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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session, Sacred Heart Room (downstairs in the Friary)
9:30am Candidate Session, St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
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 to be provided.
12:45pm Fraternity Meeting, St. Francis Room
2:30pm Council Meeting, Sacred Heart Room

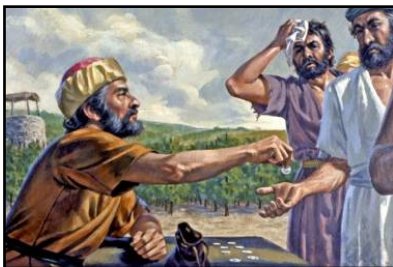
Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayers
- Fraternal Visitation – Introduction and welcome to Ann Corro, Regional Councilor (see article)
- Handouts
- An Historic Overview of the SFO Rule – a talk to be given by Chris Cropper w/video
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

◆ Theme: BEAUTIFUL LOVE ◆

Bible Quote of the Month



“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.’ When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. When those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who

have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.’ But he answered and said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?’ So the last shall be first, and the first last.”
(*Matthew 20:8-16*)

Prayer of the Month

Lord, I love you beyond measure. Help me to surrender always to your Holy Will and do what is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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The Rule

Chapter Three, Article 26, paragraph 2 of The Rule of the SFO.

To promote fidelity to the charism as well as observance of the rule and to receive greater support in the life of the fraternity, the minister or president, with the consent of the council, should take care to ask for a regular pastoral visit by the competent religious superiors as well as for a fraternal visit from those of the higher fraternities, according to the norm of the constitutions.

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

21. On the inane and loquacious religious¹

Blessed (is) the servant, who when he speaks, does not reveal all his own (thoughts) in view of (some) reward, and is not swift to speak (cf. Prov. 29:20), but wisely weighs what he ought to speak and answer. Woe to him religious, who does not retain in his heart (Lk 2:19.51) the good things, which the Lord shows him, and does not show them to others through work, but who in view of (some) gain desires rather to show them to men with words. He himself receives "his wage" (cf. Mt 6:2; 6:16) and (his) hearers bring back little fruit.

¹ 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

This meditation written by Fr. Amorth, a famous exorcist, and published in the August 2011 *Magnificat*. He also authored four books on the Blessed Mother.

We must make this abundantly clear: evil, suffering, death, and hell (that is, eternal damnation in everlasting torment) are not acts of God..... One day Father Candida was expelling a demon. Toward the end of the exorcism, he turned to the evil spirit and sarcastically told him, "Get out of here. The Lord has already prepared a nice, well heated house for you!" At this, the demon answered, "You do not know anything! It wasn't he (God) who made hell. It was us. He had not even thought about it." Similarly, on another occasion, while I was questioning a demon to know whether he had contributed to the creation of hell, I received this answer: "All of us cooperated."

Christ's centrality in the plan of creation, and its restoration through redemption, is fundamental to understanding God's plan and the end of the world.



Angels and men received an intelligent and free nature. When I am told (by those who confuse predestination with God's providence) that God already knows who will be saved and who will be damned, and therefore anything we do is useless, I usually answer with four truths that the Bible spells out for us: God wants that everyone be saved; no one is predestined to go to hell; Jesus died for everyone; and everyone is given sufficient graces for salvation.

Christ's centrality tells us that we can be saved only in his name. It is only in his name that we can win and free ourselves from the enemy of our salvation, Satan. At the end of the most difficult exorcisms, when I am confronted with total demonic possession, I pray the christological hymn of the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11). When I speak the words "so that all beings in the heavens, on earth, and in the underworld should bend the knee at the name of Jesus," I kneel, everyone present kneels, and always the one possessed by the demons is also compelled to kneel. It is a moving and powerful moment. I always feel that all the legions of the angels are surrounding us, kneeling at the name of Jesus.

Fraternal Visitation

This month we will have as our guest Ann Corro, SFO, Metro DC Area Councilor, who is on the Regional Executive Council for the St. Margaret of Cortona Region. She will conduct the triennial fraternal visitation. Please make her feel welcome.

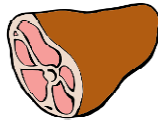
News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda visited our meeting last month and introduced himself. He is very thankful for our support, invites you to stay in touch with him at RPineda@adwparish.org, and says he will pray for us. We have you in our prayers, too, Ryan!

Food for Fraternity Meeting

Please don't forget to **donate \$1** to help with luncheon expenses. A can will be placed on the food table for your convenience. Thank you!

Below is a list of food items members volunteered to bring to the meeting. Contact Bill Richardson (richardson4645@yahoo.com or 301-848-7390) if you wish to opt out, confirm, or bring a different item.



Main entree: Ham	Chris Cropper
Chicken	Bernard Adundo
Cake	Joan Adundo
Potato Salad	Clotilda Crawley
Salad	Corky Hurt
Vegetables	Virginia Lyons
Donuts	Chris Cropper
Watermelon	Ling Guiron
Water	Bill Richardson, Josephine Awich
Fruit/Dessert	David Weir

If you want to volunteer to bring something for October, 2011 please let Chris Cropper and/or Bill Richardson know well in advance.

October Birthdays

October 2 – Eugene Sides, 6 – Margaret Murphy, 15 – Raymond Apodaca, 17 – Cornelia Hart, and 22 – Gerda Biglin.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Buelah Mary Bridges** prays the rosary for all our members.
- **Emerita Cabigas** has a new telephone number: 703-431-3052. Update your directory!
- **Joan and Bernard Adundo** have new email addresses: adundojoan@yahoo.com and adundobernard@gmail.com.
- **Helen Walls** writes from Coatesville, PA: she spends weekends with elderly mother, enjoys activities at the local Senior Center, and remembers the fraternity at daily Mass and prayers.



Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days (or birthdays (B)) are this coming month: October 4 – St. Francis, 7 – Jeremy Harrington (B), 14 – Callistus Welch, 19 – Piotr Blajer, and 25 – Thomas Courtney.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials



October 4 – Our Holy Father Francis, deacon, founder of Three Franciscan Orders (solemnity); 6 – Saint Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for the III Order); 10 – Saints Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (optional memorial); 12 – Saint Seraphin of Montegrano, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 20 – Blessed James of Strepar, bishop of I Order (optional memorial), and Blessed Contardo Ferrini, member of III Order (optional memorial for III Order); 21 – Blessed Josephine Leroux, virgin and martyr of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 22 – Saint Peter of Alcantara, priest of I Order (memorial); 23 – Saint John of Capistrano, priest of I Order (memorial); 26 – Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 30 – Anniversary of Dedication in Consecrated Franciscan Churches (solemnity).

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond; Buelah Mary Bridges; Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan and her family (no calls, please); Maria Louisa Correa (cancer of the eyes) and her sister, Maria Franco; Lordes Corso; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; Roy Foster; Ling Guiron (operation); Marianne Hughes and her family; Gwen Mason and her husband, Robert; Gene Sides; Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruth Ann; Julia Stratchko; Helen Walls (knee problem); Dineen Whipple (lymphoma); Donna Wilkes and her friend, Laura Long; and Theresa Wilson.

Pray For Our Deceased

Phillip McLeod, brother of Candidate Deborah McNeilly-Williams, who died on July 7, 2011, at the age of 62 of esophageal cancer.

Friar Aloysius (Armando) Florio, O.F.M., who died on August 25, 2011, at the age of 78 after an illness. A funeral Mass was celebrated on August 30, and he was interred with his brother friars in the Monastery's cemetery.



May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members, their families, and our extended Franciscan family, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

September Reflection

By Vicky Spalding, SFO

Beautiful Love! That is the theme of this month's meeting... After reflecting on 'beautiful love', I realized how fitting this theme is for the month of September. This is the month we celebrate Our Lady's birthday, the feast of the stigmata of St. Francis, and the Holy Archangels. All part of God's love for us!

Catholics have given the Blessed Mother many titles, but the greatest title that she has is that she is the Mother of God! That title made her very special in Francis' and Clare's eyes. It was because of her fiat to God, that she gave Jesus to us as our Savior and brother. We might say that Francis also made Our Lady head of the vocation department for the Franciscan Order. He entrusted all vocations to her, and our fraternity has followed in his footsteps. Many of us gather for the Franciscan Crown Rosary before each monthly Mass to pray to Our Lady for her intentions, for an increase of her virtues, and for all those intentions we hold dear in our heart. As you can readily see, Our Lady has blessed our fraternity abundantly for it!

On September 17th, we will also celebrate the feast of the Stigmata of Francis. We have this account from the *Legenda Minor* of St. Bonaventure²:



Two years before Francis, the faithful servant of Christ, gave his soul back to God, he was alone on the top of Mt. Alverna. There he had begun a fast of forty days in honor of the archangel Michael and was immersed more deeply than usual in the delights of heavenly contemplation. His soul became aglow with the ardor of fervent longing for heaven as he experienced within himself the operations of grace. As he was drawn aloft through ardent longing for God one morning near the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, and was praying on the mountainside, he saw what appeared as a seraph with six bright wings gleaming like a fire descending from the heights of heaven. As this figure approached in swift flight and came near the man of God it appeared not only winged but also crucified. The sight of it amazed Francis and his soul experienced joy mingled with pain. He was delighted with the sight of Christ appearing to him so graciously and intimately and yet the awe-inspiring vision of Christ nailed to the cross aroused in his soul a joy of compassionate love.



When the vision vanished after a mysterious and intimate conversation it left Francis aglow with seraphic love in his soul. Externally, however, it left marks on his body like those of the Crucified as if the impression of a seal had been left on heated wax. The figures of the nails appeared immediately on his hands and feet. The heads of the nails were inside his hands but on top of his feet with their points extending through to the opposite side. His right side too showed a blood-red wound as if it had been pierced by a lance, and blood flowed frequently from it.

Lastly, we have the feast of the Holy Archangels. In Roman Catholicism, three are honored by name: St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael. Michael in the Hebrew language means "Who is like unto God?" or "Who is equal to God?" Gabriel means "Man of God" or "Might of God." He is the herald of the mysteries of God, especially the Incarnation of God and all other mysteries related to it. Raphael means "God's healing" or "God the Healer" (Tobit 3:17, 12:15). And so there you have it. We are indeed blessed with the beautiful love of God!

² de Stigmatibus sacris, 1-4; ed. Quaracchi, 1941; pp. 202-204