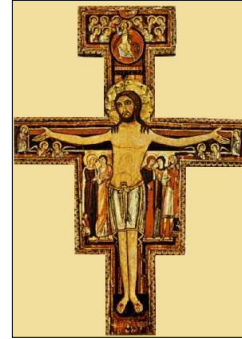


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



May 2009

Next Meeting: May 17, 2009

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

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

FRANCISCAN SAINTS FOR MAY

May 3 - Bl. Thomas Bullaker, Henry Heath,
John Woodcock, Arthur Bell and
Charles Meehan (I)
May 4 – Bl. Ceferino Gimenez Malla (III)
May 6 – Mother Ignatius Hayes (III)
May 9 – St. Catharine of Bologna (II)
May 10- St. Ivo of Brittany (III)
May 11 -St. Ignatius of Laconi (I)

May 12- Mother Teresa O’Neil (III)
May 16- St. Margaret of Cortona (III)
May 17- St. Paschal Baylon (I)
May 18- St. Fellix of Cantalice (I)
May 19- St. Theophilus of Corte (I)
May 20–St. Bernardine of Siena (I)
May 21- St. Crisprin of Viterbo (I)
May 28- St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

The April Gathering & Events

At our April meeting, Tim C. gave a presentation on the 2nd missionary voyage of St. Paul, complete with handouts.

Our Minister Karron gave a slide presentation and handouts on the Prologue of our Rule which showed the Scriptural references and their promises cited by St. Francis in his letter.

On April 25th, many fraternity members attended a day-long “Life in the Spirit Seminar” at St. Timothy’s in Escondido.

Coming in May

At our May gathering, Eileen C. will be giving us insight to Chapter I of our Rule, “The Way of Life” and elicit our input in small group discussion. Members will have time to share their experiences on the Franciscan journey.

Tim will continue to guide us through St. Paul’s final journey and imprisonment in Rome.

In addition to a time for socializing and refreshment, the fraternity will look at a new project for its members, and nominate charities to receive our monthly donations.

Karron's Korner –

Recently, I've been doing some research on the Gifts of the Spirit – timely in this season of Easter – and I came upon a discussion of the Gift of Tongues that I thought you might find of interest.

The Gift of Tongues, the gift of “Heaven-given languages” allows us to *hear* the Presence of the Holy Spirit. Through this gift, the Spirit is able to speak and pray for us and through us to the Father in accordance with God's will.

Christ told his disciples before he ascended to Heaven that the ability to “speak in new tongues” would characterize his faithful followers. Though we can belong to the Kingdom of God without speaking in tongues by virtue of our baptism, but you will lack the power you would otherwise have for living in God's Kingdom on earth.

Here are some reasons for receiving and using the Gift of Tongues:

- 1) 1) *Shows our connection to the Kingdom of Heaven.* Builds faith among unbelievers.
- 2) 2) *Edifies, builds up and recharges our spirits.* We are personally strengthened when we interact with the Father through the Holy Spirit.
- 3) 3) *Reminds us of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence.*
- 4) 4) *Keeps our prayers in line with the Will of God,* and prevents us from praying in selfishness.
- 5) 5) *Stimulates our faith,* for we know that the Spirit is fully communicating our needs and will trust God more completely.

6) 6) *Frees us from worldly contamination.* When we speak the language of God in the Spirit, we take part in the culture of Heaven.

7) 7) *Enables us to pray for the Unknown.* Because the Holy Spirit knows things we know nothing about, we can intercede for what God wills in His language.

8) 8) *Refreshes us spiritually.* Speaking in tongues relieves our anxiety, mental turmoil and perplexity.

9) 9) *Helps us give thanks.* Though we are unlearned in spiritual things, tongues help us to offer the kind of thanks and praise to God that He deserves.

10) 10) *Puts the tongue under subjection.* By praying in tongues, we put our words under the control of the Spirit of God.

Blessed Ceferino Gimenez Malla (III)

The first Gypsy ever beatified was a martyr and a Secular Franciscan. Ceferino, born in Spain in 1861, had a successful business buying and selling horses. He and his wife had no children, but adopted one of his wife's nieces. He attended Mass frequently and joined the Secular Franciscans.

Always generous to the poor, he was known as a reconciler among Gypsies. In 1936 during the bloody Spanish Civil War, Ceferino was arrested for defending a priest who was being dragged through the streets of Barbastro, and for having a rosary. As he stood before the firing squad, Ceferino clutched his rosary and cried out “Viva Cristo Rey!” He was beatified in 1997 by Pope John Paul II.

May Birthdays

Four fraternity members have birthdays this month. Penny J.'s is on the 4th, while Pat D. celebrates on the 7th. Send Elaine S. a birthday greeting on the 13th, and Ed U. on the 18th.

May Anniversaries of Profession

On May 4th, 2003, the fraternity professed Roger A., Jack S and Frances G.. **On May 16, 1999**, Connie and Scott H. were professed –10 years ago this month! And on **May 17th, 1987**, Ruth T. and Betty Lou C. entered the Order. Congratulations!

May Memorials On May 12, 1995, Gerard M., SFO departed this life.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- For Bob Porfirio's new granddaughter, Giovanina, born April 6th.

Intercessions

- For the repose of the soul of our beloved Mary G. SFO, who was buried on Tuesday at Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery. Mary was 94
- For the repose of the soul of Karron E.'s first cousin, Mary Bridget M., who died of cancer and advanced scleroderma, in Manhattan. She was 65.
- For Joanne T. who holds a job while caring for her 93-year-old father.
- For Joanne's daughter, Michelle H., who has breast cancer.
- For Mary B.'s grandson, Russell, who has a hip problem, and for her granddaughter, Natalie G., who has colon cancer.
- For Freeda P.'s friend Myra I., who has stage 3 cancer.

Scriptures on the Gift of Tongues

Isaiah 28:11

Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues, God will speak to this people,

Mark 16: 17:18

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

1 Corinthians 14:5

I would like every one of you to speak in tongues,

1 Corinthians 14:18

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

1 Corinthians 14:22

Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers;

1 Corinthians 15:39

Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

Acts 2:4

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 10:44-46

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 L., 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)

Wednesday, May 20 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Mary, Mother of the Church, with Sr. Mary D., SSND

Discover Mary in her newest title: Mother of the Church. Why is she important to us today? Sister Mary D. is a member of the St. Louis Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She has served as teacher, missionary, director of religious education, development director of missions offices for San Diego diocese and retreat director.

Retreat begins at 6:00pm with Mass in the Mission Church followed by dinner at 6:45pm and presentation 7:30pm-9:00pm. \$25.00 per person. Please pre-register..