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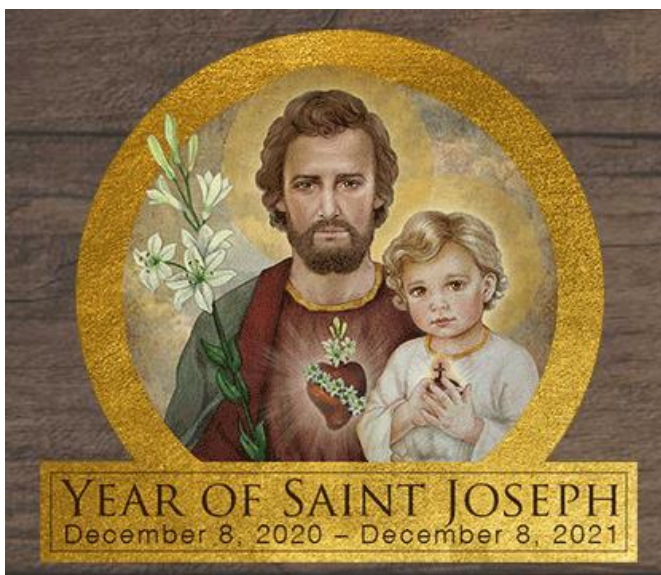
January 2021

Fraternity Information

JANUARY MEETING:

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: Jan 10 - We are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Please check your email from Renée for the official invite to our **St. Max Kolbe Fraternity Meeting**

Time: 3:00 PM Pacific Time



<https://relevantradio.com/faith/year-of-st-joseph/>

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Franciscan websites of interest

St. Francis Regional website:

National Fraternity of USA

Tau USA, newsletter

International Fraternity

Youth and Young Adult

Franciscans International

Franciscan Action Network (FAN)

Liturgy of the Hours

National JPIC Website

Catechism of the Catholic Church

catholic-church/epub/index.cfm or http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

www.stfrancisregion.org

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/>

www.ciofs.org/

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/youth-and-young-adult-commission-members/>

www.franciscansinternational.org/

www.franciscanaction.org

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

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

[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)

Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are at the beginning of a New Year. And with the Pandemic, Politics and Protests, this year has gotten off to a very bumpy start. But let us not forget our greatest weapon that also starts with P: Prayer.

Now more than ever we need we need to use Prayer to give us a sense of Peace. We need to pray for our Country and it's leaders, wether we voted for them or not. We need to pray that they will instill peace and justice for all, especially for the most vulnerable; the unborn and the elderly. We need to pray for peace and calm in our streets, for respect and care for each other.

We as Franciscans, as Brothers and Sisters of Penance, can and must make a difference by our prayers, sacrifices and loving acts of kindness. Our acts of kindness don't have to be huge, just small things done with great love can make the difference for the world.

Be Franciscan. Be Joyful. Be at Peace.

Love, Prayers and Blessings,
Tina Gath, OFS



From Penny:

Christmas greetings and a virtual hug to all of my SMK brothers and sisters that I have had the pleasure of meeting on our Zoom gatherings and to those that I haven't met yet. In the few months I have served as your new spiritual assistant, I feel very much a part of this warm and welcoming Franciscan family. What a joy it will be for me and for all of us to gather together in person again once it is safe to do so. I eagerly anticipate sharing with you in all the projects and activities that have been on hold this last year and are so much a part of the SMK community spirit.

Continued prayers and blessings to all of you,
Penny

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January **Human Fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Upcoming Fraternity Events

All are invited to attend any of these events

Sun Jan. 10 - Zoom meeting at 3pm.

To Join the Zoom Meeting, please check your email from Renée - **St. Max Kolbe Fraternity Meeting**. It will have the link and passcode information.

It would be a good idea to log in 5-10 minutes early if you are concerned about logging in easily.

Please pray for:

- ❖ For the repose of the soul of Rita Guillen-Reinker, she passed away at the age of 74 on December 22nd
- ❖ Pray for all the family members who tested positive; including Diane's brother in law, Cynthia's sister and Tina's granddaughter, Natalie.
- ❖ The repose of the soul of Jeanette's sister, Victoria who had ALS.
- ❖ The Regional Executive Council meeting in January
- ❖ Tina for her family and complete healing of her wrist
- ❖ For peace in our nation, our families, and the whole world.
- ❖ We pray for our country, as we transition to a new president and cabinet and all newly elected officials.
- ❖ All our fraternity members that are dealing with health issues and thos in need of prayer.
- ❖ For each of us, our family members; our elderly parents; our children and grandchildren, especially those who have left the Church. May God bring His lost sheep home.

Save the Date: January 30, 2021

Spirituality Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation

"...let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do." (Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order)

We will meet by ZOOM in a national meeting and reflect together on prayer, focusing on Franciscan prayer. Then, Donna Hollis will lead us in a prayer and reflection for immigrants. Penny Hill will lead us in a prayer and reflection on the Canticle and care for creation. Bill Garofalo will lead us in a reflection and prayer for Native/Indigenous Peoples.

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday afternoon.

Many blessings to you in the New Year.

All are welcome.

Please send me a request for a ZOOM invitation and I will send it to you.

Peace and All Good, Patricia Grace

R.S.V.P. to: patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com

January Birthdays

Jan 9 Angie
Jan 23 Imee
Jan 29 Jeanette
Jan 31 Sandi

January Franciscan Calendar of Saints

Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Childhood

1. Solemnity of the Mother of God.
3. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
3. Bl. Chriatiane Menaburi, Virgin, III Ord, secular,, d. 1310
4. Bl. Angela of Foligno, widow, Franciscan III Ord, secular
5. Bl. Pierre Bonilli, priest, Franciscan III Ord, secular, d. 1935
6. Feast of the Epiphany—Holy Day of Obligation
7. St. Charles of Sezze, lay brother, I Ord, d. 1670
8. Bl. Roger de Toddi, priest, religious of I Ord,, d. 1237
9. Bl. Gilles de Lorenzana, religious of I Ord, d. 1518
10. Bl. Gregory X, Pope, Franciscan III Ord, secular, d. 1276
11. St Thomas of Cori, priest, I Ord, d. 1729
12. St. Bernard of Corleone, lay brother, Capuchin, d. 1667
13. Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
14. Bl. Oderic de Pordenone, priest, I Ord, d. 1331
15. Bl. James of Pieve, priest, III Ord, secular, martyr d. 1304
16. Sts. Berard and Companions, Protomartyrs of I Ord, d. 1220
17. St. Matthew of Girgenti, Bishop, I Ord, secular, d. 1451
18. Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary, virgin, III Ord, d. 1360
19. Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre, Bishop, III Ord, sec, d. 1906
20. Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, priest, martyr d. 1794
21. Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni, priest, III Ord, secular, d. 1922
22. St. Vincent Pallotti, priest, III Ord, secular, d. 1850
- 23 St. Marianne Cope, TOR
23. Feast of the Marriage of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24. Bl. Paula Gambará-Costa, widow, III Ord, secular, d. 1515
25. Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol, priest, III Ord, sec, d. 1909
26. Bl. Georges Matulwicz, Bishop, III Ord, secular, d. 1927
- 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus
27. St. Angela Merici, virgin III Ord, d. 1540
28. Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati, priest, I Ord, d. 1289
29. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, d. 1622
30. St. Hyacintha de Mariscotti, virgin, III Ord, regular, d. 1640
31. St. John Bosco, priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888

<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>



Rita Reinker

3/10/46 -12/22/20

Heaven welcomed Rita on Dec 22nd, the day of the Christmas star; it will not be repeated for another 800 years. Rita was professed on July 17, 1983. She was married to Jim Egan who was in formation into the SFO along with Luz. He preceded her in death. She has children and grandchildren and a brother who is a priest of the Benedictine Order in Valyermo, CA. Rita was named after Saint Rita and she felt she shared virtues in common working with the sick and impossible causes. Her outreach programs included administering communion to the sick, providing counseling to those in need of an officer within the fraternity, and a friend to those in whom lives she touched. She worked with many priests on projects important to them and kept a great Catholic library in her home.



Jim Tessmar, ofs

Linda Nelson received word from Rita's caregiver that Rita's burial services will be at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange on Monday January 11, 2021 at 9am. Should you wish to attend, please check with the cemetery for rules and restrictions. Continue to keep Rita and all of our diseased brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Tina



Rita and Linda:



Rita, her husband, Jim, Brother Gabe and Linda
Thank you Linda for the pictures!

Members of Good Shepherd Bible study



The Good Shepherd Bible Study group would like to extend it's deepest sympathies to the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Fraternity on the passing of a sister we both loved , Rita Reinker.

We would also like to thank you for including us in the Franciscan Crown Rosary said in her behalf.

On many levels the Franciscan spiritually she lived set an example for all of us to follow.

We are sending a sympathy card to her son David and would like to include your thoughts in it. To participate, please email me at jimtessmar@hotmail.com and we will include those emails with the card. We will be mailing the card on January 14th.

May each of you experience peace love and joy all the days of your life. Jim Tessmar



Pope Francis Proclaims Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph Tuesday in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the universal Church.

The decree said that Pope Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote.

"St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church on Dec. 8, 1870, in the decree *Quemadmodum Deus*.

In its decree Tuesday, the Apostolic Penitentiary said that, "to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph's

patronage in the Church," it would grant a plenary indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint's solemnity, and May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Other notable days for the plenary indulgence are the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29 and St. Joseph's Sunday in the Byzantine tradition, as well as the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition.

The three conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence are sacramental confession, the reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the pope's intentions.

He ended the text with a prayer: "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

Full article: <https://www.ncregister.com/news/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph> see also; <https://www.churchpop.com/2020/12/08/pope-francis-declares-year-of-st-joseph-8-ways-to-gain-a-plenary-indulgence-over-the-next-year/>

You can also experience the Year of St. Joseph with Relevant Radio and receive your free St. Joseph booklet – all you need to do is sign-up via <https://relevantradio.com/faith/year-of-st-joseph/>

Prayer to St. Joseph by Pope St. Pius X

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity.

52. PRAYER OF PETITION

Give me, Lord, the candor of a child
and the conscience of an adult.

Give me, Lord, the caution of an astronaut
and the courage of a rescuer.

Give me, Lord, the humility of a sweeper
and the patience of the sick.

Give me, Lord, the idealism of youth
and the wisdom of old age.

Give me, Lord, the willingness of the Good Samaritan
and the gratitude of the needy.

Give me, Lord, all the good that I see
in my brothers and my sisters,

who you have showered with your gifts.

Lord, let me imitate your saints;
or better still, make me
what You want me to be:
persevering like a fisherman,
hopeful like a Christian.

Let me remain on the path of your Son
and at the service of my brothers and sisters.

Amen.

(Encounter Prayer Handbook, Ignacio Larrañaga)

A New Thing

Devotional by Joyce Meyer

From the book *Ending Your Day Right* - by Joyce Meyer
[December 31, 2020](https://www.myeverydaydevotionals.com/2020/12/joyce-meyer-devotional-december-31-2020.html)

Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs
forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you
not give heed to it? Isaiah 43:19 (AMPC)

Do you ever get really tired of doing the same old
thing all the time? You might want to do something
different, but you either don't know what to do, or
you're afraid to step out and try the new thing
you've been thinking about.

We often get into ruts, doing the same thing over
and over—even though we're bored with it—
because we're afraid to step out and do something
different. How many times would we rather be safe
and bored than excited and living on the edge?
There's a certain amount of comfort in sameness,
which is why we often settle for it—we may not like
it, but we're familiar with it.

God has created you to need and crave diversity,
variety, freshness and newness in your life. As this
year and this day come to an end, make a quality
decision to step out into the new thing God has for
you. And don't forget to enjoy yourself in the
process!

Prayer Starter: Father, thank You for the new thing
You're doing in my life! Show me what my part is—
how I can step out in faith—so I can join You in the
work You're doing. In Jesus' name, Amen

<https://www.myeverydaydevotionals.com/2020/12/joyce-meyer-devotional-december-31-2020.html>

Something to think about:

Proclamation on 850th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket

Issued on December 28, 2020

Today is the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of
Saint Thomas Becket on December 29, 1170. Thomas
Becket was a statesman, a scholar, a chancellor, a
priest, an archbishop, and a lion of religious liberty.

Before the Magna Carta was drafted, before the right to
free exercise of religion was enshrined as America's first
freedom in our glorious Constitution, Thomas gave his life
so that, as he said, "the Church will attain liberty and
peace."

Because Thomas would not assent to rendering the
church subservient to the state, he was forced to forfeit all
his property and flee his own country. Years later, after
the intervention of the Pope, Becket was allowed to return
— and continued to resist the King's oppressive
interferences into the life of the church. Finally, the King
had enough of Thomas Becket's stalwart defense of
religious faith and reportedly exclaimed in consternation:
"Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?"

Thomas Becket's martyrdom changed the course of
history. It eventually brought about numerous
constitutional limitations on the power of the state over the
Church across the West. In England, Becket's murder led
to the Magna Carta's declaration 45 years later that:
"[T]he English church shall be free, and shall have its
rights undiminished and its liberties unimpaired."

Thomas Becket's death serves as a powerful and
timeless reminder to every American that our freedom
from religious persecution is not a mere luxury or accident
of history, but rather an essential element of our liberty. It
is our priceless treasure and inheritance. And it was
bought with the blood of martyrs.

On this day, we celebrate and revere Thomas Becket's
courageous stand for religious liberty and we reaffirm our
call to end religious persecution worldwide. Earlier this
year, I signed an Executive Order to prioritize religious
freedom as a core dimension of United States foreign
policy. We have directed every Ambassador — and the
over 13,000 United States Foreign Service officers and
specialists — in more than 195 countries to promote,
defend, and support religious freedom as a central pillar
of American diplomacy.

To honor Thomas Becket's memory, the crimes against
people of faith must stop, prisoners of conscience must
be released, laws restricting freedom of religion and belief
must be repealed, and the vulnerable, the defenseless,
and the oppressed must be protected. The tyranny and
murder that shocked the conscience of the Middle Ages
must never be allowed to happen again. As long as
America stands, we will always defend religious liberty.

A society without religion cannot prosper. A nation without
faith cannot endure — because justice, goodness, and
peace cannot prevail without the grace of God.

Excerpt from: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-850th-anniversary-martyrdom-saint-thomas-becket/>

Litany of St Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us	Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.	
Jesus, hear us,	Jesus, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,	have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,	have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,	have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,	have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	pray for us.
St. Joseph,	pray for us.
Renowned offspring of David,	pray for us.
Light of Patriarchs,	pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God,	pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God,	pray for us.
Diligent protector of Christ,	pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family,	pray for us.
Joseph most just,	pray for us.
Joseph most chaste,	pray for us.
Joseph most prudent,	pray for us.
Joseph most strong,	pray for us.
Joseph most obedient,	pray for us.
Joseph most faithful,	pray for us.
Mirror of patience,	pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	pray for us.
Model of artisans,	pray for us.
Glory of home life,	pray for us.
Guardian of virgins,	pray for us.
Pillar of families,	pray for us.
Solace of the wretched,	pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	pray for us.
Terror of demons,	pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church,	pray for us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	spare us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	graciously hear us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	have mercy on us, O Jesus.
He made him the lord of his household	And prince over all his possessions.

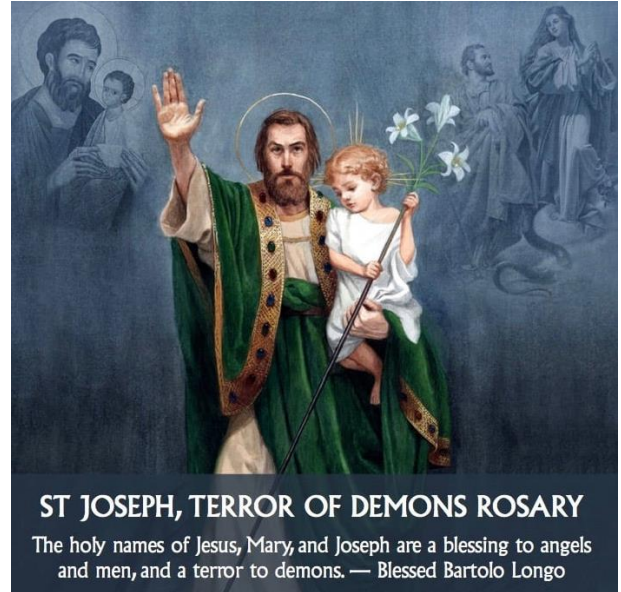
Let us pray:

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse

of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/litany-of-st-joseph-247>



Here's 8 Ways to Gain a Plenary Indulgence During the Year of St. Joseph:

- 1) Meditate for 30 minutes on the Our Father
- 2) Attend a spiritual day retreat that includes St. Joseph meditation
- 3) Carry out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy
- 4) Recite the Holy Rosary with your family (or if engaged, with your future spouse)
- 5) Entrust your day and/or work to St. Joseph, invoke his protection and intercession
- 6) Pray to St. Joseph for persecuted Christians
- 7) "Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph"
- 8) For the elderly, sick, and dying: recite act of piety in St. Joseph's honor, entrust life and discomforts to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, patron of the Catholic Church, pray for us!

For the full article:

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