



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH, 2016

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
GATHERINGS

March 20th
April 24th
May 22nd
June 26th

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

Meeting March 20, 2016

St. James Catholic Church, Petaluma

Council Meeting: 12:30 – 1:30

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30

Prayers – Opening and Closing: (seeking volunteers, call Kathleen)

Ongoing Formation: Mark will lead; (please send him surveys, Kathleen is mailing out surveys to those who were not able to attend last meeting)

Next meeting we will discuss ministry options as a fraternity and organizations we wish to support financially as a fraternity

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
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Minister's Letter, March 2016

Peace be with you.

May our Creator God surround you with the Healing and Light of Christ.

Every so often, I open to a passage of scripture that I don't frequently read. Today the passage was Matthew 23. What a powerful call to accountability from Jesus! He addresses hypocrisy, the human desire for significant titles ("Rabbi", "Father", "Teacher"), and his own longing to gather the children of Jerusalem to himself, only to be refused. In verse 23, Jesus states that the Pharisees have neglected "the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and good faith." (Quote from Matthew 23:23, New American Bible)

Jesus reminds us that the greatest among us is the one that serves the rest. None of us are meant to be put on pedestals- that is probably one of the greatest dangers to the spiritual life. When Jesus asks us to attend to justice, mercy and good faith, He gives us enough work to prevent us from having a chance to bask in a spotlight for long. Our Lent is an opportunity to feast on our abilities to care for "the least of our brothers and sisters". It is a time for remembering to humble ourselves and stretch out. In Matthew 23, Jesus challenges us to look within. Is the Gospel moving us to deep change, or is our life a superficial picture show?

Gospel living is the hardest job of all. In hope, we continue our precarious, imperfect path step by step with true love and encouragement for each other. Then we can experience the Resurrection and Christ's new life filling our souls.

In Christ's love,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS
Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity

Anniversaries
Birthdate and Profession

Mary Anne Curme
3/25

Three Ways to Receive God's Mercy:

1. *Live Lent More Intensely!*

"The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father!" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, para. 17).

2. *Go to Confession*

"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, para. 17).

3. *Travel through Holy Doors*

"The Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. On the same Sunday, I will announce that in every local church, at the cathedral — the mother church of the faithful in any particular area — or, alternatively, at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year. At the discretion of the local ordinary, a similar door may be opened at any shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims, since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy Year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, para. 3).

<http://srdiocese.org/content/year-mercy-dec-2015-nov-2016>

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged to mindfully follow the rule of St Francis

~ Rule 22 ~

The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members.

Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for March

Universal: Families in Difficulty

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Scripture reading for March 19th Solemnity of Saint Joseph

MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.

Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



Our Fraternity Prayer Intentions

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Deacon Tom Bello, OFS, John's family, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, Jerry Hemric, Dr. Brian Wahle, Rev. William Carmody, Michael Giannini, Kenneth Butera, Antonio Cortez and Carlos, Alva, Mary, & Mercado, Peter Samson, Fr. Epperson's mother, Vincent DiFruscio, Robert Bayley, John Brunsluk, Br. Mateo, for Elaine Stevick, and John Norris, as well as Anthony, Tim, Theresa, Emma and Mark;

For all of the penitential fraternities worldwide striving to live through the Rule of St. Francis and St. Clare, for all who will soon be professed into a Franciscan Order;

For all religious to be guided through the Holy Spirit to be the feet and hands as our Lord's evangelizers;

For Pope Francis and all church leaders, guidance in directing the church members worldwide;

For our nation, as it prepares for another series of elections for representatives, that the electorate is guided to choose those who will seek the common good for everyone;

For all the servicemen and women who are daily sacrificing their lives for the benefit of our nation;

For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from natural and man-made disasters, and for all fire fighters and rescuers who assist those in need of assistance;

For comfort of the homeless worldwide especially for those fleeing conflicts at home and abroad;

For these and all our intentions,

We pray to the Lord.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- * feed the hungry * give drink to the thirsty *
- * clothe the naked * shelter the homeless *
- * visit the sick * visit the imprisoned *
- * bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- * counsel the doubtful * instruct the ignorant *
- * admonish sinners * comfort the afflicted *
- * forgive offenses * bear wrongs patiently*
- * pray for the living and the dead.

March – Month of St. Joseph

1. **Bl. Jean Kearney**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr, d. 1653
2. **St. Agnes de Prague**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1282
3. **Bl. Innocent de Berzo**, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1890
4. **Bl. Martyrs of the Franciscan 1st Order of Gondar (Ethiopia)**, d. 1716
5. **St. Jean-Joseph de la Croix**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
6. **St. Colette of Corbie**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1447
7. **Bl. Christophe de Milan**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1485
8. **St. Jean de Dieu**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1550
9. **St. Frances of Rome**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1440
10. **St. Catherine of Bologna**, Virgin of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1463
11. **Bl. Jean-Baptise de Fabriano**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1539
12. **Bl. Louis Orione**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1940
13. **Bl. Agnello de Pise**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1236
14. **St. Catherine de Genes**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1510
15. **Bl. Louis de Casoria**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1885
16. **Bl. Torello de Poppi**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1282
17. **Bl. Marc de Montegallo**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1496
18. **St. Salvator de'Horta**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1567
19. **Saint Joseph, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church**
20. **Bl. Hippolyte Galentini**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1620
21. **Bl. Amedee IX de Savoie**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1472
22. **St. Beinvenu d'Osimo**, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1282
23. **Bl. Jeremie Lambertenghi**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1513
24. **Bl. Catherine de Suede**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1381
25. **Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church**
26. **Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz**, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1801
27. **Bl. Joseph-Sebastien Pelczar**, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
28. **St. Jean de Capistran**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
29. **Bl. Jeanne-Marie de Maille**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1414
30. **St. Pierre Regalat**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1486
31. **St. Leonard Murialdo**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900

Holy Thursday – Plenary Indulgence: Chant in Public Tantum ergo

Good Friday – Plenary Indulgence: Solemn adoration of the Holy Cross

Easter – Plenary Indulgence: Renewal in public of Baptismal Promises



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

It is with great sadness that I received an e-mail from Deacon Tom Bello last night saying that he is now under Hospice Care and doctors are estimating that he has less than 6 weeks to live and could pass at any time.

Please pray for Deacon Tom! He is prepared to be with the Lord, and appreciates all of your support and prayers. Deacon Tom has requested that I keep the MercyHour.org website running throughout the Jubilee of Mercy, and I promised him that I would certainly keep it going in his honor, and find other contributors.

Pax Et Bonum,
John Clem OFS



St. Francis of Assisi

Care for Creation

The St. James/St. Vincent's inter-parish "Laudato Si" coordinating group is hosting a nature/prayer walk at Shollenberger on Saturday, April 2, 9:30 to 11:00 am. People from both parishes are invited to meet, pray, walk, and share together to contemplate God's creation in this beautiful little park here in Petaluma. At Schollenberger, a 2 mile stroll takes you along bodies of water and the Petaluma River where many of bird and wildlife animals live. There are a number of benches along the trail. If people like it, we'll plan do it again and may broaden the announcement to other faith communities in Petaluma. We will meet at 9:30 am at the group of picnic tables at the trailhead.

For more info, please contact John Kennedy, St. James parishioner, at 707.338.3436 or johnkennedy6@comcast.net.

For the Jubilee Year of Mercy, in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)"

An FAQ on the Jubilee of Mercy

<http://dzehnl.blogspot.com/2015/03/an-faq-on-jubilee-of-mercy.html>

Links:

St. Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2016/MOJ/MOJ_2016_Winter.pdf

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

<http://www.nafra-sfo.org/>

Tau-USA- Newsletter:

http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>
www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

Digital Franciscans:

<http://www.digitalfranciscans.com/>

San Damiano retreats calendar:

<http://sandamiano.org/retreats-programs/retreats-calendar>

Santa Rosa Diocese:

<http://www.santarosacatholic.org/>
<http://srdiocese.org/content/year-mercy-dec-2015-nov-2016>

Daily Lenten reflections from Bishop Robert Barron: sign up here - <http://LentReflections.com>



Extraordinary Jubilee
Year of Mercy

8 December 2015 -
20 November 2016

Good Friday

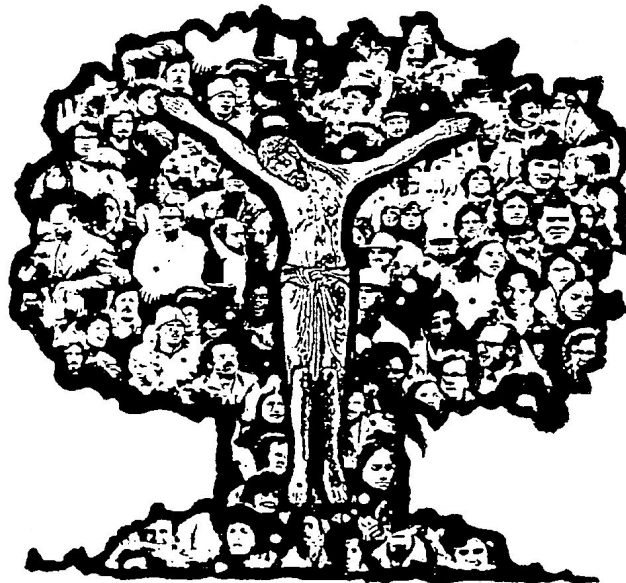
Empire and the Cross

Sowing the Seeds of Hope

Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory
March 25, 2016
Rev. Deborah Lee, preaching

On this day after the anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Romero we will hear from Rev. Deborah Lee, Senior Program Director of Immigration, with the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity which believes that every person is sacred across all borders. She works with faith communities to engage, accompany and advocate for the fair treatment and dignity of immigrants. She led a recent faith delegation to Honduras.

Liturgical Dance led by Carla DeSola



Fr. Arthur Poulin

Gather at Vasco and Patterson Pass Roads in Livermore at 6:45 a.m.

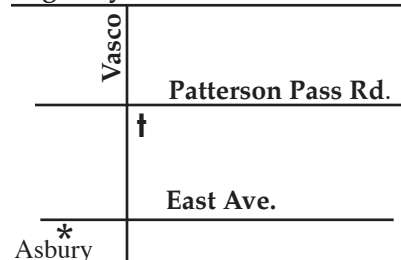
Opening music 6:45 a.m.

Worship 7:00 a.m. followed by procession to the gate, Stations of the Cross & nonviolent acts of witness.

Afterwards, about 10 a.m. - noon, community gathering to share our work and actions, at Asbury United Methodist Church*, 4743 East Avenue, Livermore.

Light refreshments provided.

Highway 580



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