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## Schedule

- 10:00am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary – Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:00am Rehearsal for those to be professed – Monastery Church
- 12:00am Mass and Profession ceremony – main church
- 1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering with reception – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Reception honoring newly professed members **Saturnino Camposano, Vilma Camposano, Emy Coulibaly, Carrol Williams**
- Distribution of Profession Certificates
- Minister and Formation Director's address to newly professed
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the "Shorter Christian" Prayer Book, please bring it with you.
- Closing blessing



## ◆ Theme: PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

"Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."  
(1 Chronicles 29:11-13)

Have  
Faith  
in  
GOD

### Prayer of the Month

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



*(It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30th) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.)*

### **Contacting Council**

Below is contact information for Council members; please call before 9pm.



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### **ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS**

#### **11. That no one should be corrupted by the wickedness of another<sup>1</sup>**

No thing ought to displease the servant of God except sin. And in whatever manner another person would sin, even on account of this the servant of God, out of charity, would not be upset or grow angry, (as one who) hoards up fault for himself (cf. *Rm 2:5*). That servant of God, who does not grow angry nor disturbs himself on another's behalf, lives rightly without anything of his own. And blessed is he, who does not let anything remain for himself, rendering those things "which are Caesar's to Caesar, and those which are God's to God" (*Mt 22:21*).

### **Thanksgiving Meal**

Larry Bleau and his wife will host a Thanksgiving meal for Fraternity members at their home in College Park on Thanksgiving Day. If you want to join them, call Larry at 301-474-1338 (or email him at [larval03@gmail.com](mailto:larval03@gmail.com)); space is limited to ten. If you want to bring a dish, let Larry know.



<sup>1</sup> 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 Rule**

Chapter Two, Article 16 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.

### **Seeking Counsel With Council**

Sometimes members wish to speak with Fr. Kevin or another Council member after a Fraternity meeting in regards to a spiritual or personal matter. Please schedule time with that person after our Mass (usually between 12:15 and 12:45) or on some other day, rather than immediately after the meeting. This will permit the Council meeting to begin on time, which usually follows the Fraternity meeting. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



### **From the Mailbox: News of our Family**

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

Thanks you for the help you have sent for my family. I remember you in our daily prayers and holy Mass. I do household work and my husband is a fisherman but he makes very little money. Our children are studying well. I was hospitalized for headache and allergy and have to take medicines for six months. I wish you a Happy Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Have good health, peace and happiness.



Yours sincerely, Mary Sebastian

### **December Birthdays**

December 1 – Mary DeShazo and Jean White, 16 – Clotilda Crawley; 19 – Marianne Hughes; 20 – Patrick Nolan, Mark Pirritano, and Soledad Wong; 24 – Patricia Ferguson; 29 – Charles Flachbarth; 29 – Rose Lawrence; and 31 – Leonora Okomo.

## **The Information Corner**

### **Blessing Of The Advent Wreath <sup>2</sup>**

*Note: If you'd like, please bring your Advent Wreath and candles, and we will ask Fr. Kevin to bless them for us.*



#### **First Week: One purple candle is lit.**

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

Leader: And His love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray, that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.

Prayer: Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of Your love and our minds are searching for the light of Your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in our faith so that the day of His coming may find us prepared and filled with joy. Amen.

#### **Second Week: Two purple candles are lit.**

Leader: May the Lord's peace be with us all.

All: The Lord is our faith and our life.

Leader: May His love shine in our hearts.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray, that we may experience fully the peace of Christ.

Prayer: Father in heaven, the day draws near when the birth of Your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May His quiet coming fill us with true inner peace. Amen.

#### **Third Week – Two purple candle are lit and one pink candle.**

Leader: The Lord's love shine in our hearts.

All: And may His peace be with us all.

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray, that we may grow in love for each other as the Lord comes to us.

Prayer: Father in heaven, may we Your family who look forward to the birthday of Christ

experience the joy of Your love and celebrate His birth with a new sense of love for each other. Amen.

#### **Fourth Week: All the candles are lit.**

Leader: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.

All: May His love shine in our hearts.

Leader: And may the Lord's peace be with us all.

All: The Lord is our hope and our life.

Leader: Let us pray, that the newborn Savior will bring us His love which lasts forever.

Prayer: Father in heaven, our minds and hearts are filled with hope. We long to hear the voice which tells us of the coming of the Christ Child. Amen.

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### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's brother, Ronald; Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan; Buleh Mary Bridges; Maria Louisa Corraera and her sister, Maria Franco; Lordes Corso; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Pattie Wyman; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Sarah Hurd and her sister, Mabel Henson; Gwen Mason and her husband, Robert; Henry Mullens; Eugene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Donna Wilkes; and Theresa Wilson.




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### **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

December 2 – Blessed Maria Angela Astroch, Virgin, and Blessed Rafal Chylinski, I Order; 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron and Queen of the Franciscan Orders; 10 – Blessed Peter Tecelano, III Order; 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron and Queen of the Americas; 13 – Finding the Body of Our Holy Father Francis; 15 – Blessed Mary Frances Schervier, virgin of III Order; 16 – Blessed Honoratus Kozminski, priest, I Order.

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### **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: December 3 – Francisco Xavier Sihuay and Xavier Geiser, 7 – Ambrose Beam, 26 – Stephen Francis Sabbagh, and 27 – John Savage.

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<sup>2</sup> Taken from a pamphlet printed by Abbey Press. Accessed October 29, 2010, URL <http://www.2heartsnetwork.org/advent.htm>

## **November Reflection**

*By Vicky Spalding, SFO*

### **Seasons To Reflect Upon**

Thanksgiving and Advent are Seasons of Praise and Preparation. St. Francis and Clare spent their lives in praise of Jesus Christ and in preparation to one day meet their Lord and Maker. We, too, should reflect each day on our blessings and praise God for them. Praise releases the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and should be given, not only in good times but also in bad. This is not an easy task when things are difficult, but it is one St. Paul speaks of in his letter to Timothy. He tells Timothy to persevere, whether it is convenient or inconvenient. This is one of the reasons the Church offers different Liturgical seasons; to make our hearts ready in preparation for our journey to our eternal home.



Advent reminds us of the preparation we must do to welcome the Lord into our hearts. Our hearts should become the bed in which Jesus can be born. In order to make our hearts ready, we must spend time in prayer, adoration, thanksgiving, and we must receive the Sacraments worthily. We must dissipate all hatred, misgivings, animosity and slander towards one another and instead strive to live in peace, harmony, and joy.

In order to celebrate Christmas and to show the awesome humility of God, St. Francis decided to reenact the first Christmas crèche. Francis, with the assurance of friendship, sent word to his friend, John Vellita: "If you want to celebrate the Feast of the Lord at Greccio, hurry and diligently prepare what I tell you. For I wish to recall to memory the little child who was born in Bethlehem. I want to set before our bodily eyes the hardships of his infant needs, how he lay in the manger, how with an ox and ass standing by he lay upon the hay." Francis wanted to make known the human Jesus to the world, the Jesus, who loved us enough to shed his divinity for us.

During this Advent Season, let us remember the two sister virtues that Francis strove so hard to

imitate; poverty and humility. In this way, we will empty out ourselves and open up our hearts for the coming of Our Lord.

## **The Canticle of the Creatures**

*By St. Francis of Assisi*

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,  
All praise is Yours, all glory, honor and blessings.  
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;  
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

We praise You, Lord, for all Your creatures,  
especially for Brother Sun,  
who is the day through whom You give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,  
of You Most High, he bears your likeness.



We praise You, Lord, for Sister Moon  
and the stars,  
in the heavens you have made them  
bright, precious and fair.

We praise You, Lord, for Brothers  
Wind and Air,  
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,  
by which You cherish all that You  
have made.

We praise You, Lord, for Sister Water,  
so useful, humble, precious and pure.  
We praise You, Lord, for Brother Fire,  
through whom You light the night.  
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.  
We praise You, Lord, for Sister Earth,  
who sustains us with her fruits, colored flowers, and  
herbs.

We praise You, Lord, for those who pardon,  
for love of You bear sickness and trial.  
Blessed are those who endure in peace,  
by You Most High, they will be crowned.

We praise You, Lord, for Sister Death,  
from whom no-one living can escape.  
Woe to those who die in their sins!  
Blessed are those that She finds doing Your Will.  
No second death can do them harm.

We praise and bless You, Lord, and give You  
thanks, and serve You in all humility.

