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November, 2018

November Meetings

The November meeting will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2018 in St. Patrick House at 12:30 PM. We will hold the Wake Service for those Franciscans who are deceased. The ongoing formation will be on Salad with Oil... This is a homily by Pope Francis at Casa Santa Marta on June 9, 2014. It is the next article in [Happiness in this Life](#) by Pope Francis. Monica Jackson will lead the lesson.

The council will meet at the Serros home on Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 PM.

Ongoing Formation

Salad with Oil...

Pope Francis, June 9, 2014

Jesus was speaking on the dangers of wealth and how hard it was for a rich man to enter the gates of heaven. Peter, who was a working man and very practical, asked the question that many would ask in the same circumstances. "We have left everything and followed You. What do we get in return?" It is the classic, "What's in it for me?" Jesus answered, "Truthfully, I will say this: Everyone who has left their homes, or brothers, or sisters, or mothers, or fathers, or fields for My cause will receive in return a hundredfold...", but then He added, "along with persecution." Pope Francis compares it to a delicious salad with the oil of persecution added to it. It is a Christian's reward. St. Francis called it perfect joy. It is perfect joy because it allows us to share in the path Jesus walked and to share in His persecution. He, too, was persecuted. Question: Have you ever been persecuted for your faith? What did you learn, and how did you handle it?

The Rule-40th Anniversary

Chapter I: 1

The Secular Franciscan Order

1. The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God—laity, religious, and priests who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi.

In various ways and forms, but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

General Constitutions

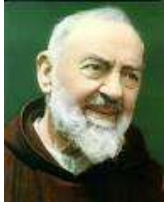
Article 98: Rule 1

Secular Franciscans should seek to live in life-giving reciprocal communion with all the members of the Franciscan family. They should be ready to promote common initiatives or participate in them with the religious of the First, Second, and Third Orders, with Secular Institutes, and with other lay ecclesial groups that recognize Francis as a model and inspiration in order to work together to spread the Gospel, remove the causes of marginalization, and serve the causes of peace.

Baby Shower for Jesus in December



In December, we will celebrate our annual Baby Shower for Jesus. Gifts will be given to Veronica's Home of Mercy such as diapers of larger sizes, wipes, baby lotion, twin sheet sets, towels, and household items to be given to the moms when they leave to set up their own homes. Industrial size laundry detergent is also welcome. Please consult with Stephanie Thiebaut for suggestions. God will bless you.



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Saints' Corner

St. Didacus of Alcala



St. Didacus was born to poor parents who placed him under the direction of a hermit living in the neighborhood of San Nicolas del Puerto. He was called to religious life and applied for admission to the Franciscan Order at the convent of Arizafa where he was received as a lay brother.

In 1445, he was chosen as guardian of the Franciscan community on the Canary Island of Fortaventura; and though it was an exception to the rules for a lay brother to be made superior, his great zeal, prudence, and sanctity justified the choice.

He remained in this position until 1449 when he was recalled to Spain. From there, he went to Rome to attend the canonization of St. Bernardine of Siena in 1450. In Rome, he was assigned to the humble office of Infirmarian in the convent of Ara Coeli. His biographers recorded the miraculous cures of many under his care through his pious intercession.

He was finally recalled to Spain and was sent to Alcala where he spent the remaining years of his life in penance, solitude, and contemplation. He was canonized by Sixtus V in 1588. His feast is on the 12th of November. He is also known as San Diego de Alcala.

November Calendar of Saints

- 4 St. Charles Borromeo
- 7 St. Didacus of Alcala
- 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
- 14 St. Nicholas Tavelic

- 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 18 Bl. Salome
- 19 St. Agnes of Assisi
- 24 Commemoration of all deceased of the Franciscan Orders
- 26 St. Leonard of Port Maurice
- 27 St. Francis Anthony Fasani
- 28 St. James of the March
- 29 All saints of the Franciscan Orders

November Birthdays



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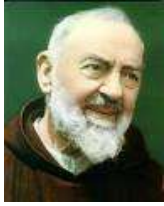
Janet Serros

Anniversary of Profession



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Betty Sonderman



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Blessing of the Animals



On October 6th, Janet Serros, Linda Williams (with her dog Sophia Williams), and Dixie Marshall joined St. Patrick Catholic Church for a Blessing of the animals. This is an annual event at the church. It is joyous, at times noisy, and always interesting. St. Francis always makes an appearance. We supply medals for the animals, treats for dogs and cats, and pictures to the parish. Perhaps you will join us next year.



Linda Williams with Miss Sophia. Sophia is a rescue and is very shy.



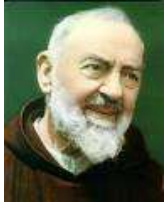
Sweet and very loved by her Daddy and her Uncle



St. Francis (Dennis Underwood) attended the Blessing



Birds came for a blessing.
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Blessing of the Animals (Cont. from page 3)



Deacon Ernie blessed the animals.



A turtle...



Pretty dresses and suits gave the event some class.



...and a pretty blue fish came with this family.



This Great Dane went for a more casual look.



Even Kitty tolerated being blessed with Holy Water,



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Passing of a Dear Friend

Dena C. Kmiecik, mother of Denise Leslie, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of November 3, 2018. Dena often attended our meetings, and was a sweet, beautiful spirit among us. She became a part of us for a while. We will miss her. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Denise, Joe, and the family. As a friend of our fraternity, we will have thirty Gregorian masses said for the repose of her soul. Funeral services will be held at St. James Church at 415 Vincent St., Redondo Beach at 10:00 AM on Tuesday November 13th. We will meet at Jane's home at 7:00 AM to carpool.



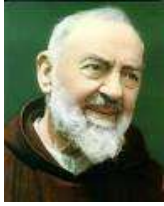
Julie Bash
End to abortion
Sanctity of marriage
Gilbert Serros-health
Anne Hurst (health of her eyes)
Barbara Turkowski
Health and wellbeing of Betty Sonderman and her friends and family
The end of human trafficking
The end of domestic violence
Gerald Borne, Jr.

Discernment for all of those who are in formation
Gilbert Williams—health
Ted Hewitt
Edison Marshall
Avis Ochoa—healing
Gracie—a little girl with liver cancer
Frank Miller—healing (throat cancer)
Immigrants throughout the world
Evelyn Freeman—cancer
Hurricane victims and survivors in Florida
Victims of abuse in the Church and their families
Mark Lopez
Kim—healing
Gudelia's sister—pancreatic cancer
Dena Kmiecik—repose of soul
Thanksgiving to God for hearing and answering our prayers. His will be done.

Change for Charity



Our Change for Charity fund is continuing. We send donations to three charities at the beginning of each year. These include a Franciscan Seminarian, Veronica's Home of Mercy, and a leper colony in South America. Please remember to add any spare change or bigger bills if you have been blessed. God will bless you and those in need will bless you as well.



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Gregorian Mass Fund



For those who wish to participate in supporting our Gregorian Mass Fund, simply place any donation, no matter how large or small in an envelope and place in the basket on the table. When any member of the fraternity dies, the money will be used to have 30 Gregorian Masses said for the repose of the soul of the brother or sister who has passed. This is kept in a restricted fund and is supported only by voluntary donations as is the Change for Charity fund.

Heavenly Father, we humbly ask that you watch over our soldiers, sailors and airmen and protect them from thy enemy. Show them a new revelation of your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence through your grace. Where there is need, I ask You to fulfill their needs. Bless their homes, families, finances, and journeys. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.



Franciscan School of Theology

The Franciscan School of Theology is located at 4050 Mission Avenue in Oceanside, CA. The phone number is (760) 547-1800. They are currently taking applications for spring of 2019.

Las Cartas



Thanksgiving

St. Paul reminds us that we should, "In all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). The verses before encourage us to rejoice always and pray without ceasing. We are called to be thankful and retain what is good. We do have much to be thankful for and we can thank God for His goodness. Reflect on this for a moment. If you are caring for someone in their illness, thank God for that person. That person was sent to you to work on your imperfections. We are called to thank God for all the He has given us. Thank God for our family, our friends, our faith, our health, our creation, our children, and our pets...you see the list can go on and on. Just remember to rejoice always and pray without ceasing and to thank our good Lord, God. Peace and All Good, Janet

Francis' Words

We must deny ourselves and place our bodies under the yoke of servitude and holy obedience.

Second Version of the Letter to the Faithful