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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Open House – Friary
- 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

- Opening Prayer, and news
- Discuss if we should meet in December
- Open discussion for Ongoing Formation teaching topics
- Small group break-out session for Outreach Ministries
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

◆ Theme: THE HOLY SPIRIT ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ... They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. (*Acts 2:1-4, 42-43*)

Prayer of the Month

Lord, please make me more aware of what you're doing in my life. Help me to know when your angels are assisting me, when demons are trying to tempt me, when you're sending me your graces, when you're leading me in a certain direction, when my suffering has meaning.¹



¹ Anthony Destefano (2011). *The Invisible World*, p 188.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

22. On Correction²

Blessed (is) the servant who would endure discipline, accusation and rebuke as patiently



from another as from his very self. Blessed (is) the servant, who having been rebuked, acquiesces kindly, submits meekly, confesses humbly and makes satisfaction freely. Blessed (is) the servant, who is not quick to excuse himself and humbly endures shame

and rebuke because of a sin, even though he has not committed (any) fault.

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>



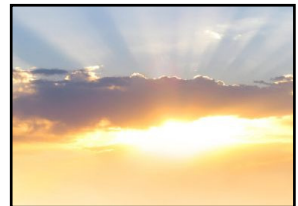
The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 18 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High, and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

The Information Corner

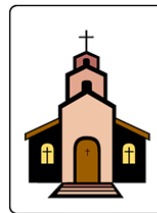
The Morning Offering is a wonderful way to start the day. Upon arising we should give thanks to God for protecting us through the night and offer ourselves to His plan for the day. Here are two very simple forms of that prayer:



- “God, I’m just a poor sinner, but all that I do today I do for you.”
- Franciscan Morning Offering, “Jesus, Lord, I offer you this new day because I believe in you, love you, hope all things in you, and thank you for your blessings. I am sorry for having offended you and forgive everyone who has offended me. Lord, look on me and leave in me peace, courage, and your humble wisdom, that I may serve others with joy and be pleasing to you all day. Amen.”

Open House

Open House will be held on October 16, in the Friary. It is intended for those interested in joining the Secular Franciscan Order. Visitors will be greeted in the lobby of the Friary at 9:30am. The meeting will be directed by Chris Cropper, our Vice-Minister, in the absence of our Minister, Vicky Spalding; John Hewitt, our Formation Director, will also greet them. Please greet our visitors warmly.



From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Adele Spellerberg** says she prays the rosary for our members. Bless you, Adele, we pray for you as well!
- **Dineen Whipple** wrote, "Thank you all for all your prayers. I know they are helping us through this trial."
- **Vicky Spalding** thanks everyone for the emails, prayers, and get well cards she received regarding her lengthy surgery. She writes, "I am recuperating slowly. I am praying that I will be able to come up on the 16th... Please pray with me! Thanks, and may God bless all of you!" All our prayers are with you, Vicky!



Faces To Remember



The family of Sarah Hurd, SFO, sent us a photo of Sarah, who passed away earlier this year. We would like to share this photo, since few members have actually met Sarah. Please keep her and all our departed members and their families in your prayers.

Food for Fraternity Meeting

Please don't forget to **donate \$1** to help with luncheon expenses. A separate envelope will be passed around 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.



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| Main entree: fried chicken | Chris Cropper |
| Salad | Peggy Tippett |
| Potato salad | Nirvana Jolls |
| Bread/rolls | Kady Konar |
| Vegetables | Corky Hart, Polly Howard |
| Donuts | Oyoua Hoba |
| Scrambled eggs | Vilma & Saturnino Camposano |
| Dessert | Ling Guiron |
| Beverages | Bill Richardson |

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

Please Pray For Our Sick

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



November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond and Charlotte Markoe, 6 – Mary Brown and Fred Scharf, 11 – Josephine Awich, 26 – Rosemary Bordley, 28 – Vera Mendoza, and 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.



Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop of III Order (memorial); 6 – Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Orders (memorial); 7 – Saint Didacus of Alcala, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin of III Order, Founder (memorial in the U.S.); 14 – Saint Nicholas Tavelic, priest and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, member and patron of the III Order (feast); 18 – Blessed Salome, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 19 – Saint Agnes of Assisi, virgin of II Order (memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, priest of the I Order (memorial); 27 – Blessed Francis Anthony Fasani, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 28 – Saint James of the March, priest of I Order (memorial); 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Orders (feast).

October Reflection:
The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

By Chris Cropper, SFO

As I was meditating on the third Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary, I started to think of the fruit of the Spirit and how it helps to have a physical analogy of a spiritual truth. I wondered if I was producing good fruit in all the different aspects of my life. I thought about work, family, friends, and society as a whole; how I want to produce good fruit and love others, but sometimes I fall short of the goal.

Jesus tells us in John chapter 15 how He is the vine and we are the branches, and that we must abide in Him to produce good fruit. So it all starts with a real relationship with God in prayer and letting Him know my desire to serve and honor Him with my life. With God is love! If I stay close to God in prayer with a pure desire to love Him and others I will be successful.

To do this, I have to be on guard all the time; this is where the Holy Spirit comes in. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23).” We can ask ourselves questions like: did I handle this situation with love and peace? Did I show self-control? Was I gentle and kind? We can use this beautiful verse to help us do a quick review of conscience.

Everything we do as Christians and Franciscans is predicated on our relationship with the triune God. We can’t do it alone, and God the Father knows that. He sent His Son to redeem us and show us an example, and continually help us with the Holy Spirit and His transforming power. So by asking God to help us produce good fruit and plenty of it, He will do as long as we display our willingness for conversion, repentance, trust, and a desire to do His holy will in our lives.



Happy Feast Day