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Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside,
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Christmas scene, Serra
Center 2016

Next Meeting is December 2, 2018

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 - 1250PM
General Gathering 1:00 - 2:50 PM
Council Meeting follows at appx 3:15PM

Future Meetings:

January 6 2019, Feb 3 2019, Mar 3 2019, April 7 2019, May 5 2019
These are regular monthly gathering; Dates subject to change

Advent & Quiet Prayer

At our December gathering will celebrate the beginning of Advent with a focus of going deeper into the prayerful silence of this holy season. We will be welcoming Jeanne O'Neill as our guest speaker, to guide us more deeply into the grace of quiet and imaginative prayer.



Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Let's try to not let commercialism over take the beautiful feat on the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus. For without him, we wouldn't have Christmas to celebrate. Yes exchanging gifts is a beautiful tradition, but let's not get so involved with gift giving that we forget the greatest gift of all, Baby Jesus.

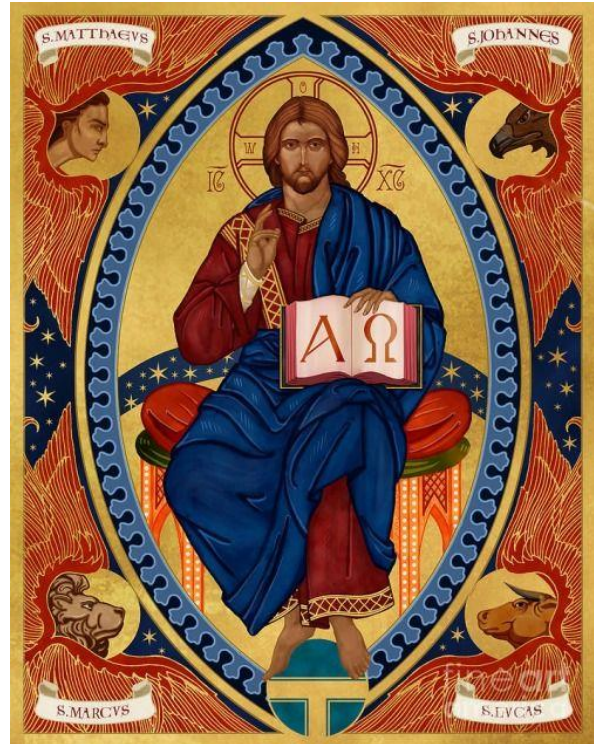
Yes, even 'Santa,' knows to bend his knee, and bow his head to the Baby Jesus lying in the Manger. After giving homage to the 'reason for the season, he will hitch up Rudolf, and make his rounds.

The King Before All Things

Brothers and sisters,

Before we move into Advent, let's pause to ponder a great gift of our tradition in the Church - the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. So much of how we understand the two seasons of Advent and Christmas should flow from this day.

On December 11, 1925 Pope Pius XI affirmed in his encyclical *Quas primas* that Christ Jesus is the first reason and final cause of all existing things. He did this in the face of a rising tide of fascism, and when he did, Franciscans around the world took note. Why? Because this teaching on Christ the King reflects Scripture, tradition and the deep insights of Franciscan theology.



In 1307, Bl. John Duns Scotus used this understanding of the *primacy of Christ* to defend his ideas about the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After more than 600 years, the Church made the insights of this humble friar official. Christ the King and the Immaculate Conception are connected – and they both point to Christmas!

Perhaps this is the reason we have the hymn from Colossians in Evening Prayer II on Christmas:

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in all things He himself might be preeminent.

For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through Him to reconcile all things for Him,
making peace by the blood of His cross
through Him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

Blessings in these holy seasons,
Donna OFS, Minister

Blessed Are (Directed towards the Migrant Caravan)

*Blessed are those who are on the move,
transforming exodus and flight in energy for a new search.
From the victims will come the protagonists of history.*

*Blessed are those who, forced to wander without direction,
with wisdom learn and teach the lessons of the road.
They will be the architects of a new time.*

*Blessed are those who suffer pain, nostalgia and loneliness,
yet know how to make of every arrival a new beginning.
They shall act with faith, hope, and life.*

*Blessed are those who open borders
and mix the anthems, flags, races and creeds.
Without discrimination, they make the world everyone's home.*

*Blessed the wayfarers of all roads
in the tears, sweat and the work of their hands.
They prepare a tomorrow of justice and right.*

*Blessed are those who open the door to pilgrims,
making solidarity the passport to our common homeland.
They are constructing a new citizenship.*

*Blessed are those who forment encounters and re-encounters,
sowing peace.
They will harvest flowers and stars in the new heaven and the new
earth.*

*Blessed are the excluded, without opportunities and without voice.
They will be the first guests in the great banquet,
where bread will not be lacking on anyone's table.*

*-Fr. Jose Alfredo Goncalves
Brazil*

Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

“Our national holiday of Thanksgiving is fast approaching! I remember a priest say once in his homily that if any day should be a Holy Day of Obligation, it should be Thanksgiving! Why is that? It’s because at least once a year we should dedicate a day of gratitude to God for all that we have received. We also know that because we have, received, we also are called to share. I invite all of us to remember the poor in a special way this Thanksgiving.”



From the OMSLR Parish Bulletin for Nov 11, 2018.

We give thanks, oh Almighty God; and ask You to bless us and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear Lord, we ask you to bless all those who we have been asked to pray for, especially the members of our Fraternity and all members of the Franciscan Order. Amen.

She would add other petitions as necessary. **Our Sister Dorothy’s Prayer before meals.** She would not eat till she had prayed, even in a restaurant. † 2014

Bountiful Harvest

Our Father,
we thank you for the bountiful harvest of our different plants: corn, rice, fruits – rmbutan, durian, marang. And the vegetable garden of cabbage, carrots ginger, onion and other products that we harvest from our farmlands.

We pour out to you our prayers,
hoping that this harvest will continue until the years to come.

No words can describe how thankful we are
to savor such blessings from you.

Through this, we lift hem up all to you,
O most sacred One.

Edwin Enping

Holy Gospel: Nativity 'Christmas' (Mass at Dawn) 'C'

Alleluia LK 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

Commentary Luke associates Jesus with shepherds, poor people, members of a despised trade, just as he still does later with prostitutes and other kinds of sinners. These disadvantaged people have seen the light. "The glory of the Lord shone around them" (Lk 2:9). Hence their conclusion: "Let us go ... to see!" Luke wants us to do the same today: go and see and try to understand what has been told to you concerning this child. Mary should be your example. "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Commentary: *St. Joseph Sunday Missal*, Complete Edition © 2011



Collect, Nativity (Mass at Dawn)

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
That, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your
incarnate Word,
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.

Amen

FOR THE EPIPHANY PARTY on JANUARY 6th

The Fraternity is having an **Epiphany (Christmas) Party on January 6th**.

We come to celebrate the Light of the World

And share Fellowship

With Sweets and Sparkling Beverages

TO HELP WITH THE PARTY

We need to **Borrow SERVING DISHES**, as follows:

- Silver trays of all sizes
- Crystal or glass serving dishes and bowls, all sizes
- Champagne flutes (tall narrow stemware)
- White or Gold tablecloths – oblong (rectangular) or small round ones

*Please take a cell phone picture of the dishes you loan us
Please bring these items to our DECEMBER 2nd Fraternity Meeting*

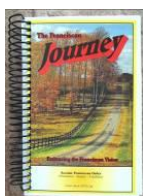
AND

Volunteer to **BAKE COOKIES** for the Party

(Sign up at the **December Fraternity meeting** – details & recipes will be available)

Any questions, please call Karron Esmonde at 760-216-4910 or email karrone_sutter@yahoo.com

Formation reminders our Formation Director



Formation Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting. For more information, please see our website '[Formation](#)' page or call Sandy.

God Bless,
Sandy Baden, OFS
Director of Formation

Anniversaries of Profession



Dec. 10, 2006 Penny

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Memorials



Dec. 4, 2002
Dec. 29, 1998

[Mary P. Ryan Molnar](#)
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Birthdays



Dec. 28 Peter
Dec. 31 Michelle



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.

Pastoral Visitation by Silvia



*How many of these
people can
you name, as we are
one big Franciscan
Family*

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