



THE CORD

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



Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 AM

Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass

Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12:50 PM

Council Meeting will be at 1:00 in the Luiseño Room.

General Meeting in the Luiseño Room from 1:00-3:00 PM

Upcoming Gathering

December 4, 2016

Future Meetings:

Jan 8, 2017, Feb. 5, 2017

Happy Thanksgiving, MERRY CHRISTMAS,

Happy New Year 2017



St. Frances at the Crèche that he built with baby Jesus.

The Immaculate Conception: A Franciscan View of Reality

Dear brothers and sisters,

What does it mean to be “full of grace”? On December 8, we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of the Church's prayers for the day says:

Father,
The image of the Virgin is found in the Church.
Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love
that never knew sin,
for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.
Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our
hearts her readiness of faith.
Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen.

Few Catholics may know its Franciscan roots, but we in fraternity can rejoice and give thanks for the slow, but sure, development of this beautiful teaching.

For centuries, especially in what is now Great Britain, the people of God long understood Mary's conception as linked to the fullness of grace given to her. But it was up to one humble university professor to explain and justify that popular belief.

In the 13th century, holy Franciscan priest and theologian, Blessed John Duns Scotus, won a famous debate against the Dominicans. He defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception, laying the groundwork for the Church (centuries later) to define this as a dogma of the Catholic faith. While he was in Paris, Scotus was an unpretentious and courageous apostle of the faith against the oppressive government in power. His public defense of the papacy as the head of the Church eventually got him thrown out of the country.

“Christ was able to redeem others. He has indeed redeemed us through the Cross so as to attract us to his love. He willed that men and women should be more worthy of the love of God.”

~ Bl. John Duns Scotus

This Advent season, may we feel free to ask help from the Mother of God, and let us pray that the Lord will truly “Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith.”

May the Lord give you peace,
Donna

Thank you Marta for your Awesome Talk on St. Elizabeth.



Left, St. Elizabeth feeding the poor.

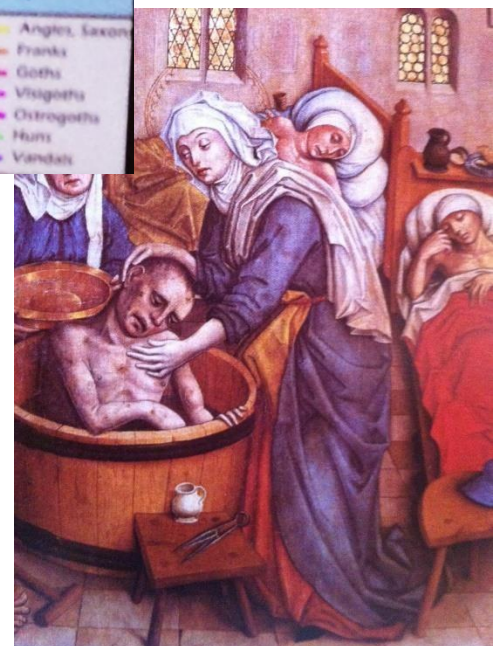
Right showing her respect and love for St. Francis.

Below, Map of her world.

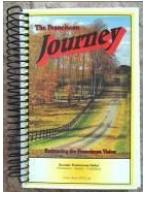


Left, Hungarian Crown that she gave up devotion to Christ and St. Francis. Just try to prevent anybody from putting your favorite 'hat' in a box that is too small, as that is how the cross at the top became lopsided.

St. Elizabeth caring for the sick.



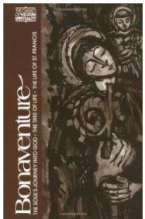
Formation Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, Please call Sandy for more information

God Bless,
Sandy

The Mass readings for Dec. 5 will be; Isiah 11:1-10, Rom. 15:4-9, and Matt. 3:1-12, please see attachment.



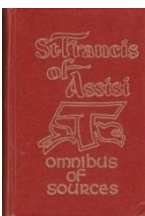
A few books that you might enjoy:

Bonaventure

The Soul's journey into God, The Tree of Live, The Life of St. Francis

Paulist Press, The Classics of Western Spirituality

This book has three inspirational sections on Franciscan spirituality, written by St. Bonaventure. This biography of St. Francis was adopted as the official biography of the Franciscan Order, completed in 1263; it gives the reader a good overview of the life and spirituality of St. Francis. This book is available on Amazon.com Submitted by Dorothy Mann.



Marion A. Habig

St. Francis of Assisi Writings and Early Biographies, (commonly known as the "Omnibus of Sources.")

Out of print, but if you can find one, it contains a huge amount of Franciscan reading. One of the editor/translators was a past member of our Fraternity. This is an awesome book as well.



Image of 'Franciscan School of Theology Installation,' from Tuan, thank you Tuan Full sized image as an attachment...

Anniversaries of Profession



Dec. 10, 2006 Penny (10 years)
 Dec. 17, 1981 Virginia (35 years)

Memorials



December 4, 2002 Mary P. Ryan Molnar
 December 29, 1998 Mae Coash

Birthdays



This month, we will think of the most important 'Birthday' Feast on the Church calendar, that of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25, as we have no known member birthdays this month.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For the safety of Donna our Minister in her journeys and visitations. -
 For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, for our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.

For our government , President Elect, and all the leadership of the U.S. and the world that they will see the light and lead their countries to God.

- For all the other Secular Franciscans served by the fraternity's outreach program.

- All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council members, our brothers and sisters who are in formation, our elderly and or homebound who aren't able come to our fraternity gatherings.
- Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.

New, or missing requests, email or text Carol.



Oh, last but definitely not least, remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund.

The box will be waiting for you, or feel free to reach out to Eileen directly.

Thanks!