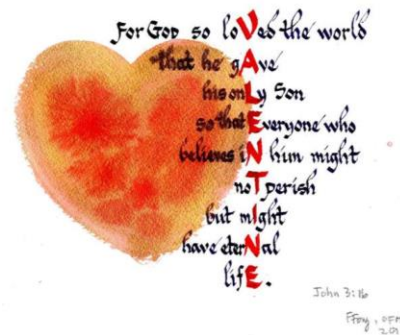




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## Next Meeting FEBURARY 3, 2019

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:

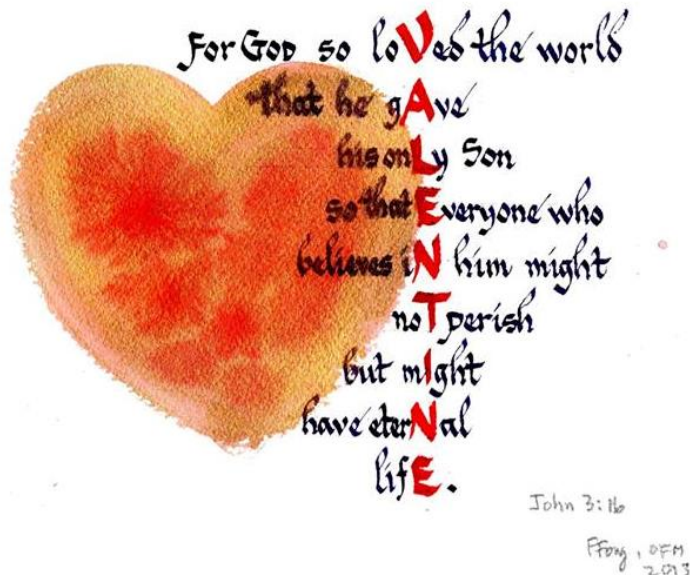
Mar 3, 2019 - April 7, 2019 - May 5, 2019

These are regular monthly gathering; Dates subject to change

### Love in our HOLY RULE by Donna F.

Please bring a copy of Our Holy Rule with you to the gathering.

#### Franciscan thought for the month



When you see a Valentine card, just what does it make you think of?

I know when I see one, I can't help but think of Feb. 14, 1965, yes 54 years ago when I became "God's little Valentine," by professing our Holy Rule on that day... Yes, just a few months over 15 years of age.

Hopefully when you see a Valentine, it brings a special memory to you as well. (Editor)

## Minister's Note

The Holy Martyrs of Nagasaki: Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and Companions

Dear brothers and sisters,  
On February 6, the Church remembers the Holy Martyrs of Nagasaki, also known as the 26 Martyrs of Japan.

They were three Japanese Jesuits, six Franciscan friars and seventeen Japanese Secular Franciscans, crucified on February 5, 1597. They were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862.



From the letter of Friar Peter Baptist, February 2, 1597:

Dearest brothers, help us with your prayers that our death may be acceptable to the majesty of God in heaven where, God willing, we hope to go. We will remember you. We have not forgotten your love here. I have loved you and still love you with all my heart. I wish you the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Farewell, dearest brothers, because there is no longer any time to speak to you. Till we meet in heaven. Remember me.

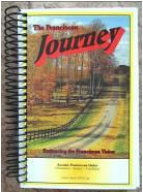
Love will be the topic of our February 3 meeting. Please bring a copy of the Rule.

Peace and love,  
Donna, OFS Minister





## Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting,  
please call Sandy at for more information  
God Bless,  
Sandy Baden, OFS  
Director of Formation

### Anniversaries of Profession



Feb. 6, 2011 Sandra (8 yrs)  
Feb. 10, 2002 Edna (17 yrs)  
Feb. 14, 1965 Carol (54 yrs)



### Memorials



February 2, 1996  
February 9, 2007  
February 21, 1996

Gertrude Weaver  
[Charles Dotson](#)  
Florence Collins

### Birthdays



02	Diane
06	Jack
17	Kelly
14	Marta
28	Mary



### 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.

## Second Reading for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, cycle C

1 COR 12:31—13:13

Brothers and sisters:

Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have **love**,

I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;

if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have **love**, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have **love**, I gain nothing.

**Love** is patient, **love** is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, It is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Love** never fails.

If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease;

if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child;

when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face.

At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

So faith, hope, **love** remain, these three; but the greatest of these is **love**.

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When you go to Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Feb., just listen and ponder what St. Paul is saying in this Letter to the Christians at Corinth, as it is still true today.

A little activity that you can do with this reading, open your Bible, or do it directly on this page, that is if you printed it out, as crayon on the monitor makes a mess. Underline, or highlight the word love (charity in older Bibles) every time it appears. Just how many times did you find it? \_\_\_\_ I'm not going to tell you, as that would ruin the fun... But you may as you 'Gospel people' be asked, just how many times you saw the word love or charity depending on your favorite translation of the Holy Bible. For this little quiz, could we stick to what we hear in Mass, the NAB or NABRE.

My old '*St. Joseph's 'textbook edition' Bible*' says charity where the modern ones say love. How things have changed over the years. I found out recently, when I read the preface of this my first Bible, that it was the immediate predecessor of the NAB/NABRE that we now hear read from the Lectionary at Mass.



## 2. A Digression on Charity

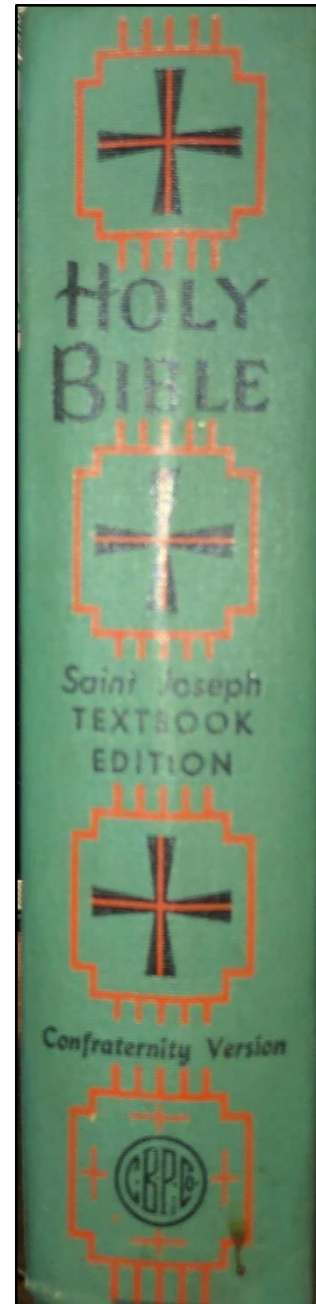
## CHAPTER 13.

**Its Excellence.** <sup>1</sup> And I point out to you a yet more excellent way. If I should speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have charity,\* I have become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, yet do not have charity,<sup>b</sup> I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I distribute all my goods<sup>c</sup> to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned,\* yet do not have charity, it profits me nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Charity is patient, is kind; charity does not envy, is not pretentious, is not puffed up, <sup>5</sup> is not ambitious,\* is not self-seeking, is not provoked; thinks no evil, <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice over wickedness, <sup>d</sup> but rejoices with the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears with all things,<sup>e</sup> believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**Contrast With Other Gifts.** <sup>8</sup> Charity never fails, whereas prophecies will disappear, and tongues will cease, and knowledge will be destroyed. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part; <sup>10</sup> but when that which is perfect has come, that which is imperfect will be done away with. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become a man, I have put away the things of a child. <sup>12</sup> We see now through a mirror\* in an obscure manner, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then <sup>f</sup> I shall know even as I have been known. <sup>13</sup> So there abide faith,<sup>g</sup> hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Required text; for 'Religion' class when I started school there in Sept. 1964.



## Prayer Before Reading the Holy Scriptures

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

**Leader,** Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created.

**Response,** And Thou shall renew the face of the earth.

### Let us Pray

All, O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Indulgence of five years. Plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, if the prayer has been recited daily for a month. (Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, 287)*

## Prayer After Reading the Holy Scriptures

Let me not, O Lord, be puffed up with worldly wisdom, which passes away, but grant me that love which never abates, that I may not choose to know anything among men but Jesus, and Him crucified. (1 Cor. 13: 8, and 8: 2b)

I pray Thee, loving Jesus, that as Thou hast graciously given me to drink in with delight the words of Thy knowledge, so Thou wouldst mercifully grant me to attain one day to Thee, the Fountain of all Wisdom and to appear forever before Thy face. Amen.

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## Why people kiss the Bible after reading the words of the Holy Gospel.

Not limited to the Priest or Deacon at Mass.

To the faithful who piously read at least some verses of the Gospel and in addition, while kissing the Gospel Book, devoutly recite one of the following invocations: "May our sins be blotted out through the words of the Gospel:

"May the reading of the Gospel be our salvation and protection:

"May Christ, the Son of God, teach us the words of the Holy Gospel"

*An indulgence of 500 days is granted;*

*A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions is granted to those who for a whole month daily act in the way indicated above;*

A plenary indulgence is granted at the hour of death to those who often during life have performed this pious exercise, provided they have confessed and received Communion, or at least having sorrow for their sins, they invoke the most holy name of Jesus with their lips, if possible, or at least in their hearts, and humbly accept death from the hand of God as the price for sin. (*Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, 694)

**NOTE:** Indulgences on this page may no longer be valid, as many have been discontinued. 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) These prayers © 1963, Catholic Book Publishing Co. NY, USA



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