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February 2, 2020

10:00 AM Mass in the Serra Center at
11:30 AM - Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge
12:30 PM-Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel
12:50 PM - Adoration, St. Clare Chapel
1:00 - 3:00 PM General Gathering
Council Meeting follows at appx 3:15 - Finish

Future Meetings:

Oct. 6, 2019, Nov. 6, 2019, Dec. 1, 2019, Jan. 5, 2020. Feb. 2, 2020,
These are regular monthly gatherings, All dates subject to change

Theme of the Month
Canticle of the Creatures
As
Prayer for Peace and Love

Just a few of the many Scripture Verses on LOVE

“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13: 34)

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.” (John 15:9)

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” (1 Chronicles 16:34)

“But whoever loves God is known by God.” (1 Corinthians 8: 3)

“There is no fear in love.” (1 John 4:18-19)

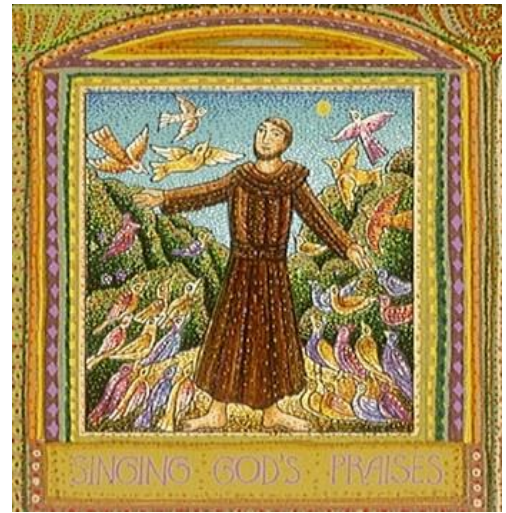


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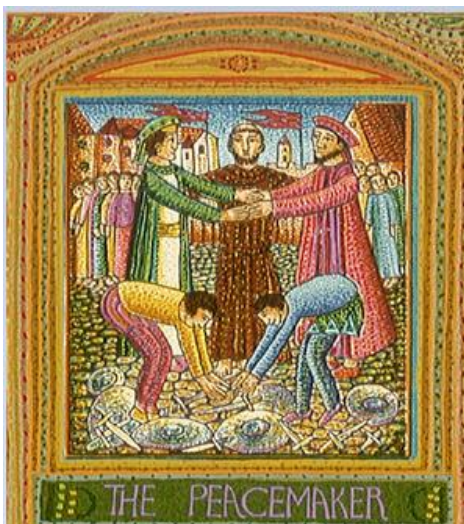
A Love Song – [The Canticle of the Creatures](#)

In a time often fraught with hate and division, Francis shares with us a *love song*. It resonates across the ages and is as meaningful today as it was in 1225.

In 1225, Francis was suffering horrible eye problems, unable to bear exposure to any light. During his illness, Clare and her sisters cared for Francis in a small, dark room adjacent to their convent at San Damiano. While in pain and darkness, Francis composed the first section of the most joyful of songs, the 'Canticle of the Creatures,' sometimes also called the 'Canticle of Brother Sun.' This song is full of praise for God and the brightness & beauty of all creation.



The second section of the Canticle celebrates forgiveness. Francis added this section in September of 1226 during a time of particular turmoil in Assisi. The Mayor and Bishop of Assisi were the powerful leaders of the town, but they were also furious with each other; they hated each other. This hatred spilled out into the city and among their various supporters and factions. Although Francis was near death, out of immense love for them both, Francis intervened as a Peace Maker in this troubled situation. Francis added a verse to the Canticle for them both and for all who would be peacemakers that says 'Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love... Blessed are those who endure in peace...'



Francis then instructed his brothers to go to both of these powerful leaders and ask them to prayerfully listen as they sang the Canticle that praises God, creation, and all those that seek peace. Through the intervention of Francis, the persistence of the Brothers, and the grace of God, the two rival leaders forgave each other and made peace - for themselves and for the people of Assisi. I pray that all those who follow Christ in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi may live joyfully, be filled with the deep courage to seek peace and facilitate forgiveness... and most importantly – to live each day from a place of love.

Pace e Bene -
Laura, OFS, Minister



Even this whale loves our Awesome God as he/she blows a heart out in its plume of water upon surfacing for a breath of fresh air. I bet it was having a 'whale' of a good time on that bright sunny day.

Spiritual Communion: Most **Loving** Jesus, I adore Thee with a lively faith, who art present in this Sacrament by virtue of Thine infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. All my hope is in Thee. I **love** Thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so **loved** me; and therefore, I desire to receive Thee now Most **Loving** Jesus, I adore Thee with a lively faith, who art present in this Sacrament by virtue of Thine infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. All my hope is in Thee. I **love** Thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so **loved** me; and therefore, I desire to receive Thee now Spiritually. Come, therefore, O Lord to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with Thy Sacred Body and Blood; deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to Thy commandments, and let me never be separated from Thee, my Saviour, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

We enjoyed an awesome Epiphany 'potluck' lunch and Gathering...

Who put it on, we did? Thanks to the committee of persons that organized, set-up the O'Keefe lounge.

Thank you go especially those that cleaned up after we finished... Hope we didn't leave you too big of a mess.

As we had a great time trying everybody's favorite dishes.

Thank You again, your
Franciscan Brothers and Sisters

Reminders Page



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, Please call Janice at (951)288-6037, or email sfojan@gmail.com for more information.

God Bless,
Janice (Jan) DeSpain, OFS
Director of Formation

Formation News from Jan DeSpain OFS our Formation Director

Our new year is off to an encouraging start. We have many new inquiries on interest in our community. In January we welcomed Carolyn B. I am in contact with two men who have also been invited to our gatherings. Three professed members (Barbara, Judith, and Laura) have friends who have expressed an interest.

If you have someone who you know might be interested in our way of life, please invite them to a meeting. Hopefully we can begin an Orientation class in the near future.

Candidate Class: Our February class will be facilitated by Kelly F. and Joe C. on February 1st at 2pm. This is the fifth Candidacy session and the assignment is Chapter 14 in the Franciscan Journey. The focus is Article 6 of our Rule. Brothers and Sisters, please pray for Heidi and Dottie as they journey with us. A big thank you to Kelly and Joe for assisting in this class so I can attend a regional formation workshop in San Diego on that day.

Anniversaries of Profession



Feb. 6, 2011 Sandra Baden
Feb. 10, 2002 Edna Patterson
Feb. 14, 1965 Carol Imhoff

Memorials



Jan. 20, 2017 Tim Corrigan
Jan. 26, 2004 Armando Quarantiello
Jan. 29, 2016 Michael Pollack
Jan. 31, 1972 Raymond Langen

Birthdays



14 Dorothea Hoskins
19 Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC
20 Diane Holdren
21 Richard (Dick) Holdren
21 Roger Alves
28 Joe Cannon



Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For the safety of Laura our Minister in her journeys during this busy time of year.
- For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, and all of our Diocesan Bishops, for all of our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.
- For the victims of war, violence, and terrorism throughout the world.
- For all who have asked for our prayers.
- For our families and friends.
- For all of our brothers and sisters served by our fraternity's outreach program.
- All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council, our brothers and sisters who are in formation, our elderly, and or homebound who aren't able come to our fraternity gatherings.
- Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.



Our members who participated in the Diocesan March for Life on Jan. 18, 2020

Holy Gospel for The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas Day

Gospel LK 2:22-32

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, (Lev. 12:2) just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,* (Exod. 13:2) and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,* in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. (Lev. 12:2)

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. (Isa. 40-1; Luke 15:38) It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. (Ps. 89:48)

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, (Gen. 46:30) for my eyes have seen your salvation, (Isa,52:10) which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

I am not going to provide a Gospel Commentary this month, as should you look up the cited Scriptures you will find that several O.T. Prophecies were fulfilled in this short record of this event. Scripture quotes taken from my Bible.

This feast formally known as the Purification of the B.V.M. comes down to us from the early church in Jerusalem. It commemorates not only Our Lady's Purification, but the meeting of Simeon and the Infant Jesus In the Temple. The blessing and lighting of candles is believed to be a remnant left over from the fact that originally all evening processions included the use of lighted candles, and or the Latin words, '*Lumen ad revelationem gentium.*' (A light to the revelation of the gentiles,...' (Luke 2:32)

Canticle of Creatures

87. When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. This sentiment finds magnificent expression in the hymn of Saint Francis of Assisi:

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
who is the day
and through whom you give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant
with great splendour;
and bears a likeness of you, Most High.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through Sister Moon and the stars,
in heaven you formed them clear
and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you, my Lord,
through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather
through whom you give sustenance
to your creatures.

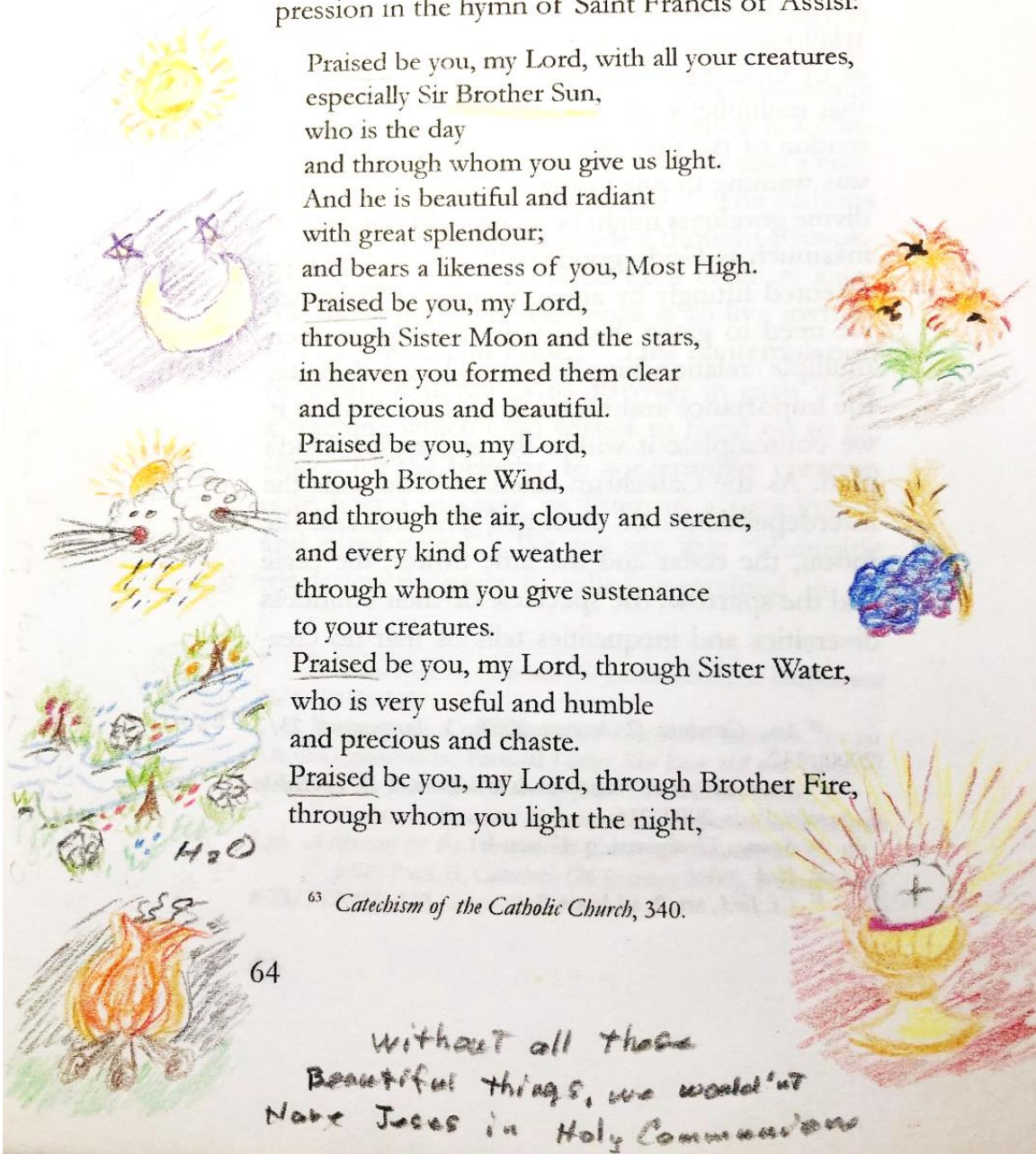
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble
and precious and chaste.

Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night,

⁶³ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 340.

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Without all these
beautiful things, we wouldn't
have Jesus in Holy Communion



and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. (missing final line to above. Laudato Si' Para. 87, By His Holiness Pope Francis. Artwork by Editor.



Oh, last but definitely not least, remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund. The box will be waiting for you, or you can mail your contribution to Luis, OFS our Treasurer.

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