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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – **NEW LOCATION!** St. Bonaventure Room downstairs (former mail room)
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Update on sick members
- Short Apologetics: The Eucharist by Chris Cropper with handouts
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

◆ Theme: THE EUCHARIST ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:53-58)

Prayer of the Month¹

Soul of Christ, sanctify me	Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
Body of Christ, save me	From the malicious enemy defend me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me	In the hour of my death call me
Water from Christ's side, wash me	And bid me come unto Thee,
Passion of Christ, strengthen me	That I may praise Thee with Thy saints and with Thy angels forever and ever. Amen.
O good Jesus, hear me	
Within Thy wounds hide me	

¹ The *Anima Christi*, a prayer from the 14th century, is still widely used after receiving the body and blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. From EWTN devotions, accessed July 30, 2010, URL <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/prayers/anima2.htm>

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

8. On avoiding the sin of envy²

The Apostle said: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except in the Holy Spirit" (*1 Cor 12:3*); and "There is no one who does good, not even one" (*Rm 3:12*). Whoever therefore envies his own brother because of the good, which the Lord says and works in him, tends towards the sin of blasphemy, because he envies the Most High Himself (cf. *Mt 20:15*), who says and works every good.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Rule 14 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself, let them exercise their responsibilities competently in Christian spirit of service.

² St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M, courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>

The Information Corner

August 11th – Feastday of St. Clare³



Clare, born on July 16, 1194, was a beautiful Italian noblewoman who became the Foundress of an order of nuns now called "Poor Clares." When she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach, her heart burned with a great desire to imitate Francis and to live a poor humble life for Jesus. So one evening, she ran away from home, and in a little chapel outside Assisi, gave herself to God. St. Francis cut off her hair and gave her a rough brown habit to wear, tied with a plain cord around her waist. Her parents tried in every way to make her return home, but Clare would not.

Soon her sister, St. Agnes, joined her, as well as other young women who wanted to be brides of Jesus, and live without any money. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Yet they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

St. Clare was sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she said that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?" We should remember this miracle of the Blessed Sacrament when in Church. Then we will pray with great Faith to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: "Save me, O Lord, from every evil - of soul and body."

Tune In For the Truth

Catholic Radio is broadcast on station 1160AM daily from Gaithersburg, MD. EWTN Global Catholic Radio and Guadalupe Radio are among the programs presented. John Corso shared this information at our July Fraternity meeting. Thank you, John!

³ Excerpted from Catholic Online, accessed August 2, URL http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=215

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

Below is an extract from a July 7 letter from our family in India:

I am sick with breathing problems made worse by the weather. My husband is getting some work in the fishing season but bad weather interrupts his work. So there is not much improvement in earnings.



Our three children are promoted to upper grades. We are happy to inform you that we are also selected for tsunami house. Now the work of the house is going on. Kindly pray that it may finish at the earliest.

Your help is a precious one for us. It is a blessing to manage my children's essentials and other household needs. Sending lot of sincere thanks and promise of prayers.

Yours sincerely, Mary Sebastian

Pray For Our Deceased

Joseph Bohan, husband of member Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan, died on June 15. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in the mercy of God.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan; Buleh Mary Bridges; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Corraera and her sisters; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Pattie Wyman; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her sisters; Sarah Hurd and her sister, Mabel Henson; Henry Mullens; Eugene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Vicky Spalding's husband, Sam (cancer); Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Julia Stratchko; and Theresa Wilson. **Maria Louisa Correa** says she misses the members.

**September Birthdays**

September 1 – Kathleen White, 4 – Maria Corraera, 9 – Salvacion Pagado, 12 – Lillian Rymarowicz, 15 – Sarah Hurd, 18 – Marilyn Taylor and Theresa Wilson, 19 – Catherine Horvath, and 23 – Jean Fleurival.

August Reflection**Our Eucharistic Love/God With Us⁴**

By Fr. Stefano M. Manelli



Let us ask the question: What is the Eucharist? It is God with us. It is the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacles of our churches with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is Jesus veiled under the appearance of bread, but really and physically present in the consecrated Host, so that He dwells in our midst, works within us and for us, and is at our disposal. The Eucharistic Jesus is the true Emmanuel, the "God with us" (*Matt 1:23*).

The Eucharistic Jesus is here with us as a brother, as a friend, as spouse of our souls. He wishes to enter within us to be our Food for eternal life, our love, our support. He wants to make us part of His mystical Body in which He would redeem us and save us, and then take us into the kingdom of Heaven to settle us in an everlasting bliss of love.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

September 1 – Blessed Beatrice of Silva, virgin of II Order, founder (optional memorial); 2 – Bl. John Francis Burte, Bl. Severin Girault, and Companions, martyrs of I and III Orders (optional memorial); 4 – Saint Rose of Viterbo, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for III Order); 17 – Stigmata of our holy Father Francis (feast); 18 – Saint Joseph of Cupertino, priest of I Order (feast); 20 – Saint Francis Mary of Camporosso, religious of I Order (memorial); 23 – Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, stigmatist and priest of I Order (feast), and Finding of the body of Saint Clare (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Elzear of Sabran and Blessed Delphina of Glandenes, husband and wife of III Order (optional memorial for III Order)

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days or birthdays (shown as (B)) are this coming month: September 3 – Joshua Doyle, 8 – Sabin Plechta (B), 21 – Jacob-Matthew Smith, and 29 – Angelo Ison and Michael Raum.

⁴ Fr. Stefano M. Manelli, *Jesus Our Eucharistic Love*, Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate (1996).