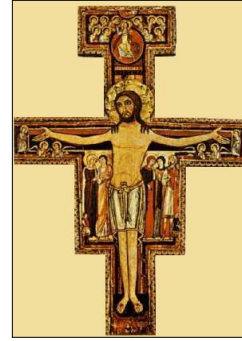


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



April 2010

Next Meeting: April 11, 2010

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
Candidates – Clare Room

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
General Meeting – Clare Room

HAVE A HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER!

FRANCISCAN SAINTS FOR APRIL

Apr.2 – Bld. Elisabetta Vandramini
Apr.3 – St. Benedict the African (I)
Apr.21 – St. Conrad of Parzham (I)
Apr.23 – Bld. Giles of Assisi (I)
Apr.24 – St. Fidelis Sigmaringen (I)

Apr.25 – Bld. Pedro de San Jose Betancur
Apr.27 – St. Zita of Lucca (III) *
Apr.28 – Bld. Luchesio & Buonadonna (III)
Apr.30 – St. Joseph Cottolengo (III)

March Events

Region Formation Meeting. As a fraternity, we attended a Formation Meeting given by the Region on Saturday, March 6th, at St. Patrick's parish in San Diego. The meeting focused on the Order's statutes and general constitutions.

Our fraternity is sponsoring "**Ladder to Life**", a program for Marines with PTSD and their families. "Ladder to Life" is our group outreach activity.

Fraternity volunteers did a great job welcoming and serving program attendees at the Mission San Luis Rey parish on February 24th and 25th. The next session of will be **April 14th & 15th at 5:00 p.m.**

All assistance is welcome. We need people to greet attendees, to help serve

supper and generally make these fine men feel welcome and at ease. If you can help, call Eileen at 760-828-2127 or email at eandbcosta@cox.net.

Our April Gathering & Events

Our April meeting presents a great opportunity to learn about the great work our sisters and brothers do in their many apostolates. This month, Jack Shuk and Joe Cannon will tell of their call to serve God working among very disparate populations. Both Jack and Joe will answer questions after their talk.

Tim Corrigan will give a brief talk on April's Franciscan saint-of-the-month.

Karron's Korner –

It's often been said of St. Francis that he didn't have a lot of use for theology or learned theories about God, but trusted his direct and immediate experience of our loving God and the workings of the Holy Spirit in his life.

As a consequence, Francis was not a great advocate of "saving for a rainy day" and had little interest in controlling situations or people. In the 12th Century as in the 21st, this attitude might be thought irresponsible, rash, or just impractical. But few people in any century enjoy the intimacy that Francis had with Jesus.

St. Francis modeled his life on the Jesus he worshiped: spontaneous, loving, generous, gracious and forgiving. Awed by God's generosity, all Francis saw and heard, tasted and touched were signs of His loving care. Every day was a gift, a new experience of this infinite love. Francis never ceased giving thanks, never failed to praise and glorify God for His goodness.

Francis sought to do as Christ did, and the Gospels tell us Christ acted according to the Father's will in all things. Francis followed Jesus' counsel and example: he prayed, fasted and gave away all he had in order to realize God's plan for his life. Moment to moment, as we open to Him, God speaks to those who hear and gives new insight to those who see.

If we truly wish to do God's will, we must have our ears and eyes opened to the workings of God through the Holy Spirit. Attuning our spiritual senses keeps us alert

and allows us to respond with confidence and a certainty when God calls.

Blessed Luchasio & Buonadonna (III)

Luchasio and Buonadonna, a married couple, wanted to follow Saint Francis. They helped set the SFO in motion.

The couple lived in Poggibonzi, where he was a greedy merchant. In 1213, Luchasio's meeting with Francis changed his life. He undertook many works of charity.

Luchasio and Buonadonna wanted to live in the world as a married couple and share a religious life outside the cloister. To satisfy their desire, St. Francis set up the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO). Francis wrote a simple Rule for the Third Order; In 1221, Pope Honorius III approved a more formally worded Rule.

Their charity drew the poor to them, and, like many other saints, they seemed never to lack the resources to help these people.

One day Luchasio was carrying a crippled man he'd found on the road. A frivolous young man came up to ask, "What poor devil is it you are carrying there on your back?" "I am carrying my Lord Jesus Christ," responded Luchasio. The young man immediately begged forgiveness.

Luchasio and Buonadonna both died on April 28th 1260. He was beatified in 1273. Local tradition refers to Buonadonna as "Blessed," though the title has not been officially given.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday! **Irene E.** celebrates her birthday on the **14th of April**; Tim C. is a birthday guy on the **25th**!

Anniversary of Profession

On the **10th** of this month, **Winnie B.**, **Damian D.** and **Tom S.** celebrated their **5th** anniversary of profession.

Memorials

This month, we remember Cornelia S., who died on April 2, 1999, Nicholas F., who died on April 17, 2003, and Mary G., who departed this life on April 28, 2009.

Prayer Requests:

- For the repose of the soul of Johnetta W., David Y. grandmother.
- For special blessings and health for Francis T.'s daughter, Kathleen.
- For the continued recovery of Barbara U. from a brain aneurism
- For the health and well-being of Scott & Connie H. and their family
- For Carol I.'s son-in-law Lester who will soon be deployed
- For David Y.'s sister-in-law, Kathleen York, who is pregnant.
- That God may guide and inspire the Secular Franciscan Order, and our fraternity in particular.

Scriptures for Rejoicing

Psalm 5:11-12

But let all who take refuge in you be glad;
let them ever sing for joy.
Spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may rejoice in you.
For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous;
you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 32:10-11

but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the man who trusts in him.
Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 31:7-8

I will be glad and rejoice in your love,
for you saw my affliction
and knew the anguish of my soul.

Isaiah 62:5

As a young man marries a maiden,
so will your sons marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 25:9

"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Isaiah 29:19

Once more the humble will rejoice in the Lord;
the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

REMINDER:

Please send your April contribution to Frances G. by mail, or bring it with you to our fraternity meeting on April 11th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lenten Mondays

Through March 29: 10:30am and 7:00pm

Sessions are on each Monday beginning at 10:30am-noon OR from 7:00pm-8:30pm
With Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM and Brother Kelly Cullen, OFM. Free will offering.

April 4th

Easter

April 11th (2nd Sunday)

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting on the Sunday after Easter

April 15th (Thursday)

Fraternity Council Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi in the Conference Room

May 2nd (1st Sunday)

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting on the Sunday after Mother's Day

Masses will be offered for San Luis Rey Fraternity Members, Living & Deceased:

Masses have been scheduled at the St. Francis of Assisi Church, as follows:

Saturday April 10, 8:00 am

Saturday May 8, 8:00 am

Sunday, June 13, 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 10, 8:00 am