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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 will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayers
- Book review
- Talk given by Fr. Kevin Treston, O.F.M.
- Handout on talk
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

Reminder: If you are unable to attend the fraternity meetings for more than one month, please notify one of the Council members. The Criteria for Active-excused and lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.

◆ Theme: CLEANLINESS ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as “foreigners in the land.” For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. (1 Peter I:17-20)

Prayer of the Month

Petition to Jesus Christ: That We may Be Saved¹

Lord Jesus Christ, who camest down from heaven to earth from the bosom of the Father, and didst shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins: we humbly beseech Thee, that in the day of judgment we may deserve to hear, standing at Thy right hand: “Come, ye blessed.” Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

¹ Richert, Scott P. Accessed July 3, 2012, URL http://catholicism.about.com/od/tothesacredheart/qt/Petition_Christ.htm

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

3. Let no one appropriate to himself superior over others²

I did not come “to be ministered unto, but to minister” (cf. Mt 20:28), says the Lord. Let those, who are set up over others, glory as much because of that office of superior, as if they had been appointed to the office of washing the feet of the brothers. And in as much as they are more disturbed because of having lost their office of superior than because of (having lost) the office regarding feet, so much more do they assemble purses for themselves to the danger of their souls (cf. John 12:6).

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>

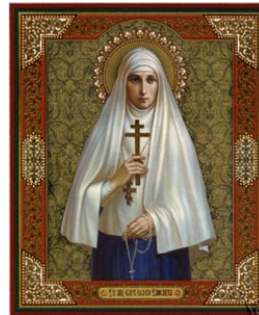


The Rule

Chapter One, Article 1 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the people of God--laity, religious, and priests-- who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. In various ways and forms but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

The Information Corner



July 4th – Feastday of St. Elizabeth of Portugal^{3,4}

We all know of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, one of the patrons of the Secular Franciscan Order. Little is said about St. Elizabeth of Portugal, however, whose feastday coincides with our nation’s Independence Day.

Elizabeth of Portugal was actually the great-niece of Elizabeth of Hungary, and was also a Tertiary. Born in 1271 to a Spanish noble family (known in Portugal by her Spanish name Isabel), she was promised at age 12 as a bride to Dinis, king of Portugal. She was a loyal wife, practiced her faith devoutly, attended

³ Extracts from: Capes, F. (1909). St. Elizabeth of Portugal. In *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. New York: Robert Appleton Company. Accessed July 5, 2012 from New Advent: URL

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/05391a.htm>

⁴ Extracts from: Cirurgiao, Maria J. and Hull, Michael D. (1996). Elizabeth Of Portugal: 'For, In Her Is A Spirit Intelligent, Holy, Unique'. In “The Wanderer” (July 4, 1996), 201 Ohio Street, St. Paul, MN 55107. Accessed July 6, 2012, from EWTN, URL

<http://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/ELIZPORT.HTM>



daily Mass, fasted, prayed the Divine Office daily, cared for the poor and the sick, and was an example of holiness to those around her. She bore a son and a daughter to her husband. His morals were poor, however, and his court corrupt; he fathered illegitimate sons and showered them with favors. This

led to a war between father and son, and Elizabeth served as a peacemaker between the parties, personally travelling between the two camps.

Elizabeth's prayers and example won over her husband late in his life. After her husband died in 1325, Elizabeth retired to the convent of the Poor Clares and wore only the Tertiary habit, disdaining her royal robes, and devoted herself to the Church and the poor.

Elizabeth died in 1336 on July 4. She was canonized by Pope Urban VIII on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 25, 1625. She was buried in the Church of St. Clare at Coimbra. Her coffin was last opened in 1912, and her remains were found to be incorrupt. She is the patron saint of the Portuguese Academy of Sciences.

Food for Fraternity Meeting

We will need a few people to bring fruit or veggies to the next meeting. Contact Bill Richardson (richardson4645@yahoo.com) or 301-848-7390) if you can help. Thanks!

Please Pray For Our Sick



Rita Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Lourdes Corso; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Sarah Faizi's friend, Emmy; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Patty Wyman; John Fleaurval; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her sister, Ellen Burgess; Gene Sides and his wife, Annegret; Vicky Spalding; Adele Spellerberg and her daughter, Ruthie; Cecilia Thieman; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Winston Williams; and Theresa Wilson.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Joe Rende** shares that his daughter, Kelly, is now expecting a son. Congratulations to both of you!



- **Nita Mullins** meets Mother Mary Michael, the new Mother Superior of the Jeanne Jugan Residence (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Harewood Road.



- Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Dear loving friends,

We received your generous assistance and thank you for your kindness. With the help of your aid we managed to buy our children's educational requirements and pay some debt.

Last month there was a camp for children named "AWAKE 2012" conducted by FFA Aleppey. Our children have gone to the camp and said the camp was useful and helpful for their growth. All the children have been promoted to their upper grades.

Hope you and your dear ones are in good health. We thank you again and assure you of our fervent prayers.

May God bless you abundantly,

Mary Sebastian

August Birthdays

August 8 – David Weir, 12 – Ronald McElligott, 13 – Alberto Gamez and Apollonia Sergi, 16 – Louis Remlin, and 29 – Christopher Cropper.

Support The Knights

The Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre will conduct a raffle ticket fundraiser. Tickets are \$1 each, or \$5 for six. Drawing will be on August 17. Contact Larry Bleau (301-474-1338) for tickets.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

August 2 – Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula (feast); 4 – Saint John Vianney, priest of III Order. (memorial); 7 – Blesseds Agathangelus and Cassian, priests and martyrs of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Holy Father Dominic, priest founder of the Order of Preachers (feast); 11 – Saint Clare of Assisi, virgin of II Order (feast, solemnity for II and III Order nuns); 14 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Roch, member of III Order; 19 – Saint Louis of Toulouse, bishop of I Order (memorial); 21 – Saint Pius X, pope, member of III Order (memorial); and 25 – Saint Louis IX, king, member and patron of III Order (memorial).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: August 6 – Fadi Azar, and 14 – Maximilian Wojciechowski.

Pray For Our Deceased Beulah Mary

Bridges, who died on December 23, 2011. Mary was professed in 1965. Condolences may be sent to her niece, Ms. Yvonne M. Theodore, at 2901 Boston St. Apt. 104, Baltimore, MD 21224. May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.

July Reflection

By Vicky Spalding, SFO

This month, we celebrate the Precious Blood of our Savior. Each day, we are blessed to have the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, if we are able to attend daily Mass.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were not allowed to eat the blood of the animals they sacrificed. In Leviticus 17:14, God sent Moses to tell the Israelites,

“Since the life of every living body is its blood, I have told the Israelites: You shall not partake of the blood of any meat. Since the life of every living body is its blood, anyone who partakes of it shall be cut off.”

In the New Testament, however, Jesus confirms how we must drink of His blood, in order to have life within us. In John 6:54-57, he says,

“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.”



And in Mark 14:24, at the Last Supper, Jesus said to His disciples,

“This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”

Since the life of every living body is its blood, Jesus shed His body, so that we might partake of His blood and have life in Him. Jesus’ blood gives us that life. Jesus’ covenant with us is eternal. Therefore, Jesus shed every last drop of blood in order that we might be forgiven. He was the lamb that was slain for our sins.

Therefore, God wants us to offer ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice also. He no longer wants dead sacrifices. The best sacrifice that we can give God involves loving our neighbor and forgiving our enemies. If you have someone in your life that you have not forgiven, pray to Jesus and Mary to help you have the grace to forgive. Then, you will truly appreciate the sacrifice that Our Lord has made for you when He shed His most precious blood.

May the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus bring us to everlasting life! Amen.