



# *IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY*

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

## *JOY FOR THE JOURNEY*

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA MAY, 2016

### *Il Poverello Fraternity Gatherings*

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Day of Reflection*

**July 24<sup>th</sup>**

**August**  
*Handicapables*

### *Il Poverello Fraternity*

Meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
St. James Catholic Church

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30 Prayer, Business, Formation.

Peggy Wyman, director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is scheduled to speak to our fraternity about the mission of St. Vincent de Paul society and how they help the poor in the North Bay counties.

### *Il Poverello Fraternity*

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#### Minister's Letter

May 2016

May the Lord give you peace!

Recently I have had the privilege of being part of a Naturalist certification course. There is so much beauty in nature, and so much to learn about how all of creation is interconnected. Of course, there is the basic science of how plants live, which animals eat others, how life reproduces and so on.

The greatest gift from this study, however, has been the "homework" of spending quiet time at a "sit" spot, and just observing. What an amazing opportunity for prayer and healing this simple exercise is! It also helps one build relationship with the place and the life where one sits, and a desire to care for creation.

As scripture has shown us, Jesus often took time out to pray in places far from the crowds. Constant busy life does not leave much space for the Spirit to have voice in our hearts, or give us a chance to renew our strength.

My hope is that in this coming month, we can each find our "sit" spot and discover a different aspect of our connection to God and all of creation. Share the practice with others who may be under extreme stress. God is ever present and our times of stillness and receptivity allow God's love to pour into our whole being.

In Christ's love and light,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS

Minister for Il Poverello Fraternity

#### **May Professions & Birthdays:**

Eunice Edgington, OFS 5/05

John Kennedy, OFS 5/05 - 6/21

Edd Ringlein, OFS - 5/25

Scripture reading for Friday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time  
**Gospel: MARK 11:11-26**

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple area.

He looked around at everything and, since it was already late, went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The next day as they were leaving Bethany he was hungry. Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf, he went over to see if he could find anything on it. When he reached it he found nothing but leaves; it was not the time for figs. And he said to it in reply, "May no one ever eat of your fruit again!"

And his disciples heard it.

They came to Jerusalem, and on entering the temple area he began to drive out those selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. He did not permit anyone to carry anything through the temple area.

Then he taught them saying, "Is it not written:

***My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples?***

***But you have made it a den of thieves."***

The chief priests and the scribes came to hear of it and were seeking a way to put him to death, yet they feared him because the whole crowd was astonished at his teaching.

When evening came, they went out of the city.

Early in the morning, as they were walking along, they saw the fig tree withered to its roots. Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

Jesus said to them in reply, "Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him.

Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours. When you stand to pray, forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance, so that your heavenly Father may in turn forgive you your transgressions."

## *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

*As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged to mindfully follow the rule of St Francis*

### *- Rule 25 -*

*Regarding expenses necessary for the life of the fraternity and the needs of worship, of the apostolate, and of charity, all the brothers and sisters should offer a contribution according to their means. Local fraternities should contribute toward the expenses of the higher fraternity councils.*

## **Prayer Intentions for May of the Holy Father, Pope Francis**

### **Universal Intention – Respect for Women**

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

### **Reflection**

What qualities and actions of Mary made her "the true and sublime example of woman"?

### **Scripture**

1 Timothy 5: 1-2 Treat older women as mothers and younger women as sisters with complete purity.

### **Evangelization Intention – Holy Rosary**

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

### **Reflection**

What role has the rosary played in my own spiritual life?

### **Scripture**

Luke 2: 15-20 Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.



## **Immaculate Mary**

Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire.  
That title so wondrous fills all our desire!

***Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave Ave Maria!***

We pray for God's glory, may His Kingdom come.  
We pray for His Vicar, our Father, and Rome.

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth.  
And bless, sweetest Lady, the Land of our birth.

Immaculate Mary, Thy praises we sing.  
Thou reign'st in splendor with Jesus our King.

In heaven the Blessed Thy glory proclaim,  
On earth we Thy children invoke Thy sweet name.

We pray for the Church, our true Mother on earth,  
And beg Thee to watch o'er the land of our birth.

## Franciscan Calendar for May - Month of the Holy Virgin Mary

### 1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan

2. **St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1930
3. **Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903
4. **Bl. Ladislav de Gielniow, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505
5. **Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
6. **Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1897
7. **Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1900
8. **Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces**
9. **Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest**, Conventual religious, martyr 1941
10. **Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924
11. **St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439
12. **St. Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother**, Capuchin religious, d. 1781
13. **St. Michael Garicoits, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1863
14. **St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1881
15. **Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence** – Chant in public the Veni Creator Sacred Heart – **Plenary Indulgence** - Public recitation of the Act of Reparation
- St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1719
16. **St. Theophilus of Corte, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740
17. **St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592
18. **St. Felix de Cantalice, lay brother**, Capuchin religious, 1587
19. **St. Yves, Priest**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303
20. **St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444
21. **St. Crispin of Viterbo, lay brother**, Capuchin religious, d. 1750
22. **St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1854
23. **Bl. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242
24. **Bl. John of Prado, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1631
25. **Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253**
26. **St. Philippe Neri, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1595;
- Memorial of St Mariane of Jesus Parades, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645
27. **Bl. Gerard of Lunel, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270
28. **St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764
29. **Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242
30. **St. Joan of Arc, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431
- King Saint Fernando III, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252
31. **Feast of the Queenship of Mary**, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost

## Our Fraternity Prayer Intentions

### *Let us pray*

**For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Br. Bob Brady, OFM, for Patch Guglielmino, OFS, for John's family, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, for Br. Mateo, for Pete Seran, Davide & Elizabeth, and Joan Schaefer, for Sharon and Robert Salisbury, and for Marguerite and Kristen Bacich, for Sr. Camilla Edwards, and Kathleen Leyden, may they Rest In Peace, for Deacons Jim Carr and John Norris, Robert Bayley, Elaine Stevick, , as well as Priests for Life and Religious Freedom, for Anthony, Tim, and Edd's brother Mark may he also rest in peace;**

**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;**

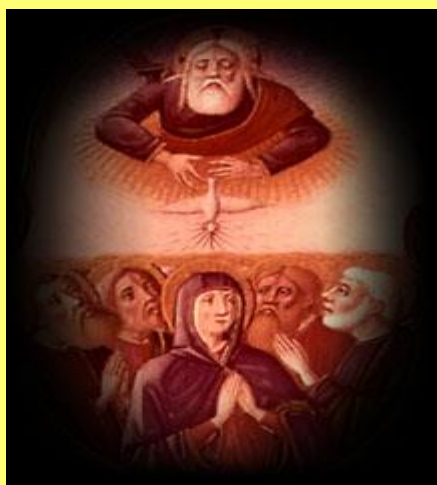
**For our nation, as it prepares for another series of elections for representatives, that the electorate is guided to choose those who will seek the common good for everyone;**

**For the victims and survivors of the 7.8 earthquake in Ecuador;**

**For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from natural and man-made disasters;**

**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.***

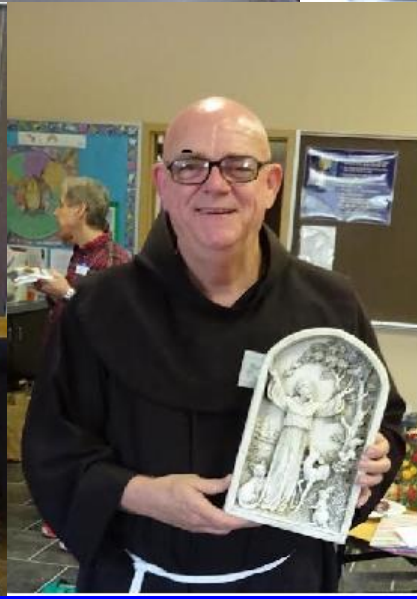


## Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>





**Thank you, Brother Bob for all you have done for our fraternity. Best Wishes on your assignment in Arizona. We all will miss you.**

### Care for Creation

Kathleen, Edd, and Cindy helped Fr. John clear and level an area set aside for a garden at the Newman Center (SSU). Next Monday 5/10 from 12-4 we hope to have the soil broken up and fresh mounds of planting material made ready for some starters that are being donated. All who would like to assist in any way, please let us know when and how you can contribute. Stop by and visit to see the progress being made for the students at SSU.

**Reminder of our upcoming Day of Reflection in June. Please save the date of Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and spread the word for others who would like to join us. \***

**Father Tom West, OFM will spend the day with us to discuss Franciscan Mercy.**

*\*See Flier attached prepared for distribution.*

### Links:

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

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

[www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org](http://www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org)

San Damiano retreats calendar:

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

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional news:

<http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Homepage.html>





# In this Jubilee year of Mercy

you are invited to experience

Franciscan Mercy with the



Extraordinary Jubilee  
Year of Mercy

8 December 2015 -  
20 November 2016

## ***IL POVERELLO SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY***

We offer a Day of Reflection with Fr. Tom West, OFM

On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip the Apostle Church

3730 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA 95465

9AM – 3PM (Gather 9, program starts 9:30, day includes Mass and Lunch break)



Fr. Tom West, OFM has been a Franciscan for over 30 years and has recently moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area from Mission San Luis Rey Parish. He has also been with the Franciscan School of Theology where he was an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology. Fr. Tom is a licensed psychotherapist and spiritual director. He was a chaplain at SAF and has ties to St. Anthony's Foundation that extend back over twenty years. He and Fr. John Hardin, OFM lived with St. Anthony's founder, Fr. Alfred Boeddeker at St. Boniface Church and served in the St. Anthony's Dining Room.

St. Anthony's is dedicated to serving the poor and promoting justice, peace, care of creation, and reconciliation in the joyful and prophetic spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Fr. Tom West, O.F.M., M.Ed., M.Div., M.A., Ph. D.**  
Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselor (MFC 31266)  
Guardian (religious superior) St. Elizabeth's Friary, Oakland, CA.  
Secretary of the Province of St. Barbara

### Selected Publications

"The Experience of Being with a Dying Person,"  
in *Phenomenological Inquiry in Psychology*, ed.  
Ron Valle (Plenum Press: New York, 1998).

See a Vimeo presentation from Franciscans for Justice  
Fr. Tom West, OFM, and Fr. Tommy King, OFM  
<https://vimeo.com/27839280>

This Day of Reflection is open to anyone interested in  
spending the day with us to discuss Franciscan Mercy.

Donations gladly accepted to support the church.

Bring healthy food and drinks to share for lunch break.

For more information, call Kathleen Robbiano 707-331-5718



St. Philip the Apostle Church

