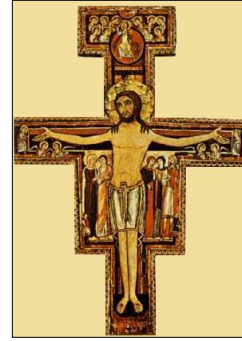


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



April 2009

Next Meeting: April 19, 2009

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 Meeting & Events

At our March gathering we assembled for a Mass and the profession of David Y. into the SFO. Father Steve G. officiated. After the ceremony, the community celebrated the happy day with David, his family and his pastor, Fr. Donald C.. It was an inspiring and joyful day for the entire fraternity.

On Saturday, March 21st, several members of our fraternity attended the Second Regional Formation Seminar in San Diego. Representatives from the Region presented excellent talks on several pertinent topics, including "Vatican II Documents and the Laity" and "The History of the SFO Rule." All very interesting!

The April Gathering & Events

At our April meeting, Tim C. will resume his series of presentations on the Life and Ministry of St. Paul the Apostle. We will also be continuing our discussion and study of the SFO Rule of Life. Please bring your Bible and your copy of our Rule for reference.

On April 25th, as we enter the Easter Season in preparation for Pentecost, fraternity members are urged to attend the "Life in the Spirit Seminar" at the Church of St. Timothy in Escondido. This FREE seminar will give the Holy Spirit, and all the Spirit's gifts and graces, a more prominent place in our journey to God. Since Francis wanted to make the Holy Spirit the Minister General of the Order, the Paraclete has played a critical role in our Franciscan spirituality. (Details on back cover).

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.

On April 25th, a workshop for our spiritual eyes and ears called the *Life in the Spirit Seminar* is offered at St. Timothy's in Escondido. It's our "Day of Recollection" this Spring, and free of charge for the fraternity.

St Zita of Lucca (1218-1278)

St. Francis of Assisi was still living when Zita was born to poor, devout Italian parents. From the age of twelve until her death, she worked as a servant for the Fatinelli family in Lucca. She was a hard worker, pious and generous. Although that dedication provoked jealousy on the part of some other servants, Zita won them over by her patience. She did such a fine job she was eventually placed in charge of the house and entrusted with its keys.

As the years passed, she became famous for helping the sick, the poor and the imprisoned. She died in 1278 and was canonized in 1696. She is the patroness of domestic servants and homemakers.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday! **Irene E.** is celebrating 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 **4th** anniversary of profession. Congratulations one and all!

Memorials

This month, we remember **Cornelia S.**, who departed this life **April 2, 1999**, as well as **Nicholas F.**, who died on **April 17, 2003**.

Prayer Requests:

- For Elaine S. who has arthritis.
- For Joanne T. who holds a job while caring for her 93-year-old father.
- For Joanne's daughter, Michelle Hubbard, who has breast cancer.
- For Virginia Villicano, recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- For Mary B., recuperating from severe bruising in an auto accident
- For Mary's grandson, Russell, who needs our prayers for a hip problem
- For Mary's granddaughter, Natalie Golling, who suffers from colon cancer.
- For Karron's cousin, Mary B., who has cancer in addition to kidney failure.
- For Freeda P.'s friend Myra I., who has stage 3 cancer.

Scriptures for Healing

John 8:36 (Healing for all needs)

If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Psalms 28:7 (Afflictions)

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped...

Hebrews 12:12-13 (Arthritis)

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Isaiah 32:3 (Eyes and Ears)

Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen.

Isaiah 29:18 (Eyes and Ears)

In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (Cancer)

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2 Timothy 1:7 (Cancer)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Hebrews 4:12 (Bones, Joints, Hips, Diabetes)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow...

John 14:27 (Headaches, pain)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:

(This type of peace in Greek is peace for the body in the original Greek interpretation. It dispels discomfort and pain).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 19th (3rd Sunday)

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting on the Sunday after Easter

April 25 (Saturday)

Life in the Spirit Seminar from 9:30 am – 4:30 p.m., *Church of St. Timothy*

We'll experience the power of the Holy Spirit as we recommit our lives to Jesus and ask that the power of the Holy Spirit be released in us. **RSVP to Freeda Perrotto at 760-510-1330**. Freeda can help you if you need a ride or can offer a ride to St. Timothy's.

May 17th (3rd Sunday)

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

May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8 and 15 (Mondays)

Introduction to the Old Testament Writings with James Lockman, OFM

Six 90-minute classes will be offered to introduce adult Christians to the origins and meaning of Old Testament literature. Both scholarly and prayerful dimensions will be explored. Sessions are repeated twice each Monday, at 10:30am and 7:30pm. Morning session includes optional lunch at noon. No pre-registration - just drop in! (Free will offering)