a quote from Franciscan Media that seems very timely. "The charism of St. Francis of Assisi is simply to live the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Francis centered his life on Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary. Franciscan life demands constant growth and conversion as proclaimed in Gospel values, including poverty, humility, care of the poor and care for all creation."

This quote says that our charism is "simply to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ". Although it may be stated "simply", we know it is not always easy to live by Gospel values. Lent gives us another opportunity to recommit ourselves to the practice of the Franciscan values of poverty, humility, care of the poor and care for all creation.

My prayer for each of us is that through a more diligent practice of these Franciscan values, we may get it perfect. After all, practice makes perfect.

Happy Lent.

Peace and Blessings,

Tina Gath,ofs



Prayer Intentions, Health and Healing

We pray for the success of our 20th anniversary mass and retreat. May God bless all those who prepared for this day and all those who serve, especially Fr George as he speaks to us of Mary at the foot of the Cross. May all of us be blessed this season of Lent.

We pray for Sr. Miriam Joseph's needs in her retirement. We pray for our infirm and ill, especially Gloria and Rita; and for all those sick with the flu. 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 that God and the Holy Spirit guide our regional leaders and fraternities all year.

We pray for our country, our leaders especially President Trump and all who lead. We pray for all who have endured disasters around our world, may God strengthen all who have suffered.

Upcoming Fraternity Events

All are invited to attend any of these events

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Celebrate!

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was Canonically established
20 years ago, on Feb. 9, 1998

Looking ahead:

Sun Mar 11 - Fraternity meeting, Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3pm

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

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

Save the Date:

Secular Franciscan Order Regional Retreat

MAY 25 – 27, 2018 (Friday - Sunday)

Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. will be the retreat master. If interested in retreat and would like to sign up please call the office at (310)456-6631.

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

February Birthdays

- 3 Bill Terrio
- 10 Irene
- 25 Lupe
- 26 Carol

February Profession Anniversaries

- 2 Jeannie Sutton 1964
- 6 John and Tony 2011
- 26 Paul Lee 1993

February Franciscan Calendar of Saints

February-Month of the Holy Family

1. Bl. Patrick O'Loughran, Priest, I order, martyr d. 1612
2. Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
3. Martyrs of Japan, I Ord, lay brothers and III Order, d. 1597
4. St. Joseph de Leonisse, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1612
5. St. Jane of Valois, Virgin, II Ord; "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1505
6. Bl. Pius IX, Pope, III Ord, d.1878
- 7 St. Colette of Corbie, virgin, II Ord., St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph, religious, I Ord.
8. Bl. Anthony of Stroncone, lay brother, I Ord, d. 1461
- 9 St Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity established in 1998**
9. Bl. Clare of Rimini, Virgin, of the II Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1346
10. Bl. Alojzije Stepinac, Bishop, III Order, d. 1960
11. Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1858
12. Bl. Andre Ferrari, Bishop, Franciscan III Order, d. 1921
15. Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua
16. Bl. Veridiana, Virgin, III Order, d. 1242
17. Bl. Luke Belludi, Priest, I Order, d. 1286
18. St. Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin, cordbearer, d. 1879
Plenary Indulgence possible for the Cordbearers only
19. St. Conrad de Plaisance, Confessor, Fran. III Order, d. 1351
20. Bl. Peter of Treja, Priest I Order d. 1304
21. St. Margaret of Cortona, penitent, III Order, d. 1297,
22. Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
23. Bl. Isabelle of France, Virgin, I Ord; "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1270
24. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, III Ord, d. 1689
25. Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio, lay brother, of the I Ord, d. 1600
26. Bl. Antonia of Florence, Virgin, III Order, d. 1533
27. Bl. Louise Albertoni, III Ord, d. 1533
28. Bl. Jeremie de Valachie, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1625



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For January

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Please join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary!

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Secular Franciscan Fraternity at Saint Hedwig Church, in Los Alamitos, is celebrating 20 years as a fraternity on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

The celebration begins with Mass at 8:30am with renewal of our Franciscan vows. Then moves next door to Quinn Hall at 9:30 am. for the Lenten Retreat.

Our speaker is **Fr. George Reynolds, parochial vicar of St Cornelius parish, Long Beach.** To prepare us for Lent, he will give a talk on **"Mary at the Foot of the Cross"** followed by a potluck lunch at noon. Bring a friend, all are welcome, ages high school and older.

Saint Hedwig Church address:
11842 Los Alamitos Blvd, Los Alamitos, 90720



Our History

Our fraternity, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, was canonically established on February 9, 1998. The fraternity was part of St Simon and Jude's fraternity and some of the fraternity members desired to meet closer to home. Two of the original members were Myldred Jones and Diane Halal.

Fr. William Brand, OFM; Al Prevost, SFO, the first minister; and regional representative Celia Richards, SFO; signed the historic document on February 9, 1998. The fraternity first met at St. Isidore's, Catholic Church, now a historical site.

Handed Over



“The Son of Man is going to be handed over into the power of men.” Handed over! On one level, on the surface, Jesus was handed over to his enemies by Judas. But on a deeper level, for love of us, with a complete yielding to the Father’s redeeming purpose – he unreservedly handed himself over.

Jesus, we are told, set his face resolutely toward Jerusalem and all that awaited him there. He could say: “Nobody takes my life from me. I lay it down of my own accord.”

It was a moving forward in love, a letting go totally into the hands of God, allowing his life fall like a grain of wheat into the dark earth. It was with such absolute trust that Jesus went to the Cross and, with such abandonment to the Father, he handed over his life for us.

And what of us, as the Lord’s disciples? St Francis so often refers to the Scripture: “Christ suffered for you leaving you an example that you might follow in his footprints.” And it is, above all, this interior disposition of trusting surrender that is the heart of Christ’s example we are called to follow.

The saints constantly teach us this message of handing over all our lives, especially the inevitable, unavoidable sufferings and struggles and trials we face. St Ignatius prayed: “Take, Lord, receive... all is yours. Dispose of it wholly according to your will.”

John Newton, slave-trader turned servant of the Gospel, wrote in a time of great trial: “It is sufficient that the Lord knows how to dispose of me, and that he can and will do what is best. To him I entrust myself for I trust that his will and my true interests are inseparable. To His name be the glory!”

The saints know that in the end the Lord asks for everything so that we might receive everything. There has to be an immense space for the gift of God!

Something to hold in our hearts as we approach the week we call Holy.

<http://franciscanponderings.blogspot.com/search/label/lent>

Newly elected Regional Executive Council



Jan, Jai, David, Caroline, Frank, Judith, Lucy

Minister: Judith B. Mussatto, O.F.S.

Vice Minister: Frank Miller, O.F.S

Secretary: Caroline Yandell, O.F.S

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David York, O.F.S.

Randy Rohrer, O.F.S.*

Lucy Ibarra, O.F.S.

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