



# **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

## **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

# **JOY FOR THE JOURNEY**

**APRIL, 2017**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Day of Reflection*

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Handicapables Luncheon Ministry*

## **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

**St. James Catholic Church, Rm. 9 – April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Council Meeting                      12:30 – 1:30**

**Fraternity Meeting                    1:30 – 3:30**

**Ongoing Formation**

**Fellowship**

**Fraternity Business**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

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Noreen & Edd Ringlein, OFS

### **Minister's Letter - April 2015**

#### **Roll Away the Stone . . .**

Mark's gospel, the shortest and yet most "human" of the gospels, presents us with an interesting take on what would become "Easter." We find the women (faithful disciples!) as the ones to first return to the tomb after the execution of Jesus. They are worried about having the strength to "roll away the stone" which blocks the burial cave, and yet, upon arrival find it moved aside! Inside a young man tells them to not be alarmed, for the One they are looking for is gone. Given the task of telling the men of this event, the women fled from the tomb, "trembling and bewildered," and said nothing, because "they were afraid." WOW. In this ending of the gospel (the "original" ending as first known), we see many things. We see the followers of Jesus coming to prepare him properly for burial, as they were rushed by the Sabbath law that previous Friday. We find them asking the normal question, "who's going to move that stone for us?" knowing the limitations of their physical strength. And we find them encountering not the expected dead Jesus, but the news of the Risen Christ. And yet they ran in fear. We can easily say, "I would not have been afraid," or "of what were they afraid?" But not having seen the person they loved, tortured and executed (as had been so many others under the Romans), we cannot truly understand the confusion and fear they naturally felt. Jesus tells us often in the gospels, "BE NOT AFRAID." How do we hear these words? Do we hear the song by the St. Louis Jesuits calmly beckoning us to follow, or do we hear the Risen Christ telling us that in spite of all the persecution, torture, pain, loss and death we have witnessed, that there is still reason to have hope? Easter challenges us to ask the question, "Who will roll away the stone?" so that we, too, may see for ourselves the clear message that God's love is the final Word. Yes, we can be afraid of that question and answer – we are no less human that were those who lived with Jesus – but in the end, if we don't roll away the stone sealing the cave in our hearts, we will not be able to encounter the empty tomb, and have our hearts be truly and personally filled with the message: DO NOT BE AFRAID.

Mark Kroncke,  
Minister

## Scripture reading for April 29<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

### Gospel John 6:16-21

**When it was evening, the disciples of Jesus went down to the sea, embarked in a boat, and went across the sea to Capernaum.**

**It had already grown dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.**

**The sea was stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.**

**When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid.**

**But he said to them, "It is I. Do not be afraid."**

**They wanted to take him into the boat, but the boat immediately arrived at the shore to which they were heading.**



Dear brothers and sisters, let us learn from St Catherine to love Christ and the Church with courage, intensely and sincerely.

Therefore let us make our own St Catherine's words that we read in the Dialogue of Divine Providence at the end of the chapter that speaks of Christ as a bridge:

**"out of mercy you have washed us in his Blood, out of mercy you have wished to converse with creatures. O crazed with love! It did not suffice for you to take flesh, but you also wished to die!... O mercy! My heart drowns in thinking of you: for no matter where I turn to think, I find only mercy"** (chapter 30, pp. 79-80).

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jimmy-akin/8-things-to-know-and-share-about-st-catherine-of-siena>

## *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

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

### ~ Rule 10 ~

United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed His will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to Him even in difficulties and persecutions.

## April Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

### Pray for Young People

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

### *"Let us begin again, for until now we have done nothing."*

Francis' comment shortly before his death spoken as encouragement to his followers to hold fast to the established rule he set for them to live by. He set before those who chose to follow his example high standards based on the Gospel and the commandments.

*"... when they travel about the world, they should not be quarrelsome or take part in disputes... or criticize others, but they should be gentle, speaking respectfully to everyone, Whatever house they enter, they should first say, 'Peace to this House.' (Lk 10:5)"*

Francis first prayed for peace before addressing his listeners, *"The Lord give you peace."* Doing likewise before speaking or acting could save us much grief. Also *"Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you."* (Mt 5:44) is something to remember when you feel that you are being attacked verbally or physically.

The Lord says, *'Behold, I am sending you as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be therefore prudent as serpents and simple as doves.'* (Mt 10:16). This was the line of scripture that Francis and his brothers chose to follow when they were compelled to answer the call to follow the Crusades, however not as warriors against the Saracens, but as peace missionaries among them. His willingness to meet with Sultan Malik al-Kamil demonstrated the faith he had to face whatever consequences there would be in carrying out this mission of peace. It also brought about great admiration and respect by willingly being of service to the Saracens while sharing in their differences and commonality in their faith beliefs.

There is much yet to be learned here in the 21<sup>st</sup> century by this meeting that took place in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

**Please, Let's Give Peace a chance.**



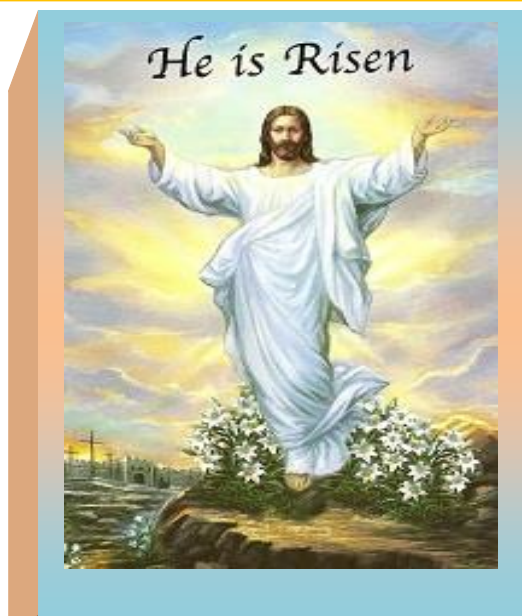
## Upcoming Anniversaries Profession

Eunice Edgington, OFS 5/5/57

## Birthdays

Cosmos Bacich, OFS 5/16

Edd Ringlein, OFS 5/25



## Upcoming Events

April 9, Palm Sunday

April 14, Good Friday

April 16, Easter Sunday

April 23, Il Poverello fraternity gathering

May 21, Day of Reflection with Sr. Margie Wills, OSF a member of Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity

## April – Month of the Holy Face and the Redemption

1. **Bl. Elisabeth Vendramini**, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1860
2. **St. Francois de Paule**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d/ 1507
3. **St. Benoit le Maure**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1589
4. **Bl. Guillaume de Sicli**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1404
5. **St. Marie-Crescence**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1744
6. **Bl. Angele Salawa**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
7. **Bl. Maria-Assunta**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1925
8. **Bl. Julien de St. Augustin**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1606
9. **Bl. Thomas de Tolentino**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr, d. 1321
10. **Bl. Marc de Bologne**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1479
11. **Bl. Ange De Chivasso**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1495
12. **Bl. Boniface Zukowski**, Priest, Conventual Religious, martyr 1942
13. **Bl. Isabelle Rovira**, Virgin, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1937

## Holy Thursday - Plenary Indulgence: Chant in Public Tantum ergo

14. **Bl. Lidwyne de Schiedam**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1433

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

15. **Bl. Gandolphe de Binasco**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1260
16. **St. Benedict-Joseph Labore**, Confessor, Cordbearer, d. 1783  
Plenary Indulgence for Cordbearers.

## Anniversary of the profession of St. Francis (1209)

## Easter – Plenary Indulgence: Renewal in public of Baptismal Promises

17. **Bl. Paul de St. Madeleine**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr, d. 1643
18. **Bl. Andre Hibernon**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
19. **Bl. Conrad e Ascoli**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
20. **Bl. Anastase Pankewicz**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr, d 1942
21. **Bl. Francois de Fabriano**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1322
22. **St. Conrad de Parzham**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1894
23. **Bl. Gilles of Assisi**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1262
24. **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1622
25. **St. Marc, Grandes Rogations**
26. **Bl. Pierre De Pethancourt**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1667
27. **St. Zita de Lucques**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1278
28. **St. Paul of the Cross**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1775;  
**Bl. Luchesius**, 1st Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1260  
Plenary Indulgence for Franciscan Third Order Seculars (renewal of Tertiary Engagements)
29. **Bl. Benoit d'Urbin**, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1625
30. **St. Joseph-Benoit Cottolengo**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1842

**Congratulations to our Il Poverello JPIC representatives, Noreen and Edd Ringlein. They have been selected to be the JPIC animators for the Saint Junipero Serra Regional Fraternity.**

## FRANCISCAN EVENTS



### Catholic Climate Covenant

Care for Creation.  
Care for the Poor.



Climate change affects everyone, but especially the poor and most vulnerable people. Impelled by our Catholic faith, we call on you to drastically cut carbon emissions to keep the global temperature rise below the dangerous threshold of 1.5°C, and to aid the world's poorest in coping with climate change impacts. <http://catholicclimatemovement.org>

#### ZAYTUNA COLLEGE PREMIERE

Unity Productions Foundation  
Presents

## THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

A docudrama film about Muslim-Christian Peacemaking  
Narrated by Academy Award Winner Jeremy Irons

April 21, 2017

6:30 pm Reception

7:30 pm Program

BOOTH AUDITORIUM  
BOALT SCHOOL OF LAW AT UC BERKELEY

2594 HEARST AVE  
BERKELEY, CA 94720

COMPLIMENTARY WITH REGISTRATION

Please Register

[SultanSaintZaytuna.eventbrite.com](http://SultanSaintZaytuna.eventbrite.com)

The film contains some scenes of violence and  
may not be appropriate for children under 12.  
Please use your own discretion.

THE TRUE STORY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND  
THE SULTAN OF EGYPT AND THE RISKS THEY TOOK  
FOR PEACE.

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This Film is Premiering at Islamophobia Conference 2017

Sponsors

SFSU (San Francisco State University) Haas Institute UK  
GTU (Graduate Theological Union) Leeds University, UK  
Zaytuna College UC Berkeley

[www.SultanAndTheSaintFilm.com](http://www.SultanAndTheSaintFilm.com)



For those who are interested in attending the local premiere of the film *The Sultan and the Saint* on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, here is the website to sign up for tickets:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sultan-and-the-saint-zaytuna-college-film-premiere-april-21-2017-tickets-32816724707?aff=ampmlt#>

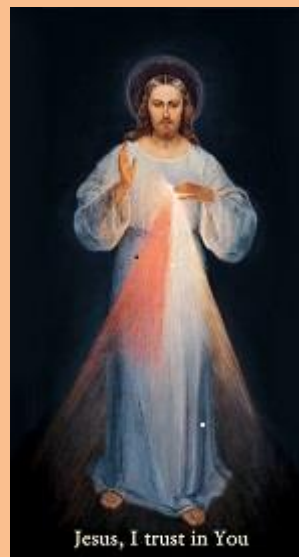
Please pray for the Good Friday nonviolent action at the Lawrence Livermore Lab gates bringing attention to the continued development of nuclear weapons.

### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus

(e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!");

[http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/tribunals/apost\\_penit/documents/rc\\_trib\\_appen\\_doc\\_20020629\\_decree-ii\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html)



## Secular Franciscan Links:

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

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

Saint Junipero Serra Regional Fraternity:

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

Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee's new web site:

<https://www.ofsusaecumenicalinterfaith.org/>

Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara:

<http://sbfranciscans.org>

Franciscan Vocations:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA4KGROLI-19de66WomPTVg/featured>



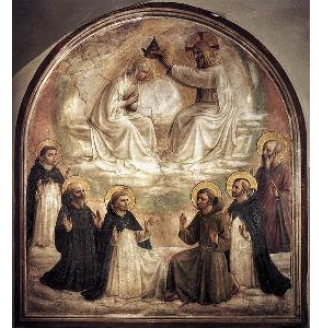


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Will present on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> a  
**Marian Day of Reflection**

Given by Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.



Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F. is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Margie founded Franciscan Living in 2008, this is a nonprofit organization assisting to identify and create opportunities for people to embody the Franciscan Charism in their daily lives. The website can be found at:

<http://www.franciscanliving.org/About.htm>

She holds an M.T.S. in theology from the Franciscan School of Theology, formerly of Berkeley, as well as certificates in Spiritual Direction and Soul-Collage.

All are welcome to share this Day of Reflection with Bay Area Secular Franciscans. There will be no charge for this event; however a Free-Will offering to help cover costs will be graciously accepted. Doors will open at 8:00.

**9:00 – Introductions and Opening Prayer  
Session 1 - with Sr. Margie Will, OSF**

**11:00 – Mass in St. James Church**

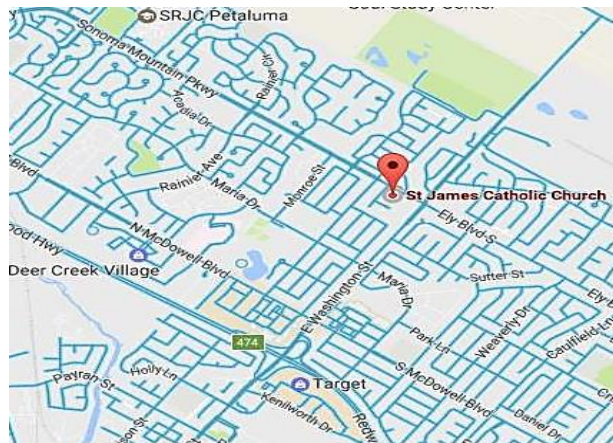
**12:00 – Lunch break – Pot luck sharing**

Coffee and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a simple un-reheated dish (crockpots are OK) to share with our gathering. We are ecologically conscious and bring our own cups plates and utensils to events. Extra cups, plates and utensils will be provided for those who have not brought their own. We do encourage attendees to bring along a carryall (basket or bag) to their own events in the future.

**1:00 – Session 2 - continued discussion and sharing with Sr. Margie Will, OSF**

**3:30 – Closing and Cleanup**



## St. James Catholic Church

125 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy, Petaluma, CA 94954



### Directions:

Exit US 101  
E. Washington St.  
North to Sonoma  
Mt. Pkwy, turn  
left, enters at  
either of the two  
entrances on the  
left parking in is  
in the rear;

Gathering will be  
in the Parish  
Center adjacent  
to the Church.

### RSVP:

Please contact us if you  
are planning to attend  
or if you are in need of  
assistance to attend.

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