



San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
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Next Gathering October 7, 2018

Please bring your 7-decade Franciscan Crown Rosary to the meeting

Mass in the Parish Serra Center at 10:00 AM
Community Prayer in the Old Mission St. Clare Chapel after Mass
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12:50 PM

Focus of our Oct 7, 2018 Gathering "THE SECULAR BLESSINGS"

*St. Francis called down specific spiritual gifts and blessings on the Third Order.
This presentation is designed to show what Francis had in mind for us.*

By our Vice Minister Karron E.



Blessing of St Francis by Fr Vince Messi, OFM
of Mission San Luis Rey Parish

MILITARY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Mission San Luis Rey Parish is holding its Military Appreciation Breakfast on Nov. 11th. This annual event provides a way to say "thank you," to the military and their families for their sacrifices they make for us. Although this is not a Fraternity Sponsored event, your **individual contributions** of items would be greatly appreciated. They can use: paper plates, napkins, bottled water and juice. Items for door prizes, books. Your contributions will be collected at our Nov. 4th Fraternity Gathering.

Submitted by Dorothy M.



Minister's Note: TRANSITUS AND THE VOCE MEA (MY OWN VOICE)

Dear brothers and sisters,

As the feast of our holy father Francis approaches, I imagine each of us has a story, prayer or image that inspires our vocation. Over the years, those Franciscan stories, prayers and images probably change in importance for us. This month perhaps we can reflect on the psalm that appears in almost any Transitus service around the world: Psalm 142, known as the *Voce Mea*. In the Latin that St. Francis would have heard, the psalm's first line is *Voce mea ad Dominum clamavi*, "With my own voice I cry out to the Lord."

Below are some verses from [Psalm 142](#), which Francis asked his brothers to sing for him as he lay dying. Notice how the verses begin in lament and end with a vow to praise.

With my own voice I cry to the LORD;
with my own voice I beseech the LORD.

...

I look to my right hand to see
that there is no one willing to acknowledge me.
My escape has perished;
no one cares for me.

I cry out to you, LORD,
I say, You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living.

...

Lead my soul from prison,
that I may give thanks to your name.
Then the righteous shall gather around me
because you have been good to me.

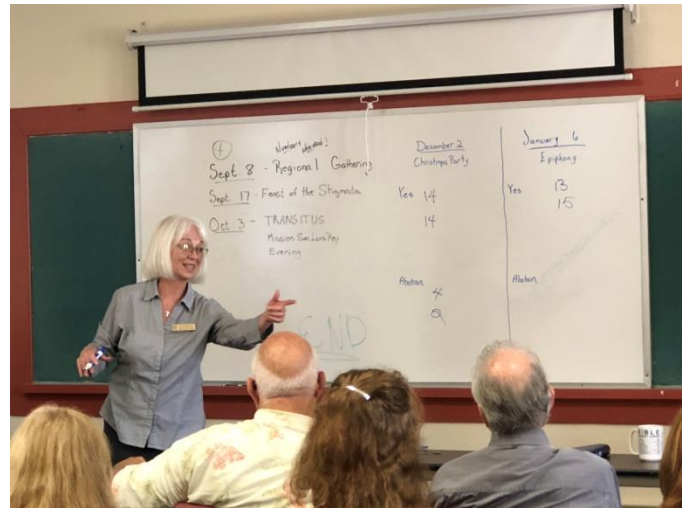
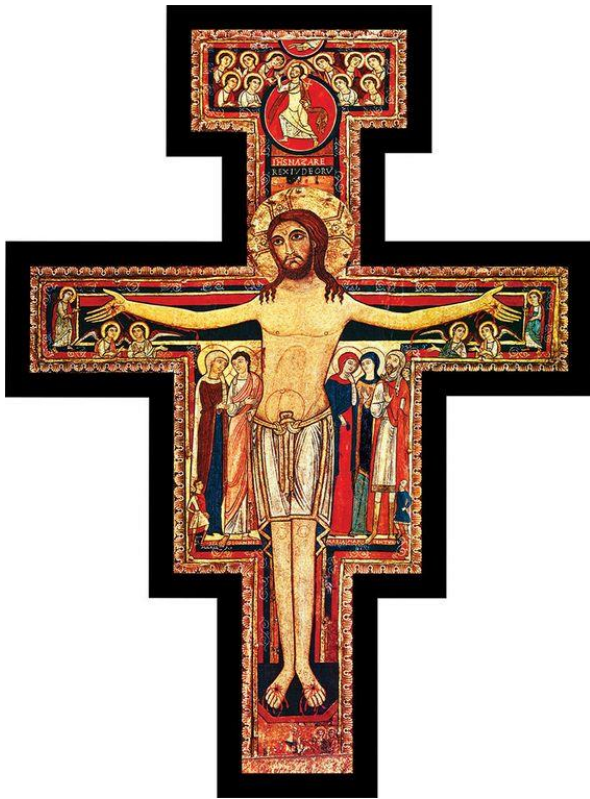


St. Francis of Assisi icon by
Fr. John Giuliani

What happens inside us when we cry out to the Lord in sorrow, using our own voice? Can we, like Francis, end a song of complaint with a promise to praise? What happens inside us when we do?

A deep and joyous Feast to you!
Donna

**Transitus, October 3rd 2018 @ 7:00PM in the Old Mission.
Please arrive early to choose your preferred seat.
There will be no reserved group seating.**



Donna conducting our vote that confirmed that we will have an Epiphany Party in January.

We will be having an Epiphany party this year, and it will be on Jan 6, the traditional date of this day of festivities. More information to follow as we, the council and general membership make their decisions, but possibly a potluck, and or just a fun time socializing with our brother and sister seculars.

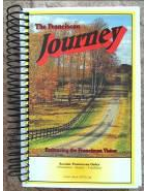
Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ . . . Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

This prayer from Pope Benedict XVI



From our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, please call Sandy for more info.
God Bless -
Sandy Baden, OFS
[Director of Formation](#)

Anniversaries of Profession



October 1, 2017 – Sam DeSantis
October 1, 2017 – Kelly Farnum
October 1, 2017 – Elizabeth Mavis
October 4, 2015 - Laura Chun

Memorials



October 03, 2014	Dorothy K. Johnson
October 04, 1991	Virginia Ward Tapp
October 05, 1995	Richard Boerger
October 09, 2003	Margaret Nelson
October 90, 2015	Freedra Perrotto
October 13, 2005	Michelle Sagnimeni
October 19, 2014	Robert Porfirio
October 27, 1995	Mary Juranick

Birthdays



Oct. 10 Marianne Grisez

Franciscan Morning Prayer

Jesus Lord, I offer you
this new day because
I believe in you, love you,
hope all things in you
and thank you for
your blessings.
I am sorry for having
Offended you and
forgive everyone who
has offended me.
Lord, look on me and
Leave in me
Peace and courage
And your humble wisdom
That I may serve others
With joy, and be
pleasing to you all day. Amen

Tertiary's Companion, Revised Ed. 1976.
Edited by Fr. Marion A. Habig O.F.M. pg. 394



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new or replacement fraternity name
tag, contact Sandy Baden.



Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:

- ❖ For the safety of Donna our Minister in all her journeys and endeavors.
- ❖ For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, and all Bishops.
- ❖ For our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, and lay orders.
- ❖ For the victims of war and terrorism throughout the world.
- ❖ For all of our brothers and sisters served by our fraternity's home outreach.
- ❖ For our Fraternity members, our council, in formation, and homebound.
- ❖ Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayer.

Gospel for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Meditation from St. Josephs Sunday Missal © 2011

Unshakable Fidelity In a rapidly changing world, many values are questioned. One of them is the lasting marriage commitment. There is no doubt that the outlook on marriage has changed with a changing culture. The patriarchal marriage pattern of the Bible is no longer our own. The point is: What can be changed in marriage and what constitutes its core that cannot be called into question? Our Lord's statement in today's Gospel: "What God has Joined together, no human being must separate." Is the rule Christians follow.

The New Testament gives the Church the authority to make a few concessions that are pastorally necessary. Rather than going into the matter of complicated exceptions (ask any priest for literature!), Let us meditate on the beauty of commitment, in other words, the reason why the law was made. Much depends on how one looks at the cherished value of freedom. For some freedom claims unshakable fidelity; for others, freedom is incompatible with definitive commitment.

We should check which opinion is most in line with the dignity of the human person and assures the happiness of all involved, wife, husband, and children. Even more depends on what role love plays in one's life and on the art of keeping it exciting!

If those who use the seven-decade rosary make a slight change in the mysteries they recall in each of the decades, they can gain the same indulgences which have been granted for the so-called Dominican Rosary of fifteen decades. All one has to do is to make the first five of the seven mysteries coincide with the five Joyful Mysteries, and then add two of the Glorious Mysteries for the two additional decades, as follows: (1) The Annunciation. (2) The Visitation. (3) The Birth of Our Lord, including the Adoration of the Magi. (4) The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. (5) The Finding of Jesus in the Temple. (6) The Resurrection of Our Lord. (7) The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

Praying the Franciscan Crown in this way, we can gain the following indulgences: (a) a plenary indulgence for praying a third part (five decades) of the Rosary continuously, either in a church or public oratory, or in the family, a religious community, or a pious association; (b) a partial indulgence for the same in other places or at other times (Enchiridion, no. 48).

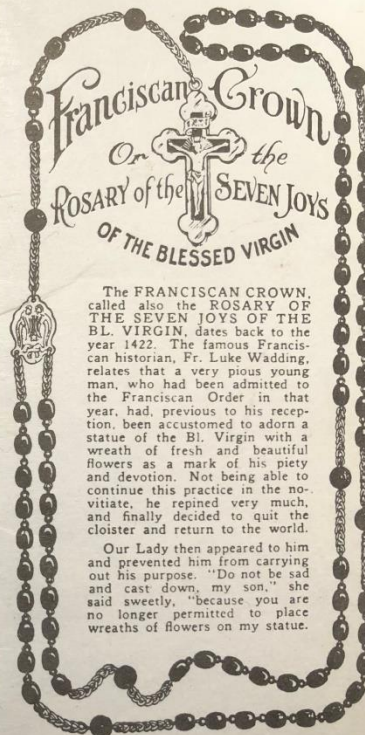
To gain these indulgences, it is required that we meditate or reflect on the mystery of each decade (that is, five decades). When the decades are recited publicly, these mys-

teries must be announced according to approved local custom. In the private praying of the decades, this is not necessary as long as meditation on the mysteries is added to the vocal prayer. Although the beads are helpful, they are not required for gaining the indulgence.

Besides the Rosary (five decades), there are three other pious exercises for which one can gain a plenary indulgence on any day: (1) a half-hour Visit to the Blessed Sacrament; (2) Reading the Bible for a half hour; (3) the Stations of the Way of the Cross. Only one plenary indulgence can be gained on any single day. Do not forget the Our Father and Hail Mary for the intentions of the Holy Father.



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The FRANCISCAN CROWN, called also the ROSARY OF THE SEVEN JOYS OF THE BL. VIRGIN, dates back to the year 1422. The famous Franciscan historian, Fr. Luke Wadding, relates that a very pious young man, who had been admitted to the Franciscan Order in that year, had, previous to his reception, been accustomed to adorn a statue of the Bl. Virgin with a wreath of fresh and beautiful flowers as a mark of his piety and devotion. Not being able to continue this practice in the novitiate, he repined very much, and finally decided to quit the cloister and return to the world.

Our Lady then appeared to him and prevented him from carrying out his purpose. "Do not be sad and cast down, my son," she said sweetly, "because you are no longer permitted to place wreaths of flowers on my statue."

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"I shall teach you to change this pious practice into one that will be far more pleasing to me and far more meritorious to your soul. In place of the flowers that soon wither and can not always be found, you can weave for me a crown from the flowers of your prayers that will always remain fresh and can always be had.

"Recite one Our Father and ten Hail Marys in honor of the joy I experienced when the angel announced to me the Incarnation of the Son of God. Repeat these same prayers in honor of the joy I felt on visiting my Cousin Elizabeth. Say them again in honor of the supreme happiness that filled my heart on giving birth to Christ the Savior, without pain and without the loss of my virginity. Recite the same prayers a fourth time in honor of the joy I felt when presenting my Divine Son to the adoration of the Magi. Repeat them for the fifth time in honor of the joy that thrilled my soul when, after seeking Jesus with deep sorrow for three days, I found Him at last among the doctors in the Temple. Sixthly, recite the one Our Father and then ten Hail Marys in honor of the joy I experienced on beholding my Divine Son gloriously risen from the grave on Easter Sunday. Finally, for the seventh time, repeat these prayers in honor of my own most glorious and joyful Assump-

tion into heaven, when I was crowned Queen of heaven and earth. If you recite these prayers as I have directed, rest assured, dear son, you will weave for me a most beautiful and acceptable crown and will merit for yourself innumerable graces."

When Our Lady had disappeared, the overjoyed novice at once began to recite the prayers in honor of her Seven Joys, as she had directed. While he was deeply engrossed in this devotion, the novice master happened to pass by and, behold! he saw an angel weaving a marvelous wreath of roses and after every tenth rose he inserted a golden lily. When the wreath was finished, the angel placed it on the head of the praying novice. The master then demanded under holy obedience that the youth tell him the meaning of the vision. Joyfully, yet fearfully, the novice complied. The good priest was so impressed with what he had seen and heard, that he immediately made it known to his brethren. Thus the practice of reciting the Crown of the Seven Joys of the Bl. Virgin soon spread over the entire Franciscan Order and became one of the favorite devotions of the friars.

Later, it became customary to add two Hail Marys in honor of the seventy-two years that Our Lady is said to have lived on earth, and one Our Father and Hail Mary for the intention of the Pope to gain the indulgences.

LIST OF INDULGENCES

ON JUNE 15, 1968, Pope Paul VI abrogated the indulgences previously granted by the Church and approved a new and reduced collection of indulgences for the universal Church (Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, Vatican, 1968). A limited number of new indulgences were also granted to the members of the Orders of St. Francis, but among these there are none for the praying of the Franciscan Crown. This does not mean that this form of prayer must be given up or that the seven-decade beads should be discarded. The Crown is still a prayer that is pleasing to God and to our Heavenly Mother.

If the seven decade rosary is blessed, it is one of those blessed objects (crucifixes, crosses, rosaries, scapulars, medals) for which the Church has granted new indulgences, if they are used in a pious manner. If the Crown is blessed by a priest, the faithful can gain a partial indulgence by using it piously; and if it is blessed by the pope or a bishop they can gain a plenary indulgence on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29), under the usual conditions (confession, Communion, and at least one Our Father and Hail Mary for the intentions of the pope), provided that they add a profession of faith, using any correct formula, for instance the Apostles' Creed (Enchiridion, no. 35).

The Vision of a Man Having the Image of a Crucified Seraph, Stigmata of St. Francis

“While he was staying in that hermitage called La Verna, after the place where it is located, two years prior to the time that he returned his soul to heaven, he saw *in the vision of God* a man, *having six wings like a Seraph, standing over him, arms extended and feet joined, affixed to a cross. Two of his wings were raised up, two were stretched over his head as if for flight, and two covered his whole body.* When the blessed servant of the most High saw these things, he was filled with the greatest awe, and could not decide what the vision meant for him. Moreover, he greatly rejoiced and was much delighted by the kind and gracious look that he saw the Seraph gave him. The Seraph’s beauty was beyond comprehension, but the fact that the Seraph was fixed to the cross and the bitter suffering of that passion thoroughly frightened him. Consequently, he got up both sad and happy as joy and sorrow took their turns in his heart. Concerned over the matter, he kept thinking about what this vision could mean and his *spirit was anxious* to discern a sensible meaning from the vision.



While he was unable to perceive anything clearly understandable from the vision, its newness very much pressed upon his heart. Signs of the nails began to appear on his hands and feet, just as he had seen them a little while earlier on the crucified man hovering over him.

His hands and feet seemed to be pierced through the middle by nails, with the heads of the nails appearing on the inner part of his hands and on the upper part of his feet, and their points protruding on the opposite sides. The marks on the inside of his hands were round, but rather oblong on the outside; and small pieces of flesh were visible like the points of the nails, bent over and flattened, extending beyond the flesh around them. On his feet, the marks of nails were stamped in the same way and raised above the surrounding flesh. His right side was marked with an oblong scar, as if pierced with a lance, and this often dripped blood, so that his tunic and undergarments were frequently stained with his holy blood. ...

He hid those marks carefully from strangers, and concealed them cautiously from people close to him, so that even the brothers at his side and his most devoted followers for a long time did not know about them. ... Although the servant and friend of the Most High saw himself adorned with such magnificent pearls, *like precious stones*, and marvelously decorated *beyond the glory and honor of all others*, still his heart did not grow vain. *He did* not seek to use this to *make himself appealing* to anyone in desire for vainglory. Rather in every way possible he tried to hide these marks, so that human favor would not *rob him* of the grace given him.”

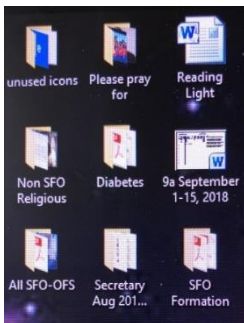
He would never or rarely reveal his great secret to anyone. He feared that his special friends would reveal to show their intimacy with him, as friends often do, and he would then lose some of *the grace given to him*. He always carried in his heart and often had on his lips the saying of the prophet: *“I have hidden your words in my heart to avoid any sin against You.”*

Quoted from, Armstrong’s *St. Francis of Assisi, the saint*, pp 263-4. Printed here for those who want to ponder these thoughts, and don’t have access to the book. (Editor) Read by our Minister Donna at our September gathering.

September Events



Carol (seated) while Donna reads from *St. Francis the Saint* before Carol's presentation.



That little folder so tiny, yet so huge, that you fill with all those that have asked for prayers. You see an image that depicts an event or person(s) that need praying for, put it/them in this folder, for when you open it you remember all those that you are praying for. Remember that it is a tiny little picture on the landscape your computer's monitor screen, don't be shy as everyone should have one..., even if you don't open it, as its title "Please pray for" will remind you to pray for the contents...A little like the basket of intentions on the altar during special Masses. Editor.

November is Holy Souls Month, starting with the Feast of All Saints Nov. 1, followed by The Feast of Holy Souls on Nov. 2. This month ends with the Feast of all Franciscan Saints on Nov. 29th. I am asking that you bring or email to me pictures of the grave markers of any seculars that you know of so that I can make a page dedicated to their memory in this special month..., as that is more special than just a list of names and dates. They don't have to be from SLR, just OFS/SFO.



Edna Knox, early member of our San Luis Rey Fraternity

Please also pray each month for our brothers and sisters that we always lovingly remember on the [Sister Death](#) page of our San Luis Rey fraternity [website](#).

November Franciscan Calendar

November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation

2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. [Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231](#)
4. [St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584](#)
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. [Bl. Margaret of Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521](#)
7. [Bl. Raynier of Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304](#)
8. [Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308](#)
9. [Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456](#)
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. [Bl. Mary Crucifixa, Virgin, the Franciscan 3rd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1826](#)
12. [Bl. John of Peace, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular \[living in community, under a Rule\], d. 1340](#)

13. [St. Didacus of Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463](#) (San Diego)

14. [St. Nicholas Tavelich and Companions, Martyrs, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391](#)
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. [St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253](#)
17. [Bl. Jane of Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307](#)
18. [Bl. Salome of Cracow, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268](#)

19. [St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Virgin Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular, Plenary Indulgence \(renewal of Tertiary engagement\), d. 1231](#) (Renewal of your Profession) confession, communion and prayers for intention of the Holy Father.

20. Bl. Migagros Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. [Bl. Humilis of Bisignano, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637](#)
26. [St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751](#)
27. [St. Francis Anthony Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742](#)
28. [St. James of the March, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476](#)

29. Saints of the Seraphic Order

30. [Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482](#)
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